

# Arts & Entertainment

## Chamber Music Milton to hold church concert

The Chamber Music Milton concert group will present 'An Evening of Music' next Friday at Knox Presbyterian Church. Marianne Bodrug, director of the concert group, is the founder and director of the Toronto Soloist Ensemble, which has performed more than 70 chamber music concerts in community auditoriums.

Last March, she organized the first 'An Evening of Chamber Music Milton' to a standing room only audience at Hugh Foster Hall.

The concert will feature Christopher Fisher, the director of music ministries at Knox Presbyterian Church. He has studied

with leading organists in both Canada and the United States and sings professionally as a tenor soloist and choral selection leader with the Early Music Ensemble Arcady.

Also featured will be Brendan Lee, who sings in both the men and boys choir at St. James Cathedral in Toronto. The 10-year-old recently won the Prime Minister's Scholarship for voice.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10, or \$5 for seniors and students.

To reserve seats or for more information, call John at (905) 853-0257.

## Sense of humour all that's needed to enjoy this show

By FANNIE SUNSHINE  
The Champion

The Milton Players Theatre Group is gearing up for its fall production 'Norman Is That You?' — set to take centre stage early next month.

"It's a comedy, it's very funny," said director Susan Cranford.

"I don't want to give away too much of the play, but it's about a young man who moved from Ohio to New York and his father arrived unexpectedly at his apartment. The family has some issues they have to get around and they deal with it with a sense of humour. That's all I'm willing to say."

The cast members have been busy rehearsing since last month and are currently putting the finishing touches on the play.

Although Allen Fraser is making his acting debut with the Milton Players, he's no stranger to the stage, having been in several plays with the Village Theatre in Waterdown. He joins the cast as Ben Chambers, Norman's father and husband to Beatrice, Norman's mother.

Long-time member Sharon Beddoes will be back on stage in the role of Beatrice after directing last year's play 'Just A Little Crazy'. She has also appeared in the community theatre group's productions of 'The Wizard of Oz', 'Pools Paradise', 'Last of the Red Hot Lovers' and 'Ten Little Indians'.

Gino Raimondo is back for his seventh season with the theatre group as Garson Hobart, Norman's roommate. He was last seen in last season's production

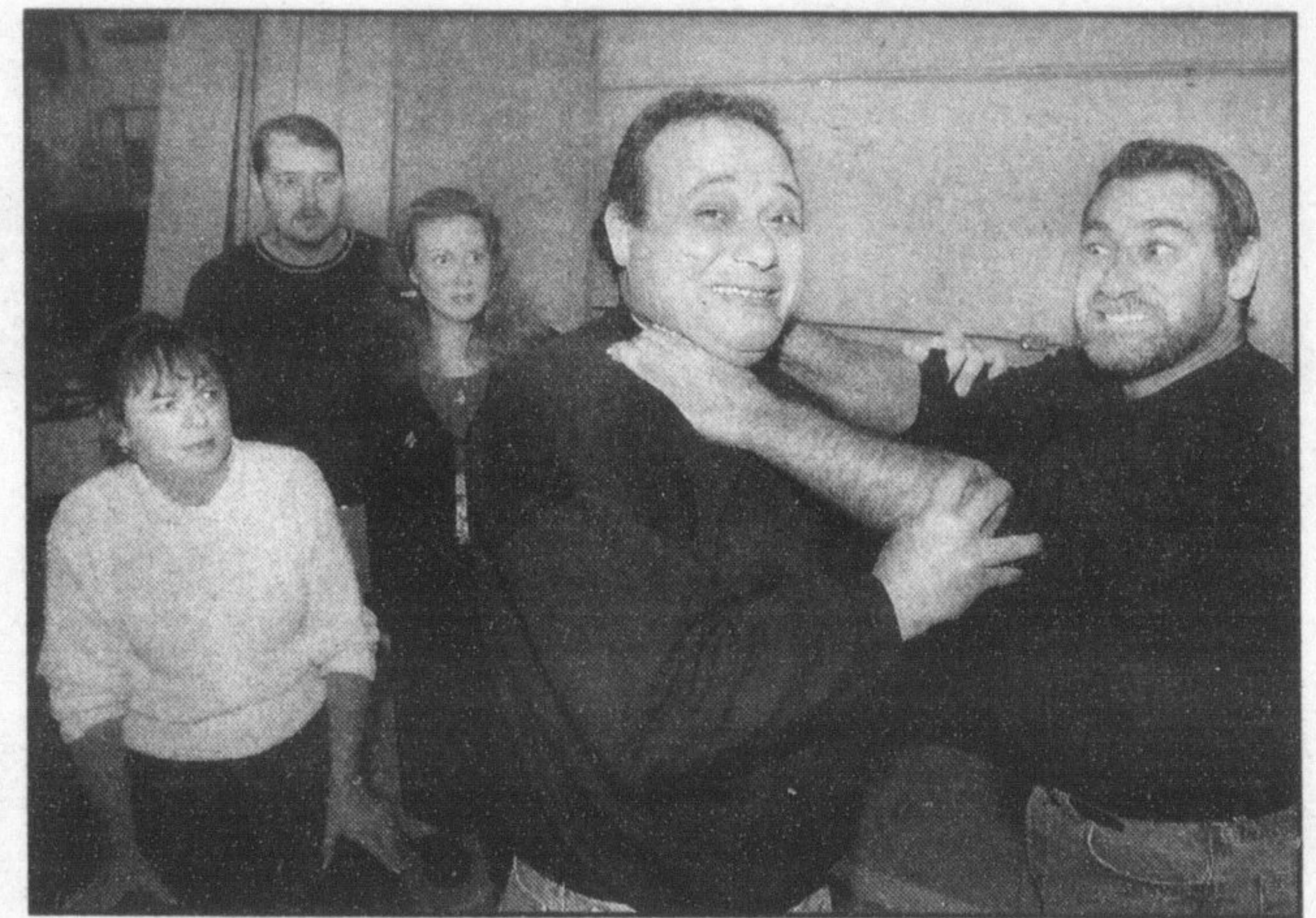


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Cast of the Milton Players' fall production of 'Norman Is That You?' rehearse for the play, which opens next Friday.

of 'The Odd Couple'.

"We rehearse three nights a week, two hours each time," Ms Cranford said. "After a couple of nights trying to get the blocking positions (movement of cast on stage) right, we got down to rehearsing scene by scene and working with different facial expressions."

She found it challenging to choreograph the physical activities for this particular play.

"There's a scene where the cast members are chasing each other around the apartment. It's hard to choreograph the scene so people aren't crashing into furniture and hurting themselves. Blocking is the most difficult to deal with because we're working with a very small stage. For this play we have a bedroom and living room. Moving the characters around the stage is always challenging because you want them out where the audience can see them, not hiding in the back. Once all the blocking is figured out, then we can have fun."

Ms Cranford's favourite part of

directing is putting the finishing touches on the play when nearing the end of rehearsal.

"Once everyone has learned their lines, it's putting the little touches at the end that's fun, like seeing what it's like saying a line this way instead of that."

Although the production is all-ages, Ms Cranford doesn't recommend the play for young children.

"It's not X-rated, but there are a few sexual connotations in it. Overall, this play would appeal to anyone with a sense of humour. I hope the audience has as much fun watching the play as we had putting it together."

'Norman Is That You?' will open next Friday at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr.

Tickets for show-only performances next Friday and November 8 cost \$12 while tickets for dinner theatre shows November 3, 9 and 10 cost \$30.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call (905) 875-0629.

## Harrington show: Harrop

The Harrop Gallery, 345 Steeles Ave., will host an art show featuring Mississauga artist John Harrington.

The show will take place tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. and tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Harrington, who will be on hand at the show, has been painting for more than 40 years. His subjects are based on his life experiences, be it a canoe on a lake setting or chairs on a lakeside dock.

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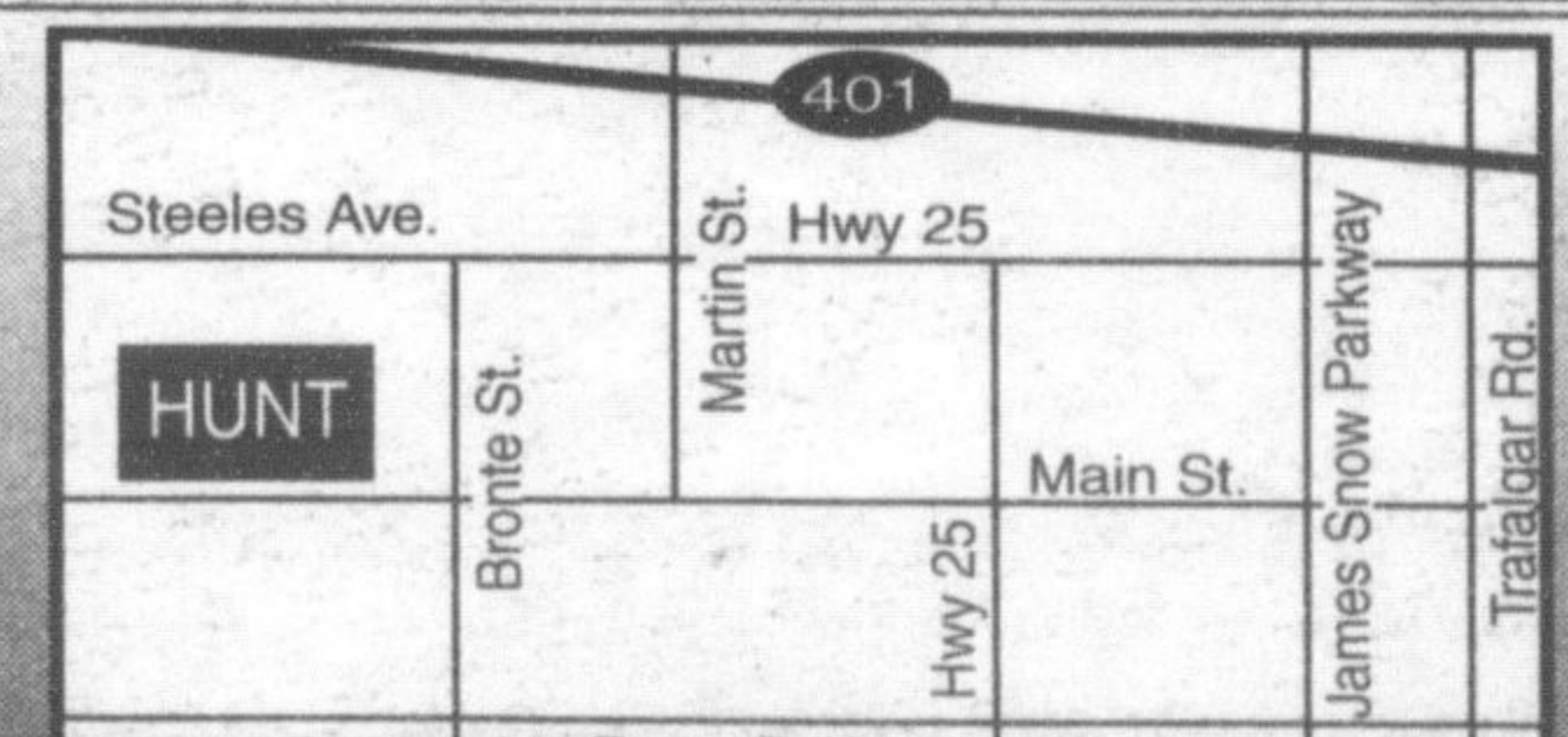


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