

# Entertainment



## Avalon is terrific family drama

### Hollywood Beat

By DAVID GIAMMARCO

You know it's autumn because all the really good films are finally being released. Why such an onslaught of deep, meaningful films within such a short digestion span of only three months? Mainly because they only have until the end of December to be eligible for next year's Oscars and as we all know, voting Academy members can't remember anything before the month of September of any given year.

And *Avalon* is one of those films that has Oscar written all over it.

Academy Award winning director Barry Levinson, who has brought us *Diner*, *Good Morning Vietnam* and *Rainman*, spins the semi-autobiographical tale of a tight-knit immigrant family taking roots in America and the eventual disintegration that follows.

Armin Mueller-Stahl plays Sam Krichinsky, the patriarch who arrives in Baltimore in 1914, eventually settling in a cozy neighborhood called Avalon. Together with his brothers, they work hard and bring over the rest of their families, each one eventually marrying and creating one

big extended family. Offspring include Aidan Quinn and Kevin Pollack as cousins who form a department store partnership and soon become Baltimore's premier entrepreneurs. And while the families grow and prosper, the individuals lose touch and the decades old customs and family rituals disappear.

Now I must admit that in the first few minutes of *Avalon* I was agitated at the thought of sitting through another director's

attempts at making spiritual amends by filming his family's life story in hopes of some cathartic redemption. But my thoughts ran astray when I became completely engrossed in *Avalon*. It's a truly delightful story, expertly translated to film by Levinson, that is both touching and humorous and never pretentious. Everyone can identify with this film. The cast, which aren't exactly household names, are absolutely terrific in their roles, though at times it does get a trifle melodramatic. Nonetheless, *Avalon* is a very enjoyable film that deserves an audience.

Out of ten, *Avalon* rates a seven.

## "Flying Fathers" visit Milton

Known to many as the "Harlem Globetrotters on Ice," the Canadian Flying Fathers will be entertaining Miltonians with their notorious hockey skills, on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Thompson Arena.

The Ontario-based Flying Fathers have been praying and playing together since 1963. They have raised over \$3 million towards charities around the world and their audiences have extended beyond the realms of hockey arenas to include such noteworthy TV shows as *Real People*, *That's Life*, *Front Page Challenge*, and even *Ripley's*

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Mike Kelly, an organizer of the Milton game and a teacher at Bishop Reding Secondary School, is pulling together a local team to defend Milton's good name to include teachers and well-known Miltonians. "It should be an ideal time for families and students to come out and watch some fun. These priests are no angels!" Pie-throwing, slap-stick humor is all part of the Flying Fathers' antics on ice.

Tickets can be purchased at The Fitness Technique, located at 190A Main Street and at Jack Fraser's in Milton Mall, or by calling 878-8622 or 878-1220.

## Brampton Symphony begins fourth season

Saturday, Oct. 27 marks the start of the Brampton Symphony Orchestra's fourth season of live concert performances.

Opening at the Heritage Theatre at 8 p.m., the first concert is a family occasion featuring a variety of classical and contemporary "pops" music.

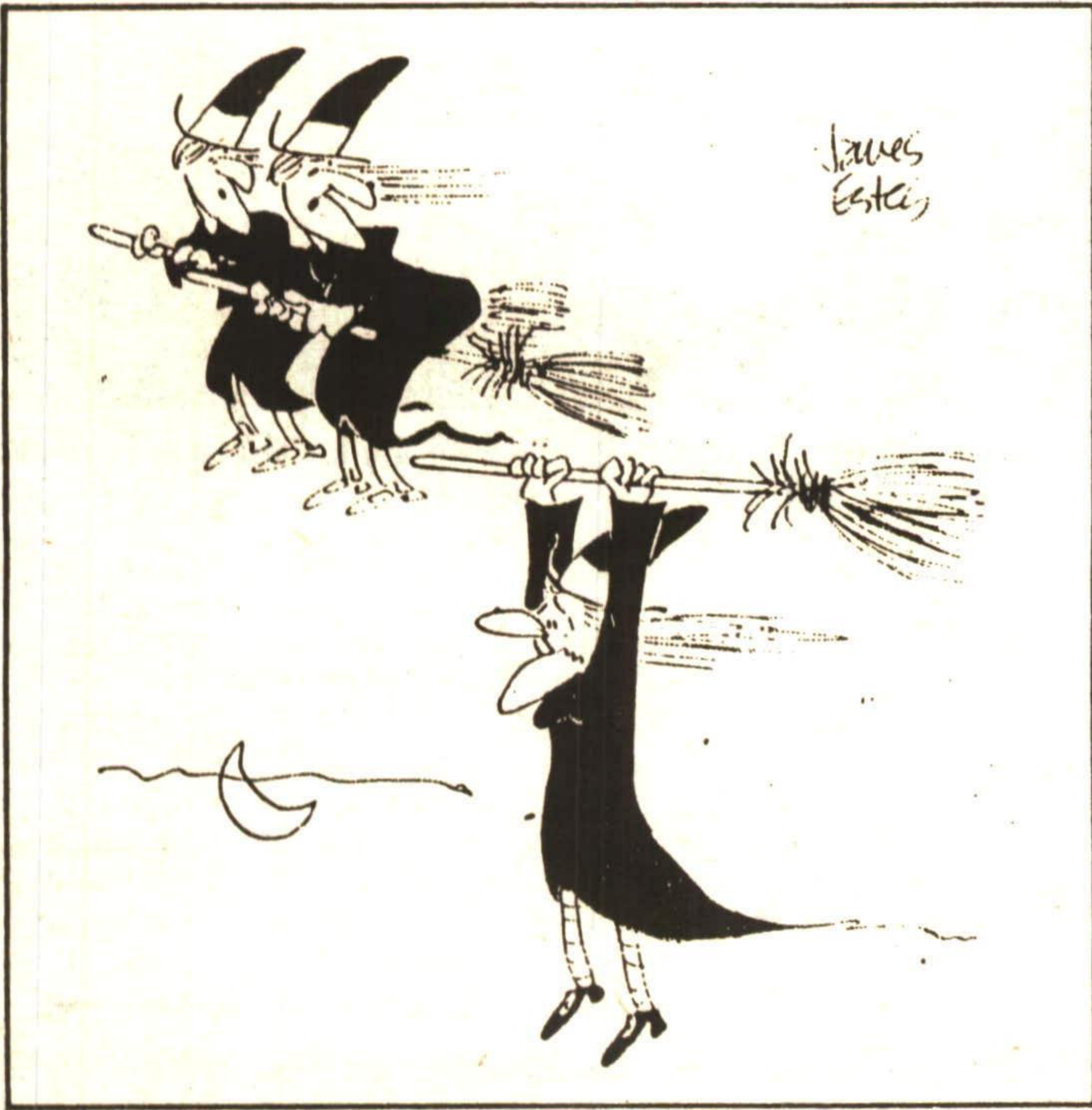
Under the musical direction of Andrew Rosbicki, the Brampton Symphony has grown into a fine musical ensemble with a unique blend of professional and community musicians.

The October concert will present spirited renditions of Bach, the Beatles and more with guest

soloist John Cowell on the trumpet.

The first concert of the season is sponsored by Canmar General Construction Ltd. It is the generous contributions of sponsors such as Canmar, the dedication of the musicians to their craft and, of course, the interest and support of the people who attend the concerts that allow us to add a beautiful new cultural dimension to a great city.

Tickets (\$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students) can be purchased at the Heritage Theatre or by calling the theatre at 454-4600.



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### Palette and Pencil

The Palette and Pencil Club invites you to attend a sale at St. George's Church Hall, Guelph St. Georgetown from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 20. Admission is free.

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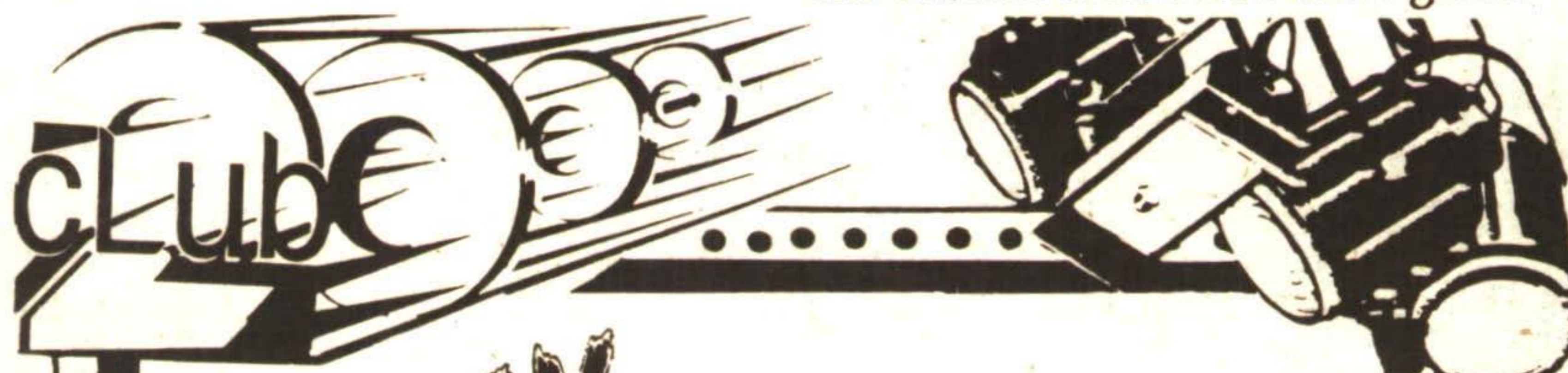
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