

Grampa's Goodtime Gang concert celebrates 20 years of toe-tappin' knee-slappin' family fun

One of The County's musical icons, Grampa's Goodtime Gang, is celebrating its 20th year of serving up old-time hoedown-style entertainment to appreciative crowds from Brighton to Kingston.

In honour of this milestone The Gang will be performing, in concert, at The Mount Tabor Playhouse Sunday Aug. 15th at 2 p.m. and recording a commemorative CD for later production. Special guest artist, renowned fiddler Zeke Mazurek, will join the band for the two-hour concert.

"It's hard to believe, but this is our very first performance of this type" said Gang member Bud Gregory. "Grampa's Goodtime Gang has become a fixture at local fairs and nursing and retirement homes across the county and beyond. We thought this would be fun and a great way to celebrate our 20 years of entertaining our community and to say hello again to many of the former band members" he said.

Two of the current band members, Graham Fraser and Rex Rolston, have been with Grampa's Goodtime Gang since its inception August 19, 1984. "Just for fun, a bunch of us put together a band to play in the Athol Day Parade in Cherry Valley," Fraser explained. "We ended up having so much fun we went on to the Milford Fair parade, which we still take part in to this day. The fun never ended, so we just kept on playing."

Fraser, keyboard player and vocalist, has spent the past several weeks tracking down former members of the band. "We'd like to have all of them there," said



Grampa's Goodtime Gang, from left: Larry Roebuck, Dawson Powers, Rex Rolston, Graham Fraser, Ted Goad, Claire McFaul. Seated at front, is Bud Gregory.

Fraser. "They have all made significant contribution over the years and we want to use this opportunity to acknowledge them."

Tickets are \$12 per person and are available at Books on the Bay and Scott's Store in Picton, Wight's Greenhouses in Wellington and Hick's Store in Milford, or by contacting Bud Gregory at (613) 476-3389.



The County's answer to the Rolling Stones: Grandpa's Goodtime Gang wait for their turn on stage.