

Starts this weekend

Globe's Show Stoppers is a family affair

By **LOIS FRASER**

Georgetown Globe Productions

Globe Productions is back at the Acton Town Hall from March 1 to 9 with another great Broadway show, called Show Stoppers.

It features songs such as *Skid Row (Little Shop of Horrors)*, *All That Jazz (Chicago)*, *Defying Gravity (Wicked)*, *This Is The Moment (Jekyll & Hyde)*, *I Dreamed a Dream (Les Miz)* and the title songs from *Cabaret*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Phantom*. The show is a compilation of 32 songs from 32 different Broadway productions—the best of the best!

Show Stoppers features the talents of 20 singers, including Matt Willis and Craig Marshall, who provide a lot of comic relief in the show along with their great vocals.

Craig has performed in over 35 shows, his first at age 18. He says "I grew up with Globe" and while he performs with other groups, Globe is his home team. While his strength is comedic roles, Craig enjoys sinking his



MATT WILLIS (LEFT) AND CRAIG MARSHALL

teeth into challenging dramatic roles....something with an inner story.

Raised in Georgetown, he is a Sheridan Musical Theatre grad, who sings and dances along with his sisters Shannon and Jen. Since Jen is the choreographer of Show Stoppers, we asked Craig if he minds reporting to his younger sister. He grinned and said "I don't mind a bit. She has great ideas!"

So much for sibling rivalry!

Incredibly, Craig finished a show last weekend and as soon as Show Stoppers closes on March 9th, he is off to perform the role of Shrek in Orangeville.

Matt Willis is another enthusiastic member of Globe. Following in the footsteps of his Mom, Marilyn, and brother Mike, Matt joined the stage at age 12. While he is a self-taught dancer (wait until you see his tap moves!), Matt studied acting at Humber College.

Matt is only 25, but he has been part of many shows...over 20 in Globe alone. Last year, he directed *Annie* for Globe's Youth Company, which was ironically the first show he performed in at Globe. Look for Matt at the Rose Theatre this summer in their production of *Twelve Angry Men*.

Show Stoppers runs March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 at 8 p.m., with matinees on March 3, 9 at 2 p.m.

All tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from cast members, at Acton Home Hardware or at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office (online at haltonhills.ca/theatre or call 905-877-3700).

Bach Chorale gets romantic for its latest offering, Mar. 3

By **RON GREIDANUS**

Georgetown Bach Chorale

As the cold winter lingers, concert-goers can warm to the romantic theme of the Georgetown Bach Chorale's presentation, *Relics of the Romantic Era*, this coming Sunday (March 3).

The concert features gems for voice and piano from the 18th and 19th centuries. The lush sounds of the rarely heard German composer Max Reger will be featured, as will two a capella pieces—John Tavener's *As One Who has Slept* and Arvo Part's *I am the True Vine*. These haunting choral pieces are among those that the choir will present at the prestigious Festival 500 in Newfoundland in this coming July.

Guest pianist, Matthew Pope, will play Beethoven's *Sonata in E major* and Chopin's *Scherzo in B minor*. Pope, a Georgetown resident and former student of the Chorale's artistic director, Ron Greidanus, is currently completing his fourth year in piano performance at the University of Western Ontario. He has also attended a Masters' course in France under the tutelage of French piano expert Jean-Paul Sevilla.

Pope is a gifted performer with both solo piano and orchestral experience. He is a familiar face in the Georgetown Bach Chorale, both in the choir and moving subtly through the orchestra to play organ, harpsichord and timpani.

Director of the Bach Chorale and concert pianist, Ron Greidanus, will once again showcase his memory and flawless technique playing Alexander Scriabin's electrifying *Sonata in F sharp major*.

The concert will conclude with the Chorale singing



MATTHEW POPE

Brahms' charming *Neue Liebeslieder (New Love Songs)* accompanied by both Greidanus and Pope.

The concert, *Relics of the Romantic Era*, takes place at 8 p.m. in the Norval United Church, 486 Guelph St., Georgetown. Tickets \$30 (students \$10) may be purchased at the door or in advance at FoodStuffs, 89 Main St., Georgetown and Pat's Prime Cuts and Deli in Georgetown South.

Come be part of this luscious end of winter concert and feel the warmer breezes of spring just around the corner!

Local teens to perform at Sketch Comedy Festival

This year's Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival is approaching quickly, and performing next to professional adult comedy troupes from across North America will be The Hooligans, a small group comprised of local Georgetown and Brampton high school students.

Among them are Georgetown District High School's very own Dylan Hamilton and Scott Taylor.

"Scott and I are very excited to be performing in Sketch Fest this year and we can't wait to see some Georgetown faces in the audience!" said Hamilton. "Scott and I love sketch comedy



DYLAN HAMILTON (LEFT) AND SCOTT TAYLOR

because we both agree that there is nothing better than making people laugh, and what better way than through sketches?"

They will perform on Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m. in the Lower Ossington Theatre, Toronto and again on Wednesday, March 13, 8 p.m. at the Lower Ossington Theatre. For tickets visit www.torontosketchfest.com

The Hooligans are set to be the youngest troupe to attend the festival this year—a feat they matched in the 2011 Sketch-Com-Ageddon, winning the festival.

They have performed at The Comedy Bar, Young People's Theater, and Second City Toronto. The troupe was only one of 42 chosen for Sketch-Fest out of more than 100 applicants.

Get your teeth into a Murder Mystery Dinner

The Optimists Dinner Theatre is hosting a Murder-Mystery Dinner at the Halton Hills Optimists Hall on Saturday, March 30. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m, dinner (roast beef), 7 p.m.



The audience are the detectives. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and mayhem. Price: \$45. Tickets at Bergsma's Paint & Wallpaper. Info: Nancy Downes, 905-873-1709, cndownes@sympatico.ca; Peter Welling, 905-877-4154 pwelling@cogeco.ca.

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