



The Pied Piper of the Halton Performing Arts Co. is seen here working his magic on the children of Hamelin. Characters seen here are (back row, left to right) Jayme Del Greco, Tammy Hamilton, Alexander Oldaker, Tanya Martin, (front row) Laura Appleby, Kori Akers and Jill McMenemy. (Photo submitted)

## New Halton troupe perform Pied Piper

Students of dance and drama in Halton have formed a Halton Performing Arts Co., and will be presenting an Evening of Dance and Drama March 7, at the John Elliott Theatre at 8 p.m.

Rehearsing since October, the company will be performing "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", choreographed by Jill Evans and Deirdre O'Higgins, and a suite of dances called Close Harmony choreographed by Yvonne Oldaker. A dramatic presentation of "The Five Children and It" has been directed by Kathleen West.

The company was formed to give students the chance to work on a production involving students from

schools other than their own and to work with different choreographers.

The ballets in particular were designed to give the children an example of two types of ballet. A story ballet with costumes, scenery, props, etc. in which everyone has an important part to play in creating three dimensional pictures onstage, and an abstract ballet, also in costume but where a theme as opposed to a tangible story is evident.

Everyone has given their time on a volunteer basis, and willing parents have worked long and hard, making scenery, props, and costumes to ensure their children have the best possible support system to be able to perform to the best of their ability.

## Knights and dragons

Calling all knights, princesses and dragons!  
Halton Hills Public Libraries invites you to take part in a "Medieval March Break". A Medieval Feast, featuring stories and puppet shows will take place Wednesday, March 12, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Bring your lunch.

On Thursday, March 13, come to "Munch to the Movies", 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (all ages), or to a "Knight-time Film Fest" (Georgetown only), 7 - 8 p.m. (ages 8 and up).

On Friday, March 14, children in Grades 1 and up are invited to make dragons at the library at 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. To register for this program, call the library at 877-2681 (Georgetown) or 853-0301 (Acton).

And remember to enter the castle-building contest, which runs from March 11 - 14.

## La Leche meets

Mothers interested in information about breast-feeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Acton La Leche. It will be held March 10 at 8 p.m. at 16 Wilbur Street in Acton. For information call 856-9935 or 878-4732.

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Herald Special

In a very neat, political maneuver, the Council of the Town of Halton Hills shifted the responsibility of a Town Arts Policy back to the Arts Council by stating that a 'needs' study would have to be done before any further consideration would be made.

This study is now well underway by the Arts Council. But it needn't look too far for an indication of growing enjoyment and need in the community for more good arts entertainment.

Globe Production's Li'l Abner sold 95 per cent of its tickets. Georgetown Little Theatre's The Mousetrap followed suit with almost every night a sold out performance. Within hours of the local papers hitting the streets, the extensively advertised "Evita" was sold out on Friday and Saturday nights with accompanying waiting lists and with only a few tickets left for Thursday.

It is too bad that two weekends weren't reserved for Evita by the Recreation and Parks Department considering its popular run in Toronto, coupled with the enthusiasm for good theatre generated by Globe and GLT.



## Halton Hills Arts Council

Over the years, the Town has been fairly kind in its allocation of monies to various arts groups. But, there has been no consistency or overall plan of action in its distribution of tax dollars to the arts community at large. With increased awareness and enjoyment of the Arts, along with an ever growing community, such an Arts Plan or Policy is a must.

The Town Council is fearful that an Arts Policy could incur greater costs in the future, and there is that possibility. But, it is better to anticipate these costs and plan for them in advance than to randomly hand out money in the present ad hoc, short term, casual manner.

As Art Eggleton, Mayor of the City of Toronto, states, "The Arts are not a cost to the community, but an investment - not a luxury, but a necessity."

ARTISTIC NOTES  
Don't forget to attend the opening of Photoart on March 12 from 7-9

p.m. at the Gallery at the Cultural Centre. Awards will be presented to the best in a variety of categories at 8 p.m.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to see the Palette and Pencil Club's show at the Gallery that will be closing March 8. Featured are a wide variety of subject matter and techniques.

A new show will be opening at House Sol, 45 Charles St., Georgetown, on March 15 from 2-6 p.m. Coinciding with Photoart, photographers Ted Brown and Paul

Savoie, will be showing their work. Mr. Brown from Limehouse was awarded the best in the Photoart show two years ago. Mr. Savoie, a former resident of Georgetown, is one of the judges for this year's Photoart.

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