

Crowds Gather for Old-Fashioned Summer Social at the Manor House

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It was a perfect summer night last Wednesday as people gathered at the Sir John Johnson Manor house for an old-fashioned summer social.

The Glengarry Pipe Band opened the event, followed by crowd favourites the Mini-Music Makers. Every toe was tapping in tune as the MacCulloch Dancers took to the stage, followed by some classic Celtic favourites performed by David McPhee and his students. Between acts, event Emcee Mackie Robertson kept the crowd laughing with his humorous stories and eye-rolling jokes.

New this year were Gillian Legroulx's students -- Miriam Quesnel, Altesse de Souza and Dell Boyce Gagnon -- who wowed the audience with crowd-pleasing favourites.

Miss Gagnon's piano rendition of 'Loch Lomond' brought nostalgic smiles for the older folks while Miss Quesnel lightened the mood with the playful children's favourite 'Under the Sea' from 'The Little Mermaid'. Star of the night was Miss de Souza who sang the national anthem early in the evening followed ukulele and vocal solos of Jason Mraz's hit single 'I'm Yours' and Ben E. King's classic 'Stand by Me'.

"It was a huge success," said Committee President Lynn Lafave. "This year's social raised more than \$2200 in profits and another \$910 donated towards the Restoration Fund." When asked what was the secret of their success year after year, Ms. Lafave emphasized the support of the community and all of the hard-working volunteers who helped organize and operate the event.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of our volunteers," said Ms. Lafave. "Year after year, it's the volunteers that pitch-in their time, talents and hard work to make sure our Summer Social is a success."

For more information about the Sir John Johnson Manor house or to make a donation, call 613-347-2356