

PROFILE
ON DOUG
and JOE!
by Bill Thorne



JOE GIANNA



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THIS MONTH'S PROFILE:
SOLOISTS JOE GIANNA AND DOUG MCKENZIE
as interviewed by Bill Thorne.

As this is an all Drum Line Issue of GCC, I thought I would cover two of the best players in The Optimists horn line this year...just for a change of pace. I'll start with Doug and ask him his age.

A--16.

Q--How did you first get started in Corps, Doug?

A--I came from what you might call a Drum Corps family...my 4 older brothers were all in Corps---Leaside Lions, 180th, Jesters, Ambassadors and Queens Own.

Q--What was your first Corps?

A--I played Soprano in the Leaside Bantam Corps, for 2 years and 2 years in the Senior Corps (still a Jr. Corps)

Q--Why and when did you join The Optimists?

A--In the fall of '59 I joined when all the others from Leaside joined. I guess I just wanted to be with these

guys and I wanted to be in a better Corps.

Q--What is your favourite Senior Corps? A--Either Archer Epler or Skyliners.

Q--If you could watch any Junior Corps rehearse, which Corps would you choose, Doug?

A--The Optimists, of course. I haven't seen them since I joined.

Q--What is your favourite number from this year's show?

A--I have two...The Party's Over and Tabu.

Q--Now, a question of great interest and importance to followers of Corps, everywhere.

Is it true that you have never missed one JUNGLE JAY Show on television?

A--I'm sorry, but I must refer that question to Jim McConkey.

Q--So, what do you think of our Drum Major???

A--"Fink!!!"

...So here comes Joe Gianna....and an opportunity to sketch his Italian Profile.

Q--How did you get started in Corps, Joe?

A-- Well, I tried to join the School Band at Danforth Tech but there were no openings...

then one of the teachers suggested I see Barry Bell about joining the school Drum Corps, which I did and moved in with The Optimists during the amalgamation.

Q--Have you always played soprano? A--Yes!!!

Q--And you also instruct? A--Yes, I instruct Conqueror on bugles and M&M.

Q--How many years have you left in The Optimist Corps. A--Just one.

Q--Do you intend to continue in Corps? A--Yes, as an instructor.

Q--And what are your favourite Senior Corps? A--Hawthorne and Skyliners.

Q--And what Junior rehearsal would you like to attend, besides Optimists?

A--St. Kevins, I think...since I have never seen them.

Q--What is your favourite number this year? A--Tabu!!!

Q--What do you think of the awarding of the best Drum Major trophy at Port Hope?

A--Oh, I liked the twist. Q--Well, when not twisting what kind of work do you do?

A--I'm a draftsman.

Q--For a final question, Joe...what is your secret at winning at "In Between"????

A--That question I'll have to refer back to yourself since after the Quebec Trip on the Easter weekend, I've given up the game!