

Dickens comes to life at St. John's Anglican Church

CBC to broadcast *A Christmas Carol* from Burlington church

By ANN KORNUA

Charles Dickens wrote his masterpiece *A Christmas Carol* over a century ago. St. John's Anglican Church in partnership with CBC radio is proud to present their dramatic reading of this holiday classic where all funds will go directly to Habitat of Humanity Halton. This reading will take place at St. John's located at 2464 Dundas in Burlington on December 3 and 4 starting at 7:30 pm.

Rev. Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher, who has been with St. John's for the past ten years, is the woman responsible for bringing this classic to life for residents of Halton. "Every year people come up to me and tell me it's just not Christmas without this event," she said. For nine years, this event has been delighting adults from all walks of life, inspiring the charity in their hearts with the dramatic reading. "I was driving home one winter in the middle of a stormy winter night listening to the CBC's reading of *A Christmas Carol*. They mentioned their fundraising program where they will come out to churches and read for an audience and when I got home I contacted the CBC right away about doing it," Rev Edgeworth-Pitcher said.

In the past, guest speakers from the CBC included Jowi Taylor and Jeff Good from the *Fresh Air* program as well as Cathy Wagner from CH Television. This year's reading has guest speakers Mayor of Burlington Rob MacIsaac and Jill Dempsey from CBC on the Saturday performance and Jowi Taylor from CBC on the Sunday. All readers are dressed in period costume adding to the effectiveness of the performance. "One of the nice things about this reading is that so many adults haven't been read to in a long time and they get these performances from great speakers in a historic church setting," Rev Vicki notes.

Musical guests for both performances will be provided by the Ars Antique Choir under direction from David Davis and treats of sugarplums and other festive snacks will be available to fill your appetite. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available in advance at St. John's Anglican Church by calling 905-336-5164 and Habitat for Humanity Halton located at 1800 Appleby Line, 905-637-4446.

Come out and keep the spirit behind Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol* alive and support Habitat for Humanity Halton.

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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN HALTON

Play Review ~ *City of Angels*

By ELAINE THOMAS

There were many characters but considerably fewer actors, as most of the cast assumed more than one role for the Georgetown Globe's Production *City of Angels*.

The play is a spoof of 1940's style detective movies, starring male leads Mark Llewellyn in the part of Stone, a fictional private eye, and Pat McManus portraying Stine, the author who creates him. The action goes back and forth from Stine's real life to that of his characters, whom he is in the process of writing throughout the show.

Set changes were almost unnoticeably smooth and costume changes were lightening fast, as the chameleon-like actors switched from character to character. For the audience, seeing the same face as two different people emphasized the point that characters in a play are often based on actual people who make an impression on an author's life.

There is an amazing amount of talent in Georgetown and surrounding area,

and the Globe took on a project of immense proportions with *City of Angels*. Artistic director Craig Marshall and music director Kelly Baker, along with choreographer Diane Spence and producers Jane Adair, Melissa Fischer, Jen Marshall and Heather Sanderson orchestrated the production to near perfection.

Stand out performances were given by female leads Cheyenne Harvey in the roles of Miss Oolie and Donna, and by Sonia Kats, playing Bobbi and Gabby. The talented Neil Salinas stole every scene he was in, as he portrayed both Lieutenant Munoz and Pancho Vargas. The accompanying orchestra and the vocal talent of the 40's inspired Angel City Five added to the atmosphere and enjoyment.

Georgetown Globe Productions *City of Angels* continues this weekend with performances Friday November 26 and Saturday November 27 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are available by calling the box office at 905 877-3700.



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Matt Willis (left) Mark Llewellyn and Pat Tunney rehearse their parts as the two thugs and Detective Stone for Georgetown Globe Productions' *City of Angels*.

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Top 10 Rentals

This week's Top Ten Movie Rentals brought to you by

1. Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban
2. The Terminal
3. Elf
4. The Chronicles of Riddick
5. The Clearing
6. The Stepford Wives
7. Shrek 2
8. White Chicks
9. The Day After Tomorrow
10. Van Helsing

New Releases

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson
While Harry Potter attends his third year at Hogwarts, a convicted murderer named Sirius Black escapes the Wizard's Prison -Azkaban- and plans on going after Harry.

rated: PG for some scary and tense moments

The Terminal

starring: Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Stanley Tucci

"The Terminal" tells the story of Viktor Navorski, a visitor to New York from Eastern Europe, whose homeland erupts in a fiery coup while he is in the air en route to America. Stranded at Kennedy airport with a passport from nowhere, he is unauthorized to actually enter the United States and must improvise his days and nights in the terminal's international lounge until the war at home is over. As the weeks and months stretch on, Viktor finds the compressed universe of the terminal to be a richly complex world of absurdity, generosity, ambition, amusement, status, serendipity, and even romance with a beautiful flight attendant named Amelia. But Viktor has long worn out his welcome with airport official Frank Dixon, who considers him a bureaucratic glitch, a problem he cannot control but wants desperately to erase.

rated PG for some sexually related dialogue and minor scenes of violence/scariness