

Local musicians vie for Canada's next hockey anthem

By Brock Weir

Most Canadians have at least one great hockey story in them – but what about a hockey song?

The Rinky Dinks, a group of local musicians, have pooled their talents and produced 'Let's Scream and Shout', a song they believe has what it takes to be named the CBC and Hockey Night in Canada's 'next great hockey song.'

The Rinky Dinks were formed by Tom Donohue and Gail Bevilacqua, who brought together York Region musicians Larry and Maura Goguen, Steve Wilcox, Brendan Jones and Richard Baker to try and nip at the heels of Stompin' Tom's classic.

'Being Canadian and a big supporter of hockey in any kind of format, be it minor hockey or pro-hockey, we're excited about this contest,' says Mr. Jones, a resident of Aurora, who provides keyboard and vocals on the track. 'As our song is called 'Scream and Shout', it conjures up images of boisterous support for our home team, and the good feelings before going out to games to support the team.'

Collaborating on a song is nothing new for Mr. Jones, who is an alumnus of the St. Michael's School choir in Toronto, and has a background as a church organist in a variety of venues, including a stint at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. This outing nevertheless presented a different kind of challenge.

'It was new for me to record in this manner, not live with everyone else, but just laying down a piano track to a piece of music that had already been recorded,' he says. 'That was a brand new experience for me, it took a while, but we all seemed to get what we wanted.'

To listen and vote for your favourite among the song submissions received from across the country, visit music.cbc.ca/#/Hockey-Night-in-Canada-Song-Quest. Voting closes at 11.59 p.m. on December 11. Results will be announced during Saturday's Hockey Night in Canada broadcast.