

Entertainment

Six-member cast stands out in GLT play, *The Dining Room*

While the dining room might becoming a little outdated by some present day standards, the room was centre stage in Georgetown Little Theatre's production, *The Dining Room*, which opened Thursday night at John Elliott Theatre.

This production is somewhat unique for GLT, featuring a cast of six actors who take on 49 characters, in 18 separate, unrelated vignettes, the only common thread in all of them being the fact they all take place in the dining room.

The vignettes date from the 1930s to present and depict and comment on a number of social, political and moral issues.

The cast consists of Jill

Mulholland, John Day, Kevin Liley, Linda Leask, Rishi Bandhu and Ro Palumbo-Coates.

Although all cast members were strong and well balanced, they did have moments when they shone.

Mulholland delivers a strong yet humorous performance as a strict mother arguing with her wannabe renegade daughter (Linda Leask) about accompanying her somewhat rebellious aunt to a show, while Leask also plays her part to the limit, pouting and stamping her feet like a temper tantrum teen in protest.

Day was outstanding as an aging father determined to arrange his funeral with his reluctant son (Liley) as they both worked off each other during that

scene. The scene was quite humorous. Day was also a strong presence as a Depression-era father who demanded his children (Bandhu and Palumbo-Coates) be seen and not heard, completely intolerant of any of the waning social values outside the walls of his comfortable upper class home. In the same scene, Bandhu was also entertaining as the son, terrified of crossing his father.

Palumbo-Coates was magnificent as a wannabe rebellious teen who came home with her friend (Mulholland) after school and raided the family's liquor cabinet, as well as inviting some boys over for an impromptu party while the parents were away. Palumbo-Coates was also hilari-

ous as Bertha the maid in another vignette about a brother going to the club to 'fight' another member who insulted his brother.

Liley was strong as a psychiatrist, who was having a contractor (Bandhu) measure up his dining room to see how it might be better used space. In the end, the psychiatrist is counseling the contractor.

All cast members deliver strong performances in this technically demanding production, with some of them exiting stage as a mere child to return immediately as a senior citizen in the next vignette.

In addition, the vignettes tend to run into each other, blending seamlessly from one to the next, all the while the actors are on cue

as their lines mesh impeccably.

The set is a work of art, well appointed and dressed with attention to detail. Lighting is well balanced and depicts the difference time of day in the two scenes.

The Dining Room is unlike most GLT productions. Some may like it, others will find it a bit confusing to follow unless they read the program to grasp the full potential of the play.

It's a good play, and does entertain, but also demands some effort on the part of the audience to appreciate the humour, drama and sometimes satire that is being acted out on stage.

The play continues its run this week.

By Ted Brown, staff writer



NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting to be held by the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon to consider the Town's proposed new Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Town of Caledon, Town Hall
 6311 Old Church Road
 Caledon, Ontario
 L7C 1J6

FILE NUMBER: RZ 04-17

The Town of Caledon is completing a review and update of its Comprehensive Zoning By-law. The proposed new Zoning By-law will be the key planning tool used to implement the community planning policies set out in the Town's Official Plan. To be effective, the By-law must be clear, concise and easy to use.

Since its adoption in 1988, the current Zoning By-law, By-law 87-250, has undergone numerous amendments and consolidations and parts of the By-law are now outdated.

The primary objectives of the new Zoning By-law are:

- To reformat and repack the current Zoning By-law into a more efficient, user-friendly document
- To reduce the size and complexity of the current By-law
- To organize and present Permitted Uses and Development Provisions and Standards clearly and concisely
- To adopt updated development standards based on best practices in Ontario
- To provide transitional provisions for development applications already in process or approved but not yet implemented
- To provide a framework which will readily accommodate the future integration of the Oak Ridges Moraine Zoning By-law and the Town's Environmental and Open Space Policy Areas Zoning By-law when those By-laws are fully approved at a later date
- To create a document which will be available in a digital, interactive format on the Town's website

The proposed new Comprehensive Zoning By-law will not rezone or pre-zone individual properties, or remove or diminish existing permitted uses.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide information to Caledon residents, landowners and other interested parties about the proposed new Zoning By-law and to provide an opportunity for input.

Information regarding the proposed new Zoning By-law will be available prior to the Public Meeting. Copies of the draft By-law will be available for inspection at the Planning Department, Town of Caledon Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East. A copy of the proposed new By-law has also been posted on the Town of Caledon website at www.town.caledon.on.ca/townhall/departments/planningdevelopment/Proposed_Zoning_Bylaw.aspx

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

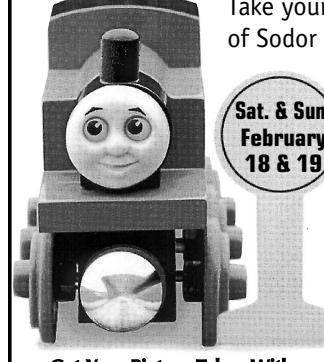
If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Caledon in respect of the proposed new Zoning By-law does not make oral submissions at the public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed by-law is approved or refused, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the approval of the proposed new Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the **Town of Caledon, Planning Department, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6**.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal decisions in respect of the proposed new Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

For further information please contact the Planning Department during normal office hours, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (905) 584-2272 ext. 4228. Written submissions may be mailed or delivered personally to the Planning Department at the above noted address.

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