

New Orleans night caps off successful week for arts

Arts Alive '88

The John Elliott Theatre was hopping last week as Arts Alive '88 put top notch talent on centre stage.

For seven straight days Georgetown residents were treated to theatre, music, plays and stories put on by locals and professionals from Southern Ontario.

The first reaction from everyone's standpoint was that the week was a success, said Hank Huhtanen, the manager of the cultural centre. The place was really hopping with all the activity.

From the audience's point of view, he said, they seemed to be happy. All the shows were well attended.

The week's events ended with a bang Saturday night as a New Orleans dinner of Cajun cuisine was featured.

Upon first entering the foyer of the cultural centre guests were transported to the town of Dixieland and the festivities of a Mardi Gras.

Sizzling on the buffet table were tantalizing dishes such as Jambalaya, Beef Creole, Creole string beans, Three Green and Gold Salad, Creole Cabbage, Cornbread and other delectables for dessert.

With their appetites sated, guests were entertained by the Dixieland

Sound of The Sensation Jazzband.

The band, comprised of local boys Brian Gravelle on trumpet and piano, and Bryan Day on bass, plus Brian Towers on trombone, Trevor Hodgson on clarinet and saxophone, Dennis Elder on drums, and John Reed on banjo and guitar, have achieved admirable recognition in their field, becoming the first Canadian band to be made Honorary Citizens of New Orleans.

The band belted a path of notes to the deep south with their opening number and kept the audience soaking up the jazz all night.

Zoe Kendall, who has sung from London to New York and Toronto to Free Port, added a touch of femininity with her deep contralto voice.

All the comments Mr. Huhtanen heard about the New Orleans night were very positive. Everyone had a good time and wants to do it again, he said.

Entertainers kept the theatre packed all week.

On Sunday harp/flute duo Diver-timento serenaded the public during a classical brunch in the gallery.

Children were carried to a world of mice and cats with the puppet show "Mouse Tales" Monday and Tuesday.

Local Halton Hills students got to strut their stuff Wednesday and Thursday night during a performance of "Youth and the Performing Arts."

Three local groups - the Georgetown Little Theatre, Georgetown Globe Productions and Acton Citizens' Band - kept audiences entertained with their Friday night performance.



Toronto based theatre group, Monday and Tuesday at the John Elliott Theatre with their performance "Mouse Tales." comprised of Michele Robinson, Michele Benechal, Sheila Dyer and Gerry Postaty, regaled children



Acton Citizen Band clarinette players warm up before performing Friday night at the John Elliott Theatre. The band, the Georgetown Little Theatre and Georgetown Globe Productions put on a show for Arts Alive '88 called "The Entertainers."



Frank Andrews, playing Roy, and Joan Andrews, playing Norma, act out a scene in Plaza Suite, Act 3, put on by the Georgetown Little Theatre Friday night for Arts Alive '88. The group entertained audiences along with the Georgetown Globe Productions and Acton Citizens' Band during the show "The Entertainers."

LETTER

Glad strike has ended

Dear Sir,

I am glad that this strike at Standard Products is over. I wish I could say that the strike could have been avoided, but it could not.

I was told that our strike was a mild one. During the 48-day period, we had seven incidents where our people were charged, two for throwing eggs.

Yes, there were occasions when we were frustrated. Management personnel worked 5-10 hour days and Saturday and Sunday, also, Stratford and Mitchell people came in to work here in Georgetown.

For 29 years we had a good relationship with management here in Georgetown. Better than in any S.P. division, with very, very few grievances. I do not think that it will be the same when we return to work.

I was very proud of my colleagues during the strike for the way we stuck together.

But I am also very sad that the CAW Rep. Michael McKinnon was transferred, he has four other sets of negotiations going at the present time. He did a terrific job for us.

Also I would like to thank Linda Corkum and Dave Thompson, who were on the bargaining committee; recording secretary Norma Lawrence, who was in the office 40 hours a week, and Shirley Newman, financial secretary, who was constantly looking after supplies for the picket line.

Also thanks to the merchants of Georgetown and Acton for their donations.

I do not want to forget to mention most of Halton Hills police officers for their understanding of our plight on most occasions.

Most of all, thanks to my good wife Renate during this strike for her help and understanding during the 28 years I have been president of the local.

Right now I have only one wish, that all my friends who presently are out on strike at Smith and Stone also get a good contract and go back real soon.

Yours truly,
Gerry Klatt,
President, CAW Local 876

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