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‘The show must go on’

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TRURO – Ken MacKay did what his father would have wanted and performed with the pit orchestra Tuesday night.

On Monday, MacKay’s father, Ron, a legend in the Truro area for his work with the band programs, passed away. Ken was in the band Tuesday for Neptune Theatre’s opening night of its latest production, *The Producers*.

“He taught us about the love of music and how important it was in our lives,” Ken said before the show.

“He would say definitely go and play ... He would say ‘the show must go on.’”

Ken said there are always people working at the theatre who started in the Hubtown and it is great to reminisce.

“There are so many stories. We get together and talk about Truro and the days in the band and the trips we’ve gone on,” he said. “Those are things we’ll never lose.”

He said one thing that stands out most to him is how his father treated everybody the same. He recently told one of Ron’s former students, who is now a retired nurse, about his father’s condition.

“She offered to come by and look after him three days a week because she was so touched. He treated everybody the same,” Ken said.

A very humble man, Ron is being remembered for his love of music, dedication and as a good storyteller.

Ron is survived by five children, sons Doug and Ken, daughters Karen Holmes, Donna and Jane. He was predeceased by his wife Frances (Cleaves) MacKay.