GLT Youth Company performs outstanding The Crucible

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Many have heard the expression 'witch hunt' as it conjures up images of women being burned at the stake for being deemed a witch.

Members of the Georgetown Little Theatre Youth Company (GLTYC) held their own witch hunt as they opened *The Crucible*, at the GLT Studio in Stewarttown, Thursday night.

The Crucible is a clever play written by Arthur Miller in the 1950s, apparently about the witch trials in the Puritan town of Salem, Massachusetts in the late 17th century. But the underlying plot is actually about the McCarthy period in US history, when Americans were accusing each other of Pro-Communist beliefs.

The GLTYC version is stunning, creating a gripping insight into the consequences of mob mentality when society resorts to criminal conviction— sometimes hanging— by means of accusation and association alone.

The cast in *The Crucible* is quite large, but a number of key characters stand out.

Nick Uffen is quite effective as John Proctor, the one person in Salem who seems to have common sense.

Opposite him is Jessica Watson, as his wife Elizabeth. She plays her character as victimized, yet one of the most honest people in town.

Dimitri Marekic gives a strong performance as the whining Rev Parris, the minister who has his own hidden agenda in the town, and plants the seed leading into the frenzy.

Equally strong is Vuki Marekic as Deputy Governor Danforth, the authority figure who is blinded by his own principles and unable to see the actual truth. Marekic's character is simply infuriating for the audience.

The set of *The Crucible* is quite spartan, yet incredibly convincing through the use of dramatic lighting. Through small props and smoke and lights, the stage comes to life.

GLTYC has achieved quite a coup with *The Crucible*. In spite of the close quarters at the GLT Studio, the group has managed to create a production that not only does the 1953 play proud with its intensity, but also sends out a timeless chilling message of the danger of authority running amuck and unchecked.

The play continues its run May 5-8. For info or tickets, call the studio at 905-877-3422.

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Georgetown residents featured in TVO documentary, Mom's Home

Georgetown residents May Swanston and Gloria Fraser will be featured in the upcoming documentary, *Mom's Home,* the latest film from award-winning Toronto filmmaker Maureen Judge. *Mom's Home* makes its world premiere on TVO Wednesday, May 5 at 10 p.m., repeated on Mother's Day, May 9 at 10:30 p.m.

Mom's Home examines how the mother-daughter bond changes when an aging parent and grown child move in together, for reasons such as a father/husband's death, degenerative illness, loneliness and isolation, financial circumstances or cultural tradition.

Swanston, 82, and Fraser, 58, are one of three mother-daughter pairs featured in the film. These two feisty Scottish lassies moved in together for the long haul after Swanston's husband passed away. Fraser worked three days a week as a cook at Bracky's to support them. With Swanston in the very early stages of Alzheimer's, the pair navigate through life as if they are on an extended vacation, not knowing where it may lead. But as each day becomes more of a struggle, Fraser decides to uproot them and take her mother home to Scotland.

Gloria Fraser and May Swanston

Despite their life experiences, all the women in the documentary find themselves in an emotional tug-of-war as they grapple with conflicting emotions, changing expectations, social adjustments and a sometimes ill-fated commitment to do what's best. Intimate and insightful, *Mom's Home* entertains with the all-too recognizable family dramas brought on by role reversal, and prompts viewers to confront their own fears about aging.

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On Saturday April 17th, and Thursday April 22nd, residents, schools, and businesses took to the streets, schoolyards, parks, rural areas, open spaces, ditches, ravines and any place they could find to pick up litter.

Thank you to the thousands of volunteers who pitched in to make our clean up such a success. Everyone's hard work reflects the commitment of our community in keeping the Town of Halton Hills Clean, and we had 100% participation from our schools.

We collected over 7 tonnes of garbage, 2 tandem loads of tires, 1 tandem load of metal, and 1 tandem load of wood and various other objects.

On Saturday April 24, the Town of Halton Hills held its 10th Annual Earth Day event at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, and what a success it was!

We sold over 1000 trees, 200 cubic yards of compost was available and collected 690 lbs in food donations and $1110.92 in monetary funds, which we will split equally, between the Acton and Georgetown food banks. In addition, residents who visited the Environmental Displays also donated to our local food banks, providing a grand total of 970 lbs in food and $1200 in donations.

The Town of Halton Hills also wishes to thank the community groups who volunteered their time at the Environmental Displays in the Georgetown Marketplace and Devereaux House and made these events so successful.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the generous support from our many community sponsors, including, Tim Horton's, Superior Glove, McDonalds, Metro Supermarket, Great Canadian Superstore, Union Gas and the Region of Halton. 50

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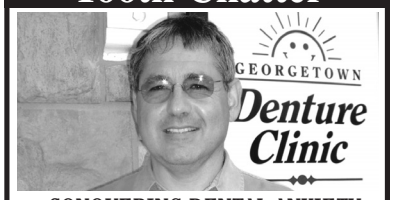

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*Take a friend or spouse along for moral support.

*Ask questions. If you're apprehensive about a particular procedure. Knowing what's going to happen and how long it will take should ease your mind and make you feel more comfortable.

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