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## Local film producer honoured at prestigious Italian festival

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

The Czech Republic critics raved about it, Italy responded positively and New York's Variety magazine dedicated pages to it.

But Canada, with the exception of Montreal, didn't pay any attention to it.

Acton High School graduate David Marcoux recently returned to his Toronto apartment after venturing to Torino, Italy, where his movie *Lilly* was shown at the prestigious Cinema Giovanni — The 11th International Film Festival.

"I had good exposure and a lot of fun," says Marcoux, whose latest project took two years to complete. "It's definitely fulfilling that people want to see your work and appreciate it, especially people so far away from here who don't even know you."

"A different community willing to appreciate your work gives you a good feeling about what you are doing."

*Lilly*, the 35-year-old Marcoux's fourth project in 10 years, actually stems from a novel the Acton native wrote "for fun, because I couldn't make any money." The story revolves around a girl who learns about a man whose body was found floating in the pools at High Park in Toronto.

She claims this man was her lover, and when she goes to the police to retrieve the body for proper burial, she becomes implicated in the murder via misinterpreted clues.

"This was my biggest project yet and the most challenging," Marcoux concedes, "but in Canada, no one wanted to see the film. It's quite amazing, but you know Canada. The Italians have a tradition of great cinema."

The international festival in Torino is devoted to new cinema, and showed only two English films.

Marcoux is attending a one-year teacher's college program at the University of Toronto to obtain his Bachelor of Education degree. His film was screened in New York with other English films.

*Lilly* was then chosen to be shown at the festival.

Marcoux's first project, in 1983, was a black and white film titled *A Rented House*. At the time, Marcoux was finishing his Masters of Visual Arts at York. The film won major awards from the Montréal student film festival.

Another great experience in film for Marcoux was the opportunity to be part of an action-film, shot in Central America.

"It was totally different than anything I've ever done. It was action-packed and so commercial," Marcoux remarks. "We built a barge so we could blow it up."

Ironically, Marcoux relishes that type of film.

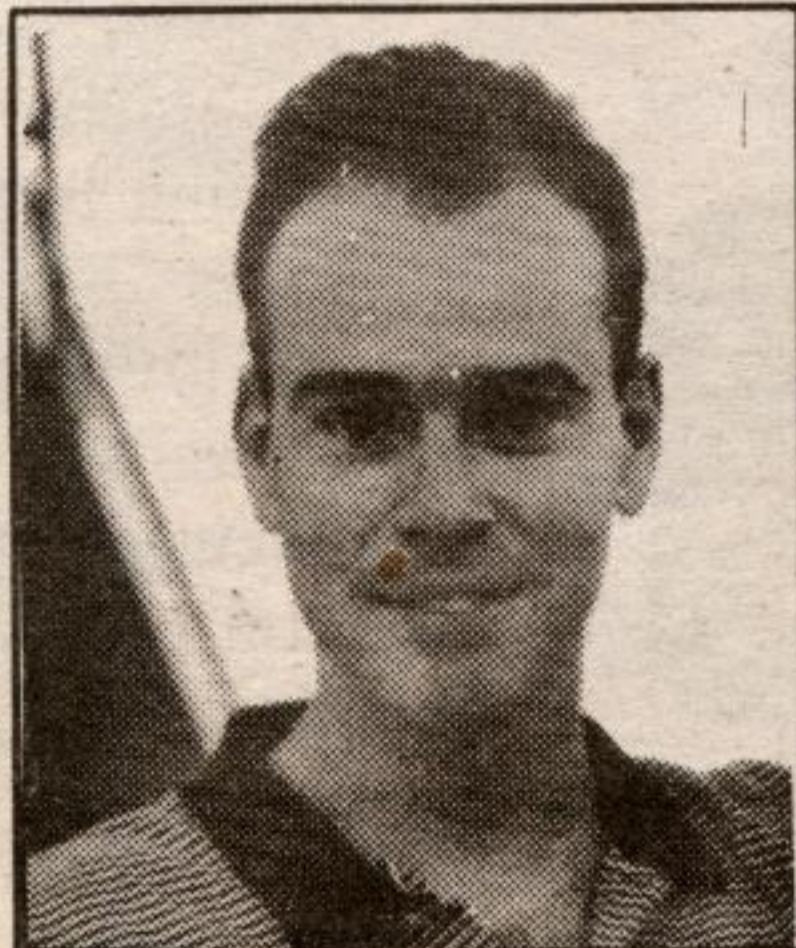
"*Lilly* was at the totally opposite end of the spectrum — kind of experimental, introspective," he said, but later admitted that action flicks "are really what I'm into."

Film in general has interested Marcoux all his life.

"I've always been fascinated by film and I don't know why," he says. "It's fun, I don't think it's work really."

"I enjoy independent projects where I have total control. It gives me an opportunity to do a lot of work and it's meaningful. I like to share my life and skills with other people."

Marcoux's parents, Frances and Jean, live on Tidey Avenue in town.



DAVID MARCOUX

## Christian unity service Jan. 30

Eight Acton area churches will not be worshipping in their own buildings the morning of Jan. 30. Instead their congregations are joining together for a Service of Christian Unity to be held in the Acton Legion Hall. The service will be held at 10:30 am.

Sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association, this service is intended to bring Christians in Acton closer together.

"We wish to lay aside our differences and celebrate our oneness as Christian people. Christ is about unity, not disunity," states the Reverend Andrew Asbil, rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church.

This special worship service concludes the Week of Christian Unity, celebrated by Christians around the world.

The eight churches that are participating will not be holding regular morning services, but rather invite their members and guests to participate in this combined service. St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton Baptist Church, Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Churchill Community Church, Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Knox Presbyterian Church, the

Salvation Army and Trinity United Church will all be participating in this unique service.

The speaker for the service will be the Reverend Mariano Di Gangi. He is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary; served Presbyterian pastorates in Montréal, Hamilton, Toronto and Philadelphia and is a past president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. He has written several books and recently returned from a preaching mission in Italy where he had a hand in beginning five new churches. His message will be entitled "Meet Me At Calvary," reflecting the central work of Jesus Christ in all Christian unity.

The Divisional Youth Band of the Salvation Army will be participating in the service as well as a mass choir comprised of members of the various churches.

In order to encourage younger families to participate, there will be both adult staffed nursery facilities and an exciting children's program.

In the words of Reverend Claude West, the pastor of Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, "this serv-

ice will bring the Christian community of our town together in a way that has never been done before in Acton."



### Cinema Listings

41 Quebec St. Downtown Guelph 821-9271

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

7pm: M Butterfly (AA)  
9:15: Picnic at Hanging Rock (AA)

#### Thursday, Jan. 20

7pm: Claire of the Moon (R)  
9pm: An Angel at My Table (AA)

#### Friday, Jan. 21

7pm: The Secret Garden (F)  
9:15: The Joy Luck Club (AA)

#### Saturday, Jan. 22

1:30: The Secret Garden (F)  
7pm: The Joy Luck Club (AA)  
9:30: Baraka (PG)

#### Sunday, Jan. 23

1:30: The Secret Garden (F)  
6:45: The Joy Luck Club (AA)  
9:15: Baraka (PG)

#### Mon. & Tues., Jan. 24 & 25

6:45: The Joy Luck Club (AA)  
9:15: Baraka (PG)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

**To Jan. 21, Monday to Friday — 9 am to 5 pm:** "Purely Pastels" Ontario group of pastel painters are holding their second Annual Open Juried Show at the Oakville Municipal Building, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville. For more information call Ursula Reese, Campbellville, 905-854-0887.

**Jan. 22, Saturday — Pee Wee Hockey Team Bottle Drive.** Please help support our teams with your returnable bottles.

**Jan. 23, Sunday — 1:30 pm to 4 pm:** A Robbie Burns Ceilidh at the Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin St. S. Scottish refreshments, Scottish dance and entertainment, kids' craft table and activity area. Free admission. For more information call 836-1221.

**Jan. 24, 26, Monday and Wednesday — 6:30 to 9:30 pm:** First Aid course. For more information call Yvonne Essiembre at 853-4889.

**Jan. 28, Friday — 8 pm:** The Second City Touring Company is coming to Georgetown to perform their irreverent comedy show. No subject is taboo, every politician is fair game. Tickets are \$15 each. Call Maureen Walker at 877-4323 for more information.

**Jan. 29, Saturday — 10 am:** The Acton Agricultural Society will be holding its annual meeting in the hall of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. The meeting will be followed by lunch and the election of officers. New members are welcome.

**Jan. 30, Sunday — 10:30 am:** Christians from eight congregations in Acton will be worshipping together in a combined community worship service, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Acton. The speaker will be the Rev. Mariano DiGangi, a renowned preacher who has spoken in various settings around the world. A mass choir, as well as the Divisional Youth Band of the Salvation Army will be leading the singing. There will be a special program for children, and a nursery for the younger ones. Everyone is welcome to come. Participating churches are: St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton Baptist Church, Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Churchill Community Church, Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Knox Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army and Trinity United Church. This "Service of Christian Unity" is sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association, and will take the place of regular morning services.

**Jan. 30, Sunday — 2 pm:** The Col. John McCrae Memorial Lecture at the Guelph Branch, 919 York Road. "The Sharpe End: The Canadian Soldier In Normandy." An exciting lecture given by a renowned historian, Professor Terry Copp. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 836-1221.

**Feb. 5, 12, Saturdays — 8:30 am to 4:30 pm:** Red Cross is offering its standard First Aid/CPR Course at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. The cost is \$80. For registration information contact the Red Cross 877-5233.

**Feb. 15, Tuesday — 6 pm:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the Church of St. Alban, the Martyr, 19 St. Alban's Dr., Acton.

**Mar. 5, Saturday — 6:30 pm:** Any past or present Junior Farmer members or friends, please keep this date open for the Halton Junior Farmer's 60th Anniversary Banquet and Dance being held at the Lion's Hall, Thompson Arena, Milton. For more information call Sandi Brander 905-877-1505, Julie Wilkinson 905-876-3513 or Pat Wagner 905-257-0528.

**Mar. 25 and 26, Friday and Saturday — 5 to 9 pm (Friday), 10 am to 5 pm (Saturday):** "Open House, Open Heart: Celebrating Our Community Family," a community organization showcase at the Georgetown Market Place Mall. Organizations interested in this opportunity to present themselves to the community are asked to call Joy Thompson at the Halton Hills Rec. and Parks Department, 873-2600, ext. 263.

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