

Souvenirs & Mementos

When I graduated from Humbercrest Public School in 1973, I received a trophy in "Creative Arts." It is my most cherished award of all my academic honours. Creativity is the "raison d'être" for a composer. I honoured the occasion with the "Graduation Waltz." Why a waltz?

One day in Grade 6 (1970-1971), I saw my first "Star Trek" episode—"Requiem for Methuselah." Immediately, I identified myself with Mr. Spock. The combination of sci-fi with classical music—Flint/Brahms—was intoxicating. My classmates ridiculed "Star Trek." Yet we did a class play, a parody of it called "2001: A Space Idiocy." Darn it all, I only got to play "Dr. Decoy." No one understood the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," but we all could recognize the "Blue Danube Waltz" from its soundtrack. So, indeed, why not a waltz for the "Class of 1973" graduation? We were living in the Space Age, which was full of classical music!



Mr. Spock playing an ersatz waltz "by Brahms" in "Requiem for Methuselah," "Star Trek" (1969).



Wasyl Sydorenko (March 1974), portrait by my father, Petro Sydorenko. I look a bit like Spock.



Above: Class of 1973, Humbercrest Public School, Toronto, ON.
Right: "Grade 8 Banquet" programme (June 25, 1973), page 4.
Below: The main waltz theme from the original 1973 score of the "Graduation Waltz." It was stated and restated 12 times!



Chairman	Paul Dallas
The Six Man Manual Band	Black and White
David Muir, Doug Cook, Walter Schernhammer,	
John Michalopoulos, Vilnis Krumsins, Victor Wlwar	

LET SLEEPING BEAUTIES LIE

Prince Charming
Sleeping Beauty
The Wizard
The King
Dragon
Jester

Tom Gutenberg
Rheona Severson
Nestor Mykytyn
Bruce Harrison
Ake Alexopoulos
Wasyl Sydorenko

THE GRADUATION WALTZ

Composed and played by
Wasyl Sydorenko

CAN-CAN DANCERS

Room 28

Jennifer David, Sharon Glover, Colleen Harker,
Laura Hoffman, Suzanne Kachka, Robin Muir,
Liz Neuschwander, Natalie Patroniak, Vera Reka

- TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION -

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, LETTERS, CERTIFICATES

Outstanding Girl Athlete
Outstanding Boy Athlete
Humbercrest Parents' General Proficiency Trophy
Rotary Club Trophy - Language Arts
Student Council - Most Improvement
Baby Point Club Trophy - Mathematics
F. J. Stewart Trophy - French
Humbercrest Parents' Creative Arts Trophy
Extra-Curricular Letters
F. J. McMillin Trophy - Social Studies
M. Clendening Trophy - Science
Student Council Trophy - Industrial Arts
Student Council Trophy - Home Economics
Academic Letters
Promotion Certificates
Congratulating the Graduates
Thanking the Ladies
Chairman's Closing Remarks
Place Cards By
Parking

Mr. Gilbody
Mrs. Hewitt
Mr. Boston
Mrs. Sydorenko
Mr. Tadman
Anna Iannetta
Mr. Argo
Mrs. Vohaitis
Mrs. Lewis
Mr. Whitehorn
Mrs. Houghton
Miss Clendening
Mr. Colbourn
Mrs. Ormiston
Mr. Hampton
Head Table Guests, Staff
Mr. Harris, Mr. Hampton
Christine Malenczak
Anna Iannetta
Christine Malenczak, Evelyn Macerinkas
Matthew Goodland, Peter Holstein
Andrey Perfecky, Jim Sammut