

Entertainment Grammy time once again



Hundreds of children and their parents from Georgetown and Acton laughed along with famous children's television personality Mr. Dress-up (Ernie Coombs) and his sidekicks Casey and Finnegan Saturday at Georgetown District High School during two hilarious shows. Mr. Dress-up and his two famous puppets were in Georgetown as part of the Casey and Finnegan farewell tour.

Famous puppets say goodbye

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Casey and Finnegan, the two puppets made famous by the popular children's television show Mr. Dress-up, said goodbye to hundreds of Georgetown and Acton children Saturday at Georgetown District High School.

But it's the children's parents who were probably saddened the most to see the rosy cheek preschooler and her rumpled dog for maybe the last time.

The two puppets accompanied by Mr. Dress-up himself (62-year-old Ernie Coombs), performed two shows at the high school on the weekend as part of their farewell tour.

The affable Mr. Coombs said between shows, it's the older people who grew up with Casey and Finnegan who are not taking the puppets' retirement easily.

For the past year the two have been making fewer appearances on the 25-year-old CBC preschooler television show as a way of introducing new puppets, said Mr. Coombs. When this first started to happen, explained Mr. Coombs, "we mostly received mail from older people. They can't imagine Casey and Finnegan not being a part of their lives."

New puppets already introduced on the show include Chester the Crow and Truffles "a pink fluffy creature."

Asked why Finnegan and Casey were leaving the spotlight, Mr. Coombs replied, "their mother is retiring." Judith Lawrence, the puppets creator and puppeteer wants to take on new challenges, he said.

Mr. Coombs appears to be taking the retirement in stride. "It's been like working with somebody for 25 years, it's definitely something you take note of."

Mr. Dress-up grew out of a now defunct children's television show called Butternut Square. He joined the Butternut cast in the mid 60's and this marked the beginning of the relationship between Mr. Coombs, Casey and his canine sidekick.

In 1967 Mr. Dress-up first graced the airways, said Mr. Coombs.

As for Mr. Coombs retiring, children and parents shouldn't worry.

"I'm not ready to retire and I plan to go on as long as I enjoy what I'm doing," he said.

New York's Radio City Music Hall will soon be crammed with people with gold-producing voices. And with those who hope that an accolade or two will spawn a heavy flow of gold into their pockets.

It's Grammy time. The 33rd annual Grammy Awards will be televised live Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. (ET) on CTV.

M.C. Hammer, Mariah Carey and Phil Collins have each been nominated in both record of the year and song of the year categories.

In all, there are 70 categories, running the gamut from rock, country and jazz to rap, children's recordings and music videos.

There is an old saying in Haiti that beyond the mountains are only mountains.

Now, Jean-Bertrand Aristide is trying to convince Haitians that beyond the mountains there is hope for the future.

The poet and theologian, who was elected as Haiti's president in December, has already had to put down one attempted coup.



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Peter Downie, of CBC-TV's Man Alive, ventured to Haiti to interview Aristide and a number of other prominent Haitians. Beyond the Mountains, a look

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at a troubled land and its new leader, airs Feb. 19 at 9:30 p.m. on Man Alive.

A half-hour documentary on a painter who walked on the moon airs in mid-February on CBC-TV.

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The group wishes to clear up a misunderstanding regarding the donation of a beautiful print by Theresa Rodobalski of "Pictures and Presents."

While Theresa has graciously donated this print, "Summer Rain," by John Seerey-Lester, it will not be given away as a free draw. It has been decided that tickets will be sold at a cost of \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

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