Riverside native shares holiday sounds

Joseph Tesson of Riverside is promoting his son's newest compact disc, "A Jazz Celebration of Christmas."

Andy Tesson, who grew up in Riverside and now makes his home in Downers Grove, introduced the music Dec. 13 during a program at Gloria Del Luteran Church in Downers Grove.

The CD contains 15 classical Christmas songs by Tesson's jazz band and includes a choir and vocalist. Among the songs are "O, Holy Night," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Silent Night."

The choir features Tesson's wife, Nancy Hagen Tesson; and a cast of 20, including Chicago Symphony Orchestra trumpet virtuoso Adolph Bud Herseth and Tesson's 13-year-old son, Luke Hagen Tesson.

The album is available from Southport Records in Chicago by visiting online at www.jusinjazz.com or by calling Tesson at (630) 965-3141.

Pilgrimage plans

Kathryn Renahan will be walking a 100-mile pilgrimage, following her graduation from Riverside-Brookfield High School in June. She will be traveling in northwestern Spain on the ancient "Camino de Santiago de Compostela," raising funds for the poor in Lima, Peru.

"As a member of the expedition, I must raise $5,000 in sponsorships, which will be used by Coprodel," an organization that serves 50,000 people living in extreme poverty in and around Lima," Kathryn said.

In the Middle Ages, all roads led to Santiago de Compostela. People walked from all over the Christian world to visit the grave of the apostle Saint James (Sant Iago), with the first recorded pilgrimage arriving in Santiago in 650 AD. Today, thousands make the pilgrimage, walking hundreds of miles from their homes.

Kathryn will be "doing some serious baby-sitting to provide money for my passage, room and board," she said, but is asking for help with the $5,000 donation.

Donations made by Thursday, Jan. 15, are tax-deductible. Forms are available at Riverside Public Library. For more information, visit online at www.coprodel.org.

History makers

Sue and Tom Carey of Riverside played a role in making and preserving history when the couple recently served as co-chairs of The HistoryMakers' fourth annual celebrity interview event, "An Evening With B.B. King."

The HistoryMakers is an organization working to preserve African-American history in the Chicago area.

R&B legend Isaac Hayes conducted the one-on-one interview with King for The HistoryMakers fund-raiser. It was taped before a live audience at the Art Institute of Chicago and will air as a national PBS-TV special next year.
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Legendary Blues Great B.B. King Honored at Fund-raiser

A Chicago area couple, Sue & Tom Carey, play a role in the making and preservation of local history.

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"Two very influential musicians of our time were brought together to represent blues and R & B at this event," Sue Carey told the BULLETIN. "I was just so thrilled to be a part of this event and support history in the making."

HistoryMakers is the largest national not-for-profit organization, dedicated to recording and preserving the personal histories of well-known African-Americans and "unsung heroes whose path-breaking achievements might go unrecognized."

To date, 700 interviews have been added to the archives.

"Market Day" Benefits St. John De La Salle School
Music Legend Honored

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