Music Report to the 2017 MERA Annual General Meeting

Sunday Schoolhouse Music Series

Music at MERA continued throughout 2016, although at a somewhat reduced scale compared to the several years proceeding. Expenses had exceeded income for the series in the previous year (2015) and a more cautious approach was called for. The following is a list of the performances during 2016:

- David Newland March 13, 2016
- Garnet Rogers April 24, 2016
- Fireweed May 29, 2016
- David Ross MacDonald September 25, 2016
- Ben Miller & Anita McDonald October 30, 2016
- Alison Lupton November 20, 2016

The Ben Miller & Anita McDonald show was organized by Bill Cameron and all the others were arranged by Danny Sullivan. We would like to thank to both these gentlemen for their efforts. Each these concerts were of high quality, well attended and well received. A total income of $6399 against expenses of $5628 resulted in a modest profit of $771 for the year.

David Francey MERA Fundraiser

The David Francey concert at St. Paul's United Church on March 5, 2016 was a huge success musically and financially. The event netted $3645 for MERA. We are most grateful to Tom Shoebridge for spearheading this fundraiser, and to David Francey and his band for providing such a lovey musical evening.

Looking Ahead

Michael Costello returns to MERA to perform Mozart and Chopin compositions on the piano as part of the Blue Jeans Classic series on Sunday May 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

On Sunday June 4, 2017 the duo of Mari Rankin & Ailie Robertson will bring their Celtic fiddle and harp magic to MERA. Highly recommended.

The Blue Jeans Classic series is slated to resume after the summer break on Sunday 10, 2017.

The Sunday Schoolhouse Series has no scheduled concerts for the fall as yet.

A Final Note

Many thanks to Michael Barnett for running the Wizard's Café. For many the café is an essential part of music at MERA. You may not know what you will be hearing when you come to music at MERA, but you always know there will be great coffee and treats! And a further note of gratitude for the tireless efforts of our administrator, Marilyn Barnett, who more than anyone is responsible for keeping things running smoothly at the schoolhouse.