

Open Door Artisans benefit from GLT.

Each season the Georgetown Little Theatre Productions Inc. has traditionally offered performances to benefit local community organizations. For the first time two such groups are joining forces to participate equally in such an event.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown, the Open Door and the Credit Valley Artisans will combine to present *The Second Time Around*, a benefit performance by the GLT. This is a comedy in three acts, written by Henry Denker and will be directed by Jacky Willows.

Tickets to this performance will be sold by members of the Open Door and Credit Valley Artisans. Persons interested in supporting these groups by purchasing tickets to this performance should contact either Cindy Lawrence at 873-2520 or Mary Rowan at 877-7992 for more information. The ticket price is \$10 and includes an invitation to remain after the show for a refreshment and to meet the cast and crew.

The Open Door is a teen drop-in centre at 60 Guelph Street in Georgetown. The purpose of Open Door is to offer youth and young moms whatever services they need. Teenagers are helped to work towards self-esteem, parenting skills, and other life skills. General counselling is also offered.

The Credit Valley Artisans are a group of local art and crafts persons, who operate out of the Cedarvale Cottage in Cedarvale Park in Georgetown. It was founded in 1975 as a non-profit community service group and exists solely to promote the visual arts in Halton Hills.

The proceeds from this benefit performance will go to help fund the operation of these two organizations.

CBC is In Opposition starting Oct. 24



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Canada's MPs may try to avoid Tuesday night engagements for a while, in order to watch television.

Some are probably a bit curious about how their lifestyle and vocation will be presented to Canadians via a new CBC comedy series, *In Opposition*, which debuts Oct. 24.

There is an old saying that truth is stranger than fiction. Truth can also be funnier than fiction.

If the new show survives, will scriptwriters start basing episodes on some of the real shenanigans on Parliament Hill?

The premiere episode depicts Karen Collier's (Kathleen Laskey) campaign to become an MP. In future episodes, the hard-working but naive MP has to deal with a wide assortment of characters, including a bumbling party leader (Lawrence Dane), a serious, driven party flack (Peter Keleghan) and the self-serving party House leader (Damir Andrei).

In Opposition was conceived and is produced by veteran comedy scribe David Cole. Canadian politics, says Cole, "certainly provides opportunity for humor. We want this series to be believable and a lot of fun."

Paul Cooper, one of the founding members of The Nylons, is leaving the acapella group.

The recording artists, whose records have hit multi-platinum levels in their native Canada, have had significant hits on four continents. *Kiss Him Goodbye* reached the Top 15 in the United States last year.

Cooper, who will continue to write songs for The Nylons, is leaving to further his interests in writing musical themes for TV, films and commercials and to work on two film projects, said Wayne Thompson, The Nylons' manager.

The Nylons (Marc Connors, Claude Morrison and Arnold Robinson) will hold auditions to find a new baritone.

CBC Radio recording crews are spending some time in Toronto drinking establishments.

They are taping live performances for later broadcast on the radio network.

These include: Tom Russell and his band the Sylvia Tyson and The Great Speckled Bird. Russell and Tyson are both performing at the Horseshoe Tavern Oct. 11 during a double album-release celebration.

Russell's new album, *Poor Man's Dream*, is a followup to his critically acclaimed *Road to Bayaman*. Tyson's *You Were On My Mind*, co-produced by Russell, features some new songs, some classics and a duet with Lucille Starr.

A CBC crew will be at the Diamond Oct. 12 to tape *The Black Sorrows* - an Australian group on its first North American tour - and *Crash Test Dummies*.

The latter band doesn't live up to

its name. The Winnipeg band is led by singers Brad Roberts and Ellen Reid who, between them, have degrees in philosophy, English literature and history.

Dress Gray, Lucian Truscott's first novel, became a best-seller and was used as the basis for a TV miniseries.

Now, another Truscott novel has hit bookshelves and it, too, may end up as a miniseries.

Army Blue not only takes you into jungles of Vietnam, but into the office of the Secretary of Defence.

The author, a third generation West Pointer who refused to go to Vietnam, was discharged from the army when he declined to

withdraw from publication a controversial article he had written about drug use in the army.

In *Army Blue*, set at the height of the Vietnam War, Truscott's central character is a second lieutenant, the son of a Korean War hero and the grandson of a Second World War hero. The young officer faces a court martial for desertion in the face of the enemy - charges laid after he uncovers a major conspiracy.

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