

Fiery royal role for Derek Joynes

A 15-year veteran of Georgetown Little Theatre, Derek Joynes, is cast as the fiery King Henry II in the upcoming production of James Goldman's *The Lion In Winter*.

He is no stranger on stage or behind it.

Local residents saw him in top dramatic form last year in Ira Levin's *Deathtrap*, but he has also directed in Brampton-based productions like *Plaza Suite* (for which he was nominated for an ACTCO award).

Other productions with which he has been involved include *Our Town*; *Boeing, Boeing*; *No Sex Please, We're British* and *Murder In The Cathedral*.

Mr. Joynes has performed and worked with his wife, Pat, on many occasions, the first when they were both 18.

JADED
In GLT's *The Lion*,

opening Friday and continuing Saturday, Feb. 23, March 1, 2 and 3, Mr. Joynes plays a fabled monarch, engineering a complicated process to see which of his three sons takes over the throne when he dies.

Although the play was written by Goldman in the mid-1960s, its history goes back to the 12th century.

In contemporary language and wit, but in a medieval setting, some colorful historical figures are cast, like Eleanor of Aquitaine, King Phillip I of France, Prince John (who eventually signs the Magna Carta as king), Richard the Lionheart and the conniving Geoffrey.

With its thick comic lines the play should appeal to those who want to laugh as well as those who prefer an element of dramatic danger.



MARY ETHYLL HAD THE GIGGLES

Mary Ethyll Starbright (Melanie Piers) is at odds with Sir John Allred (Scott Peterson) in Centennial School's production of *On Broadway*. The show will run March 7 and 8 for two nights at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets are available at the school on Delrex Boulevard.

Thanks, but no thanks

An 81-year old man refused medical help after a fire in the basement of his Third Line home south of Sideroad 20 Tuesday at 12:34 a.m.

Halton Hills fire chief Bill Cunningham estimated damage from \$1,500 - \$2,000 to the home of Art Brown.

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Ski tours, hiking, snowshoeing and free films will be held.

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Ballinafad man dies

By WINIFRED SMITH
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Who shall be king?

By PAT HRETCHKA

History can be a boring succession of dates, places, battles and kings.

But sometimes in the hands of a master it can flash vividly across the stage, illuminating a time and place long past and making it more real and more immediate than today's newspaper.

Shakespeare was far from the first great dramatist to use historical themes. The ancient Greeks flocked to plays about the recent and distant past.

I am not trying to put James Goldman, the author of the Georgetown Little Theatre's latest production *The Lion In Winter* into the same category as Shakespeare and Sophocles. However, he has written an excellent historical play. In fact he has pulled off the difficult feat of writing an historical comedy.

ROYAL COURT

The time is the 12th century and the place is the British royal court.

The protagonists are Henry II and his discarded queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine.

On Broadway these roles were played by Robert Preston and Rosemary Harris; in the motion picture Peter O'Toole and Katherine Hepburn were the royal warriors.

And warriors is the correct term. The entire play is a battle; a battle of words, and very witty words they are. The three royal sons Richard, Geoffrey and John are at the heart of the quarrel, for this is a battle of succession.

Who shall be king? This is the theme and the variations are endless.

TICKETS

Tickets for this production may be obtained by phoning 877-3700.

For your added convenience the box office will be open at the John Elliott Theatre Thursday, Feb. 23 from 1 - 3 and 6 - 8 p.m.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 - 26 and Feb. 29 - March 3.

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