

My Drum Corps Scrapbook – Summer of 1972

The following are excerpts of what I wrote in my scrapbook and any programs, newspaper articles or corps contest announcements that I collected. I turned 17 years old in the summer of 1972.

Excerpt from the Scarborough Drum Corps Parents Association newsletter.

"At the Jan. 20th 1972 Board of Directors meeting the following motions were passed. (1) In an attempt to stimulate growth of numbers within the Junior "A" horn line, it was moved by Mr. ___ and seconded by Mr. ___ to change the makeup of the Princemen horn line from all male to male and female. The motion was passed 4 to 1. (2) The organization will once again sponsor a Scarborough Fair Drum Corps show in 1972."

I became Scarborough Princemen drum major in April 1972 at 16 years old. (*Excerpts from the command sheet, my drum major training. I was colour guard before.*)

"All move commands are given by the accent on the left foot.

MARK TIME HUT, CORPS HALT, DRESS RIGHT DRESS, EYES FRONT HUT

About turn means to turn around and stay. Rear march means to turn and advance to the rear."

April 8, 1972 Midland Collegiate, Scarborough, Ontario. Drums in the Night presented by Scarborough Drum Corps Organization. At least 5 drum corps playing on a stage.

June 3, 1972 Birchmount Stadium, Scarborough, Ontario, Drum Corps Canada presents The Preview of Champions

Drum Corps Canada
presents
**The Preview
Of Champions!**
7:30pm, Saturday, June 3
Birchmount Stadium,
Scarborough!

THE FIRST BIG ONE FOR 1972!!!

9 Corps In Competition:
DeLaSalle Oaklands, Toronto
Toronto Optimists
Cadets LaSalle, Ottawa
St. Johns Girls, Brantford
Princemen, Scarborough
Opti-Knights, Guelph
Midlanders, London
Crusaders, Etobicoke
Dutchmen, Kitchener

Tickets: At the box office on day
of competition or from
any member corps listed above.

*De La Salle Oaklands
Drum Corps*

June 17, 1972 Bowling Green, Ohio. Came in last of 5 corps. Good judging. Extremely hot weather. Traveling was long. We slept in a University gym.



SCARBOROUGH PRINCEMEN



SCARBOROUGH PRINCEMEN DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

Scarborough Princemen, the proud young Corps that distinguished itself during their first year of competition as an "A" Corps, are eagerly anticipating an even more successful season in 1972. If you are one of those people who do not yet recognize the name of "The Princemen", let me hasten to point out that they are the same Corps that for the past ten years competed under the name of "Scarborough Firefighters".

In 1970, the Corps indicated that it had reached maturity when it handily won the Ontario Junior "B", Canadian Junior "B" and Penn-York Championships. On the strength of this showing, the executive decided that the members had earned the right to prove their ability to cope with the more demanding "A" Category. This decision was proven correct as the commendable showings at both the Canadian and U.S. Open Championships verify this. To cap their success, the corps earned the title of Ontario Junior "A" Champions.

1972 finds the Princemen presenting another show of top calibre, featuring music guaranteed to set your pulse racing. The opening segment has appropriately been named Scarborough Fair. It features such tunes as The Circus March, Talk To The Animals, Tavern In The Town, Consider Yourself At Home and of course, Scarborough Fair. Concert is a medley of vintage Beatle tunes. A fitting tribute to this sterling group, who just this year announced that they are disbanding. You will have no difficulty recognizing the fine arrangements of Ray Baumgarten in these two segments.

Colour Presentation represents the plea of the "Now Generation" for universal peace. Corky Fabrizio has done an excellent job of transferring this prayerful thought to music with a beautiful blending of Bridge Over Trouble Water and Let It Be.

Princemen put you back in a real swinging mood as they give you a new look for an old favourite. Your toes will be tapping even before you realize that this is none other than Greensleeves.

As the approximately 100 young ladies and gentlemen of the corps, form up on the line in their red, white and black uniforms, you will be impressed by their fine appearance. As they leave the field, you will want to join the ever mounting list of friends of The Princemen.