

Record show brings the music

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From Abba to Zappa, the 17th Oshawa CD/record show had it all. The event, held at the Oshawa Royal Canadian Legion on Sunday, Nov. 20, had vendors and fans of music looking to sell or expand their music collection.

The show has been running on and off since 1988. Vendors from all over the GTA came to sell their selection of CDs, DVDs, posters, band T-shirts and vinyl records.

"The event normally gets around 200 to 300 people at one of our shows, not including the vendors," said Sonia Lanzillotti, the event organizer.

"I helped my friend run the show when it was in Whitby. We then moved to Oshawa and have been here for a while."

Many of the vendors at the event are owners of record stores who take the products to record shows like this all over the GTA.

"We normally get a lot of business during these shows," said Matt Crawford, the owner of the Vinyl Alibi in downtown Bowmanville.

"It's cool to see all these people in one area. We can sometimes get a weeks worth of customers in a few hours doing one of these shows."

Some like Allan VanDeBogart work at flea markets on weekends and come to these shows to get different customers.

"I do flea markets and some wholesales to stores in the area. Coming to these events is a good way of selling my collection."

Others like John Ritson owned their own music stores but had to sell due to the turn in the economy and the music business.

"I've been selling off what's left of our stock at these shows for a while. I also try to find things that vendors at these shows don't normally get, like picture discs or foreign imports."

Some of the other vendors are collectors looking to sell off their large collections to make more room in their houses.

"It's a hobby," Gregg Daniell said while looking through another vendor display. "I've been in this business for a number of years."

I like the smell of the vinyl and love coming to these shows. I can sell some of my collection and maybe find a few new items."

For music collectors and audiophiles, vinyl records are the only way to listen to music.

"It's the look and the feel of the records that I like the most," Rob Gale said. "With



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Collectors and Audiophiles: Matt Crawford and Ryan Rutherford, owners of the Vinyl Alibi in Bowmanville, at the Oshawa CD/vinyl show.

records you get the pops and crackles that add some character to the song. You don't get that with an mp3."

For others the large size of the albums makes the music into an overall piece of art. "The art work with some of these records is amazing," said Ryan Rutherford, an employee at the Vinyl Alibi and a collector. "You don't get that with

CDs." While the vendors come from different parts of the GTA, many of them travel and do all of the record shows in the area.

"We normally do about 12 of these shows a year," Crawford explained. "We go all over the Toronto area, you just never know what you're going to find at one of these shows. We always try and go to the Oshawa

shows." The Oshawa event normally runs two shows in the year.

"We like to do them in November and February. Not too many run in the summer," Lanzillotti said.

The event ran from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At times the small hall seemed to be filled with fans and collectors of music.

The Ewanuiks: strong acting duo

Jacob and Sophia bring their talents to TV

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Think back to when you were in kindergarten, sitting on the carpet in a circle at your teacher's feet.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" was possibly the most frequent question asked throughout your elementary school career.

An astronaut? A veterinarian? A teacher? A nascar driver? Did this childhood dream career of come true? Most would answer no. For Jacob and Sophia Ewaniuk, it is a completely different story

Before the age of 12 not many kids can say they have appeared in a wide variety of television shows and countless commercials, but to the Ewaniuk duo it is just another day at the office.

Born and raised in Whitby, this brother and sister combo have been taking the acting

world by storm.

Jacob, 11, got his first start on the television show Murdoch Mysteries in 2008 at the tender age of 8.

Since then he has appeared in countless shows such as Rookie Blue, Little Mosque on the Prairie and is known best for his voice as Nick on The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That.

"I would have to say my favourite is The Cat in the Hat. I've been doing it for two or three years now. It's been a great journey and I love it," said Jacob.

Jacob found his passion for acting through a family friend, and his mother Frances got him involved in the acting world.

"I was really bored of school and one of my mom's friends told her about acting and she said 'oh you know what, this is a good thing and I think you'll like it' and I ended up liking it a lot and I ended up liking it

on stage," explains Jacob.

Sophia, 9, was inspired by her older brother to pursue her career in acting as well.

"When I saw him do it [acting] I liked it a lot, I wanted to

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be an actress so bad," she said.

Sophia has also appeared in hit television shows like Flashpoint, Covert Affairs and most recently in a Wal-Mart commercial for the Halloween season.

It doesn't stop at acting either; this modern day Sharpay

and Ryan also have an exceptional signing talent.

Often competing in local talent shows as well as televised events to display their singing chops, this duo is a force to be reckoned with.

For the last year Jacob and Sophia have been taking vocal lessons with Roberta Quilico, who has sung with the likes of Celine Dion.

Most recently the two competed in the Brooklin Mini Idol and Jacob walked away with the top prize.

With every competition comes a new lesson for the Ewaniuks.

"Everything is a learning process for them. In competitions [with older kids] they get to see where they can progress," explains their mother.

With such a busy and demanding schedule Jacob and Sophia still find the time in their busy day to be your average kids.

"We like to play with our

friends and go to school and have people say 'hey are you that girl in the commercial?' It's so cool. But I think we still have time to hang out and play with friends and family," said

Sophia who is set to appear in the television movie Gretl this fall as Young Gretl.

"We are busy bees, but we are still being kids, definitely. I find our lives fast-paced, but fun," adds Jacob.

Jacob appears in the upcoming film Servitude, which has already premiered in Montreal and Waterloo, and he couldn't be more thrilled about the experience.

"It was a lot of fun being on set. It was a comedy, which I love; It was a lot of fun and it was another experience. My character was a bratty kid so I got to spill water and throw candy at the waiter. It is something I would never do but I got the chance to in the movie. That's another thing I like about acting," explains Jacob.