



Balaklava musician Di Spence test out the new grand piano in the Town Hall.

Grand piano is here and it sounds great

❑ Music lovers were in a weon Sunday October 24 when the first tunes began bellowing out of Balaklava Town Hall's newest addition, a Yamaha C5 Grand Piano.

❑ Before an enthusiastic audience, Balaklava Eisteddfod performers showed off the new piano in all of its tonal positions.

❑ After many years of fundraising, Eisteddfod president, Di Spence, said there was a "sense of wow when the giant lid was opened" at Sunday's fundraising concert.

❑ The \$20,000 grand piano was put through its paces with works from Balaklava Primary and High School choirs as well as Horizon Christian school, a band and vocal ensembles. Composers, Marty Erice and Geoff Gardner, gave a "two Ronnies" touch to the

afternoon, culminating in Geoff Gardner's renowned spoons solo.

❑ An unexpected tribute to Di Spence created a teary concert finale.

❑ Almost \$2,000 was raised through a raffle and ticket sales, bringing the total money raised in the Grand Piano fund to \$17,095.

❑ But another \$3,000 is needed to cover the cost of the piano which lifted the roof off the town hall.

❑ If you missed this concert you will have another chance to hear the piano this coming Sunday November 7 at 2.30pm.

❑ And if you would like to have in put into the Grand Piano fund, send your donation to P O Box 253, Balaklava 5461 (or see form on page 22 of last week's Plains Producer).