

ENTERTAINMENT

Second City returning to town

Arts Alive is presenting The Second City National Touring Company, Friday, February 3rd at John Elliott Theatre.

The Second City specializes in improvisational comedy. Using few props and costumes, the ensemble of 5 to 7 actors creates a wide variety of slice of life environment lampooning our modern lives (political, social and cultural). Improvising on suggestions from the audience during the "improv" sets after the show has been a favourite of Georgetown audiences during past shows.

The year 1959 marked the birth of The Second City in Chicago, Illinois and the beginning of a com-

edy in North America. The Second City quickly won over audiences and critics, coming to Canada in 1973. They set up in a century old firehall in downtown Toronto.

Thirty-six successful revues later, The Second City in Toronto now boasts a respected resident National Touring Company, and Improvisational Training Centre.

As The Second City's profile grew, cast members began to move on to other careers in film and television. In order to replenish the supply of qualified talent, the National Touring Company was formed, using some of the graduates from the Training Centre program held

at The Second City. A proven success, the Touring Company has provided an invaluable source of talent, as well as succeeding in its own right; touring communities, resorts, conventions and universities from coast to coast for over 17 years.

The Touring Company presents "The Best of The Second City", a 90 minute program in two acts featuring scenes from recent revues and from the 35 year history of The Second City. At the conclusion of the second act, the cast returns for 30 minutes of improvised scenes from the audience's suggestions.

The Second City National Touring Company performance is always guaranteed to appeal to everyone and provides the audience with an opportunity to see the young Second City stars of the future. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Royal LePage, 170 Guelph Street and at the Halton Hills Library.



Members of the Second City National Touring Company (from left) Albert W. Howell, stage manager Jennifer Stobart, Tamara Bick, Teresa Pavlinek, Rick Wharton, Jack Mosshammer and Carolyn Meehan will take to the stage as Arts Alive presents the show at John Elliott Theatre, Feb. 3.



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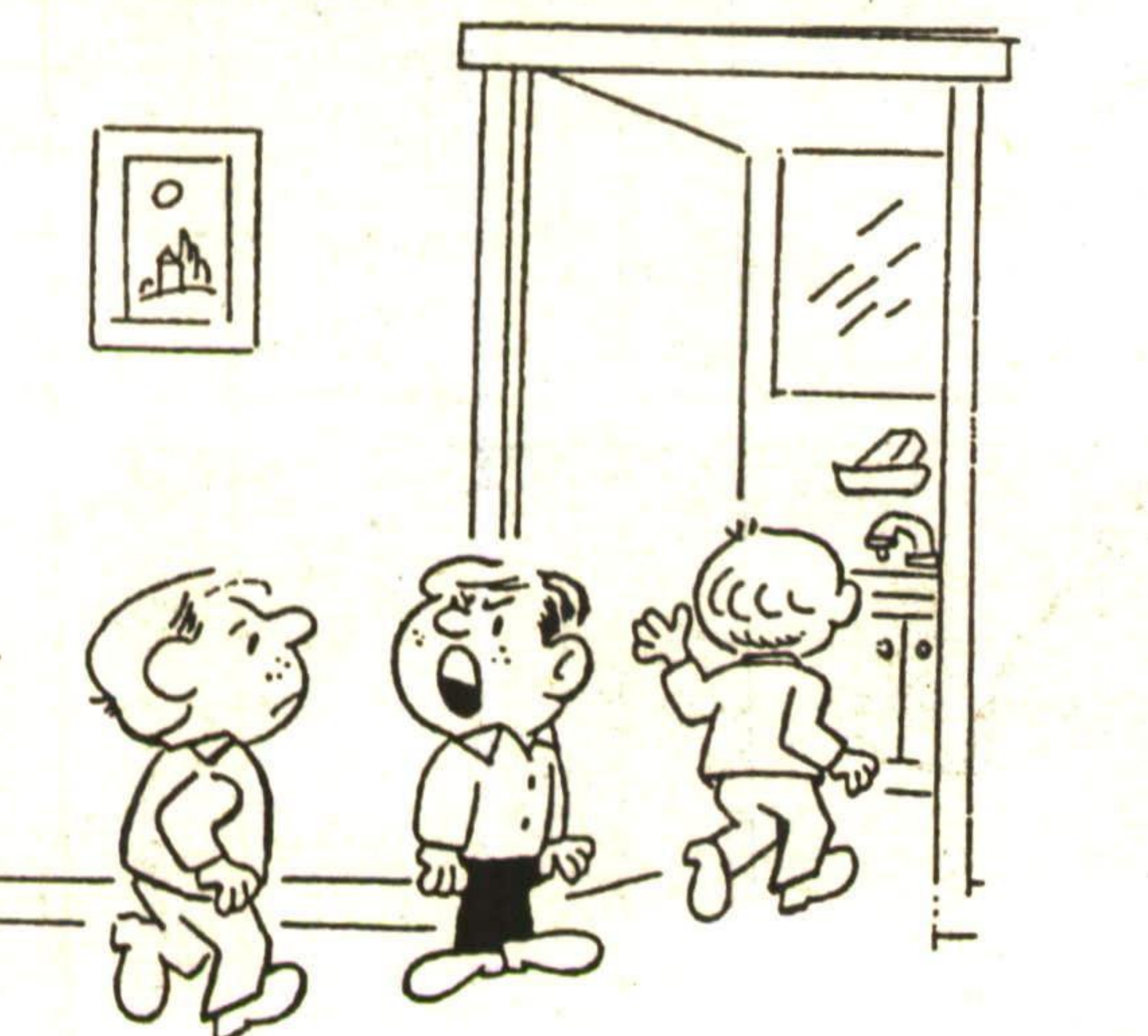


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