

CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD PERFORMING ARTS

WEBB SURROUND

The Webb family has been a regular on the local music scene for a number of years now even though a couple of them are relatively young. Webb Surround is made up of Bill Webb and his two children Claryssa and Todd. The person who keeps the group organized and manages their busy schedule is wife and mother Peggy Webb.

Webb Surround regularly plays at St. Jerome's Church, and is often the entertainment at the Steamy Bean Cafe. They often dedicate their time and talents to those shut in at local nursing homes, the Sault Area Hospitals and Community Living Algoma. They also do performances at charitable events such as the Soup Kitchen and the Cancer Society's Relay For Life, and perform at schools to encourage other children to get involved with the arts. Their talents go beyond being musicians, into the theatre, where Bill and Claryssa have participated in a number of local productions.

Bill is a talented instrumentalist. He has directed and arranged music for the Northland Barbershop Chorus for over ten years. He has performed in several productions of the Musical Comedy Guild including the beast in "Beauty and the Beast". He is currently involved at St. Mary's College Theatre as acting Music Director. True to his nature Bill regularly volunteers teaching music lessons at the YMCA.

Claryssa is also a talented musician and singer. She plays four instruments and does vocal studies at the Algoma Conservatory. Besides her regular gigs with her family, she play as a cellist with the Sault Symphony. She has received 15 Kiwanis Scholarships between 2005 to 2007. In 2008 she won the award for "Most Outstanding Musical Contribution" in all of Ontario for her role as "Ophelia" in the St. Mary's College Theatre production of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead".

Todd is a young boy who is already demonstrating his own outstanding talents. He currently studies piano, violin and guitar at the Algoma Conservatory and has received six scholarships from the Kiwanis Music Festival between 2005 to 2007. In addition, he is studying the art of tap dancing.

Webb Surround are not only talented artisans, they are dedicated to sharing those talents with the community and in so doing have made our city a better place to live.

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