

# Entertainment

## Local residents seek support to start professional theatre company

Calling it a potential money-maker for the town, a group of Halton Hills residents are seeking support to establish a professional theatre repertory company here.

"We have probably the best small theatre in any small town in Canada," said Jo Phenix, one of the organizers, "and it's sitting empty for much of the year

and costing the town money." Phenix and a group of local volunteers, under the directorship of Jack Crisp who ran a similar group in Montreal successfully for 18 years, want to start Jack Crisp Productions.

Repertory theatre is a permanent group of professional actors, directors and stagehands whose full-time job is to produce a series of shows throughout the

year. The Crisp company hopes to produce five shows in 1999, and if successful, to eventually increase that to at least eight shows per year, said Phenix. The first show will be scheduled for the end of January and shows will be spaced two months apart until October. There will be a heavy emphasis on comedy, but mainly "tried and true" audi-

ence pleasers will be produced, said Phenix.

However, a decision to go ahead with the company must be made by the middle of November.

"I think we can make this into a self-supporting proposition, but it does need help to get it started," she said.

Most of the money will be raised through corporate spon-


sorship and the rest through an aggressive marketing of tickets. So far the search for sponsors, she said, has been good, but more are needed.

Phenix, a volunteer at the Theatre on the Grand in Fergus said she "has seen what professional theatre can do for a small town."

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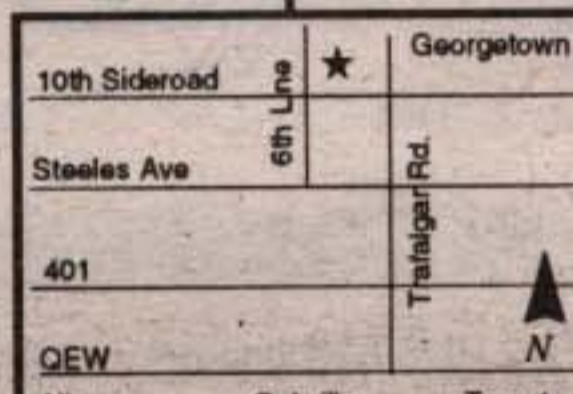
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