

Sheridan grad wins film award

Recent Sheridan College graduate Sama Waham picked up an Award of Merit from the Accolade Competition for her documentary film, *Resight*.



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Waham, an Oakville resident, produced the film in her final semester as a Sheridan student in the Advanced Television and Film Program, from which she graduated in 2012. She wrote, directed and produced the film, with a crew of fellow film students.

Resight is a short documentary about art, vision and blindness. The film is about a vision-impaired artist who challenged her boundaries and successfully pursued her aspirations.

The Accolade Competition is an international program recognizing film, television, videography and new media professionals. To learn more, visit www.theaccolade.net.

Aquinas charity fashion show

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School students will be walking the runway for charity.

The school is hosting a fashion show on Friday (Jan. 11), where approximately 50 formal, graduation and prom dresses will be showcased.

The dresses are provided for the showcase by Lucy's Boutique on Kerr Street.

The school regularly raises funds for a number of organizations. The beneficiary of this event will be The Salvation Army.

"As this is a fashion show that embodies the theme of empowerment, being the best you can be, contributing to your community, and people coming together to contribute to a common good; we figured what better charity than The Salvation Army," said Grade 10 student Vanessa Severin, a junior social convener for the Aquinas student council, in an e-mail.

The event is organized by Aquinas students and Lucy's.

The fashion show will be inside the school, at 125 Dorval Dr. The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 at the door.



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COUNTRY DRAMA: Burl-Oak Theatre Group is presenting the thriller *Hide and Seek*, which opens tomorrow. Pictured at a rehearsal are cast members (l-r): Rob McMullen (character John Bart), Francesca Brugnano (Jennifer Crawford), Cynthia Dempster (Elly Bart), Scott Deveau (Matt Erskine), Avery Mason (Little Girl), Greg Proctor (Richard Crawford), Virginia McEwen (Mrs. Turner), Jeff Gordon (Tony Crawford) and Nikki Blain (Vicki Bennett).

Burl-Oak presents thriller *Hide and Seek*

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Away from the hustle and bustle of the city, a family is trying to make a new beginning in the quiet comfort of the country.

However, not all things are so quiet for Richard and Jennifer Crawford in Burl-Oak Theatre Group's presentation of *Hide and Seek*.

The supernatural thriller opens tomorrow (Thursday) at The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

Written by British playwright Lezley Havard, the play is fast-paced and full of drama.

"It's a good play... It's got a twist ending, which is interesting. What really attracted me was the interplay between the various characters," said David Nash, a longtime member of the local drama scene and a first-time director with Burl-Oak.

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After 18 years of marriage, the Crawfords are finally about to become parents. Jennifer (Francesca Brugnano) is far along in her pregnancy and will be giving birth soon. The

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couple moves into an old farmhouse, which had previously been vacant for 10 years.

Richard (Greg Proctor) continues commuting to the city to work, while Jennifer stays at home to oversee the restoration of the house, where lights and plumbing strangely fail.

There are tensions between the couple, there are tensions between them and Richard's brother, and with a neighbour.

"He (the neighbour) dominates his wife, whose a very nervous woman. She comes into the house and he comes in to fetch her," Nash said.

Jennifer sees a strange little girl playing on the swing near the farmhouse. However, when she mentions it to her neighbours, she gets chastised by the husband.

The neighbours had lost a daughter a few years before, while the girl's twin sister isn't allowed to play up by the house.

"Because the girl disappeared, Jennifer

must be stirring up trouble for a story because she worked for a magazine," Nash said of the man's motives.

The play is one in which the real and supernatural clash.

Nash plans to use some lighting and sound effects to bring the supernatural to the stage. However, most of the work to bring the supernatural to life will be done by the actors.

"The script itself leads you to that conclusion and the skill of the actors in bringing that to life are also paramount. How they act and interact, how they deal with the things that are happening, all that lends itself to how you portray a supernatural occurrence," Nash said.

Other cast members include Scott Deveau, Virginia McEwen, Cynthia Dempster, Rob McCullan, Nikki Blain, Jeff Gordon and Avery Mason.

The play runs Thursday-Saturday (Jan. 10-12) and Jan. 16-19 with shows at 8 p.m. There is also a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday (Jan. 13).

Tickets cost \$28 for adults or \$5 for high school students. There is a special Sunday (Jan. 13) and Wednesday (Jan. 16) price of \$20.

For tickets, visit www.oakvillecentre.ca.