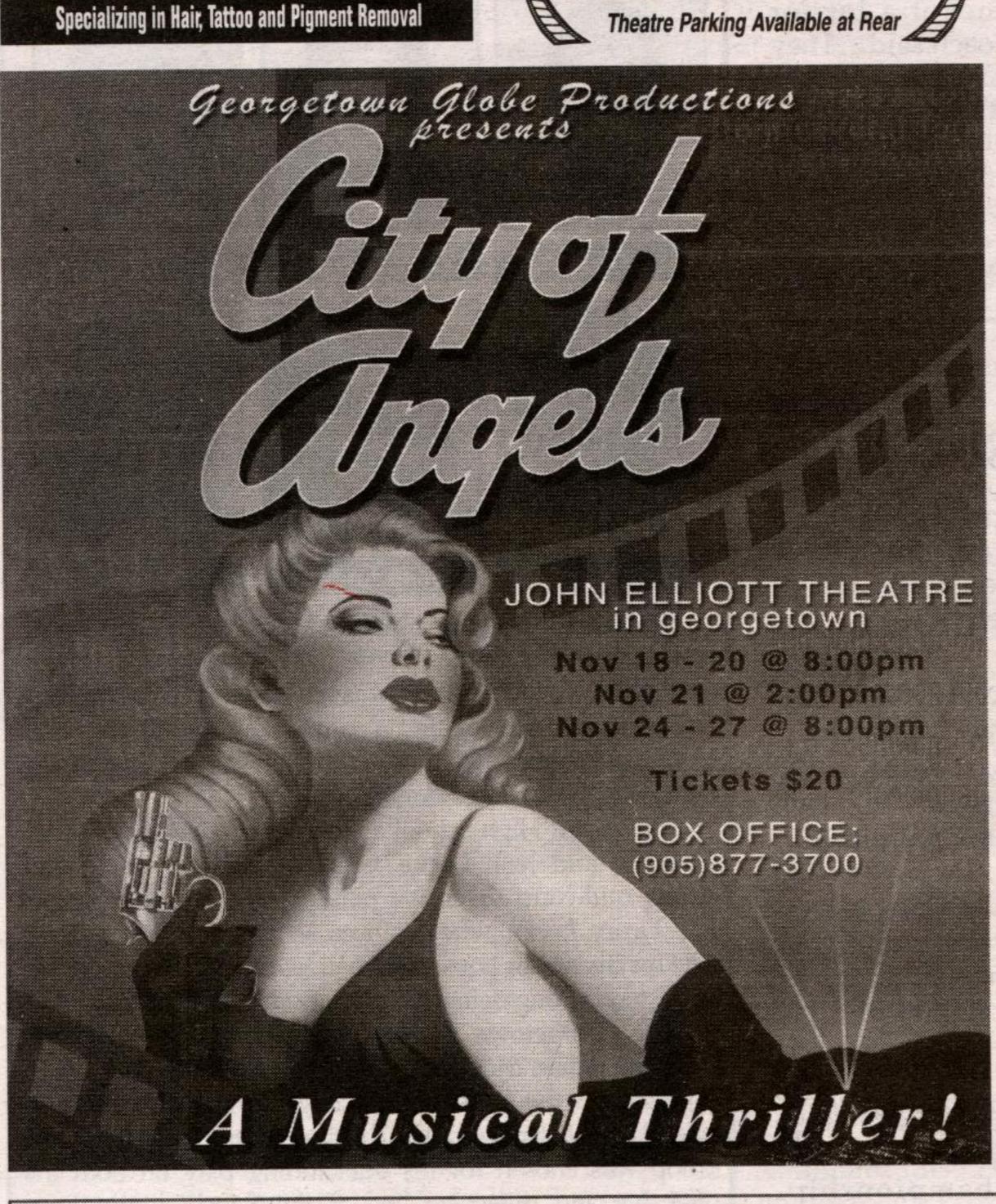


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Author Eric Wilson to headline annual Children's Book Festival

Tome and celebrate Canadian children's literature on Nov. 7. Families, teachers, kids of all ages and everyone is welcome to come and meet some favourite children's authors at the Milton District High School, between noon and 4:30 p.m.

The event celebrates Canadian Children's Book Week.

Wilson, creator of the Liz and Tom Austen mystery series for children, will highlight the festival. With a stated mission of inspiring a love of reading, especially in boys, Wilson has created a mystery series that encourages an understanding of the history, geography and values of this country.

Other participants include illustrators Karen Reczuch of Acton and Janet Wilson of Eden Mills, and writers Roy MacGregor, Judy Ann Sadler, Sylvia McNicoll and Adwoa Badoe.

Reczuch has illustrated several children's picture books, including The Auction by Jan Andrew which won her a nomination for a Governor General's Award in 1991. Her recent work includes The Story of Life on Earth, which is a nonfiction title by Margaret Munro, and Ghost Cat.

Janet Wilson of Eden Mills has received many accolades for her artwork and her recent book work include Robert Munsch's Lighthouse.

Badoe is a Ghanaian author, teacher and storyteller who lives in Guelph. Her stories have an African flavour, and her presentations include rhythm, chants and call and response.



ERIC WILSON

MacGregor, a columnist for The Globe & Mail, writes the extremely popular Screech Owl series as well as hockey mysteries for children. In addition he has written A Loonie for Luck, which tells the story of an Edmonton icemaker's exploits during the 2002 winter Olympics. McNicoll was the winner

of the 1996 Silver Birch Children's Choice Award for Bringing Up Beauty and has more than 20 other books published. Her most recent book, the sequel A Different Kind of Beauty, has just been nominated for the Red Maple Award.

Sadler's picture book, Sandwiches for Duke, explores the relationship between humans and their canine friends. She also writes a column for Today's Parent magazine and she has published a very successful series of craft books for children.

Younger children will enjoy the antics of Applefun Puppetry, the music of Turkey Rhubarb and the chance to meet Franklin the Turtle.

There will be face painting, snacks and vendors. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children, and available at Milton Public Library, and both branches of Halton Hills Public Library. For more information, visit http://bookfestival.mpl.on.ca or call 905-875-2665.



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