

Acton puppeteers perform Three Wise Men and a Baby

Do you remember the movie called Three Men and a Baby, a story about the life-changing impact that a young baby brought to the lives of three bachelors?

Well, Acton's own Hands Up Puppeteers are back this year, with their Christmas 1996 production of Three Wise Men and a Baby, which tells the story of the birth of a most precious baby.

"Jesus Christ has influenced more people than any human being, and this show tells the simple but powerful story of the first Christmas," explains Rev. Tom Cullen of Acton Baptist Church.

"We all remember the stories about Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men. But the real nugget is the gift of forgiveness and freedom offered to mankind through the birth of the Lord Jesus," said Rev. Cullen. "The joy and celebration surrounding that little child in the stable reminds us that we can have joy amidst our pain and adversity."

Derek Lambert, a five-year veteran of the team, took the initiative to direct this production.

"This show features lively music and excellent puppetry, combined with black light theatrical effect,"

said Lambert. "We are very fortunate to have several veterans returning to provide leadership to the new team members."

Rachel Andrews is in her third year with the team, and enjoys puppeting because "I love children, and I enjoy the way that the puppet show puts a smile on their faces. Children of all ages will enjoy this show. Adults will also enjoy the humorous script."

Over the last few years, the Hands Up Puppeteers have produced many Christmas and spring musicals, using "muppet" like puppets, including many puppets designed and created specifically for the team. They come off a busy year, recently performing shows in Ottawa, Peterborough and making several cable-TV productions.

The Hands Up Puppeteers present Three Wise Men and a Baby on December 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. nightly. A special matinee is being added on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, students and seniors, and a special family price of \$5. Acton Baptist Church is at 80 Mill Street E.

Call Rev. Cullen at 853-0690 for more information.



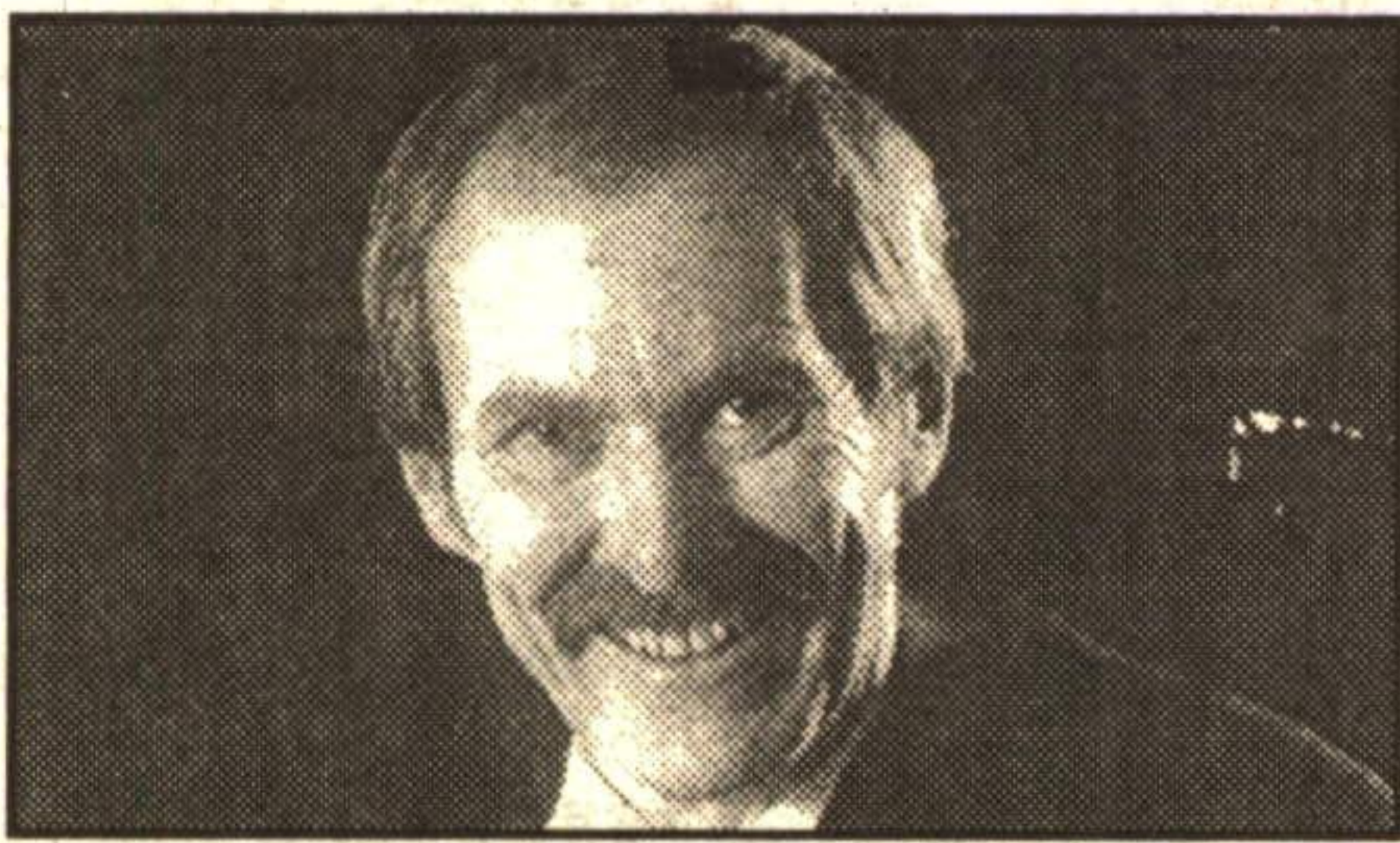
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Dear Santa
I would like. 1. Gymnastics Stacie 2. Come Here Puppy 3. Lego For Christmas this year.
Thank-you Jordan Dermo

Dear Jordan
Thank you for your letter. Your printing is very good. I'm sure you have been very good this year. Don't forget to leave me a snack and a carrot for Rudolph. I'm sure you'll like what the elves made for you this year.
Love Santa

Dear Santa
My name is Sabrina and I am three years old. Thank you for the presents you left for me last year. I try to be a good girl most of the time and my mummy says I always make her feel happy. This year I'm going to try very hard to be brave and have my picture taken with you. (But I can't promise that!) I did wave to you though, at the Santa Claus parade. I would like Bathtime Fun Kelly for Christmas. I have a wonderful brother named David and he has been good too. (Except sometimes he doesn't like to do his homework!) He would like a game for his game gear.
We will leave you some milk and cookies out and a carrot for Rudolph.
Lots of love Sabrina

Dear Sabrina
I saw you waving at the parade!! I'm happy that you make your mommy happy. It is nice of you to remind me of your brother David. Please be brave and come get your picture taken with me. I'm sure Santa will bring something nice for you and David. Rudolph is looking forward to a nice carrot!!!
Love Santa

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