

Clients and Staff Dance to Singing Coyotes

Three of the four musicians known as The Coyotes performed a concert for CAMH clients and staff on Feb. 5 to wrap up Therapeutic Recreation Week.

"We thoroughly enjoyed doing the show," said band member Eric Mattila. "We were quite moved by the response we got from the clients/patients and we all agreed it was one of our most rewarding gigs. We would happily do this again at some point in the future."



From left to right: Bill Markakis; Eric Mattila, Burke Cullen, Peter Paolucci; Jim Davey.

The energy was contagious as the audience danced and sang along with the musicians, who played songs from their expansive repertoire, including favourites from the Beatles, Beach Boys, The Band, and Van Morrison.

Comprised of "two English professors, one electrical engineer and a PR guy," the Coyotes (www.thecoyotes.ca) combine a rich acoustic guitar sound with bass guitar, light percussion, and lush vocal harmonies.

Eric Mattila, Burke Cullen, Peter Paolucci played to clients and staff from the Dual Diagnosis program, Schizophrenia Inpatient, MSRU, and other programs. (The fourth member of The Coyotes is Mark Lavigne.)

The Coyotes support various non-profit and charitable causes by appearing at fundraisers and by performing musical shows at hospitals, senior's homes, long-term care and convalescent homes, and other facilities.

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