

Hometown Sound coming Nov. 21

Hometown Sound takes the stage at The Village Playhouse in Bancroft, on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Hometown Sound is a concert series created by Caitlin O'Connor and Rico Browne. "Originally it was just going to be one show," says O'Connor, a local to Bancroft who is known for her singing voice.

After performing in North Hastings High School's production of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *Les Miserables* Caitlin left her home to study at the St. Clair Musical Theatre Program in Windsor.

After moving home she found it tough to find opportunities to perform. That's when she took matters into her own hands.

"I just wanted to sing," says O'Connor. "Pop, rock, country, you name it." Joined by Ryan "Rico" Browne on piano, guitar and backing vocals Caitlin performed a variety of pop, rock, and country fan favourites to a sold out crowd at The Granite in Bancroft on July 30.

"We were not expecting it to go so well" says Browne, another Bancroftonian who's known for his musical abilities. Ryan, or Rico as most people call him, has been part of the Bancroft music scene all of his life. First with his high school band Violent Petal, then with local legends Vertigo.

"With our first show going so well, I thought, let's do another one, but bigger."

Enter Scott Stewart. "We asked Scott in on this show because he's not only local, but very talented," says Browne. "We needed someone who could play different instruments and styles of music as well as sing and I knew Scott would fit the bill."

Stewart has been playing music in the Bancroft area since he could strum a G chord. Aside from playing music, Scott has been a committee member of the Fort Stewart Jamboree, which raises money for the Carlow Community Centre.

Filling out the ensemble is Marcus Browne, Rico's younger brother, who is most known for holding the drummer's seat in The Weber Brothers. "I'm really looking forward to the show at the Playhouse," says Marcus.

"I've never had the opportunity, and coming from Bancroft it's like playing the home turf."

Hometown Sound takes the stage at The Village Playhouse in Bancroft on Nov. 21. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Harvest Moon, Posies, and <http://boxofficebancroft.com>. For more information call 613-332-5918 or visit <http://bancroftvillageplayhouse.ca>.