

Theatre

'Run for your Wife' sparkles

By JOHN SOMER
Herald Special

Imagine yourself as a taxi driver, who, late one night, sees an old lady being mugged by two skinheads. You try to rescue her, but she swings her handbag and knocks you out cold. You come to in a hospital and when asked your address, you, still a bit groggy, give the wrong one.

The wrong one? Well, this taxi driver has been married to two different ladies for quite some years.

They are living only a short taxi ride from each other, and since the husband of both of them is working shifts he has been able to keep them both happy, without the one knowing about the other.

Now, because he is returned to the wrong wife at the wrong time, the clever set-up is starting to unravel like a badly knit pullover, and some truly fancy footwork is needed to avoid all the holes that are opening under the randy taxi driver and

threaten to swallow him up.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the farce to end all farces, and it's going on right here in this town!

The comedy is called "Run For Your Wife." It's written by Ray Cooney and directed by Alfie Matthews for Caprius Productions.

The comedy has been running in London, England, since 1983. This Canadian Production has been playing to packed houses for six weeks in Mississauga before Christmas, and now it is here at the John Elliott Theatre for another three performances on Jan. 16, 17 and 18, after three fun-filled nights on Jan. 10, 11 and 12, each night at 8 p.m.

The taxi driver with a great appetite for living and loving is played by Andrew Finnigan, his two lawfully wedded wives are Sharon Coldwell and Pam Keywan. Other actors to join in the mad romp are Andy Dumas, Steve Ness, Michael Burgoyne

and Alfie Matthews.

The whole crew is well-trained and very, very energetic, the set and costumes beautiful to look at. The time is fast and furious.

By the way, Caprius Productions will open a dinner theatre in Mississauga soon, and if their cooking is anything like their playing, I predict great times ahead for people who love to eat and to laugh at the same time. Have fun!

Tickets for "Run For Your Wife" are available at Oxbow Books, Georgetown, and at the box office.

Pinchpenny Phantom a musical farce

The Pinchpenny Phantom of the Opera, a musical farce, written by Dave Reiser and Jack Sharkey, runs Jan. to March 23, 1991 at Cullen Dinner Theatre.

The book, music and lyrics are by Dave Reiser and Jack Sharkey. Collaborating on such outrageously funny works as Jekyll Hydes Again! My Husband the Wife, Not the Count of Monte Cristo?! and Woman Overboard, Reiser and Sharkey are specialists in the field of musical comedy.

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Catherine Bray makes her Cullen Theatre debut as the Diva. Catherine comes to Cullen with a long list of theatre credits including Pirates of Penzance, Fiddler on the Roof, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and It's All Greek to Me, which played at Theatre Passe Muraille. Catherine's television credits in-

clude work with CFTO, CBC, TVO and SCTV.

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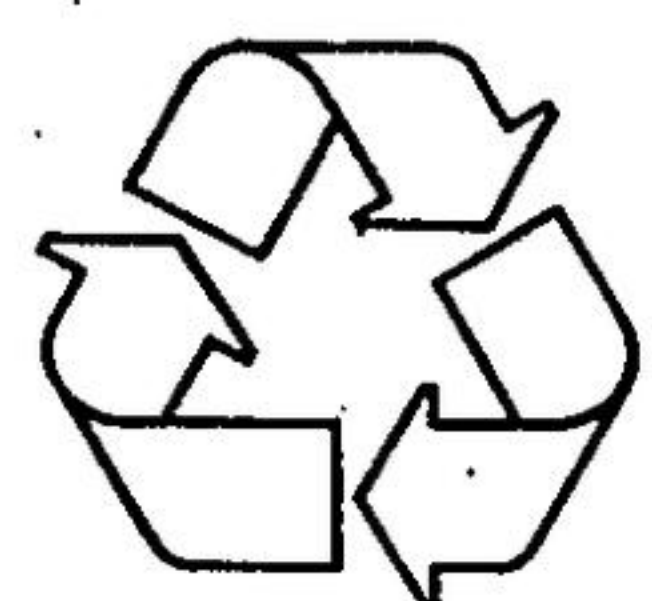
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