

Arts & Entertainment

Dance Elite cleans up at competition

Dance Elite dancers have gotten off to a smooth start this competitive season.

Dancers placed first, second and third at the season's first competition, Dance FX, held at Mohawk College February 28. Addison Brasil also received the Top Novice All Round Intermediate Dancer award.

Recently, the dancers competed at the Broadway Dreams competition in Niagara Falls. The studio's youngest dancers received first place for their performance to Radio Star. The senior dancers received medals of all colours. 'Coffee Break' placed first overall, followed by 'Feet in the Soil', which placed second. 'Get Busy Child' and 'Hernando's Hideaway' tied for third place.

Alana MacLeod, 10, received Top Jr. Overall Solo for her performance of 'Baby, I'm a Star'.



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Milton Players Theatre Group members (from left) Julian Ford, Tim Beddoes and Susan Crawford rehearse for the upcoming production 'Run For Your Wife'.

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Milton Players Theatre Group production to be 'real scream'

By FANNIE SUNSHINE
The Champion

Get ready for plenty of laughter as the Milton Players Theatre Group gears up for their upcoming play, 'Run For Your Wife', which opens May 3.

"It's a British farce," said director Geoff Ford. "It's about a taxi driver in England who has two wives in two different apartments. He gets a bang on the head and it upsets his schedule."

Julian Ford plays taxi driver John Smith, who somehow manages to keep either wife from finding out about the other — until both wives report him missing and police

officers try to piece the situation together. "It's a real scream," Mr. Ford continued. "We've been wetting ourselves rehearsing it."

The wives are played by veteran actors Sharon Beddoes and Susan Cranford.

Tim Beddoes takes the role as Stanley, John's friend, and Gino Raimondo and Gary Metcalfe play the roles of Det. Sgt. Porterhouse and Det. Sgt. Troughton, respectively.

Newcomer Brad Nelson plays the newspaper reporter and fellow rookie actor Glenn Purchase plays neighbour Bobby.

The actors have been rehearsing three nights a week since the end of March, Mr. Ford said. "I'm finding some time restraints with this play. Normally we rehearse for seven or eight weeks, but this

time we only have five. But it makes my job a little easier because I'm dealing with veteran actors."

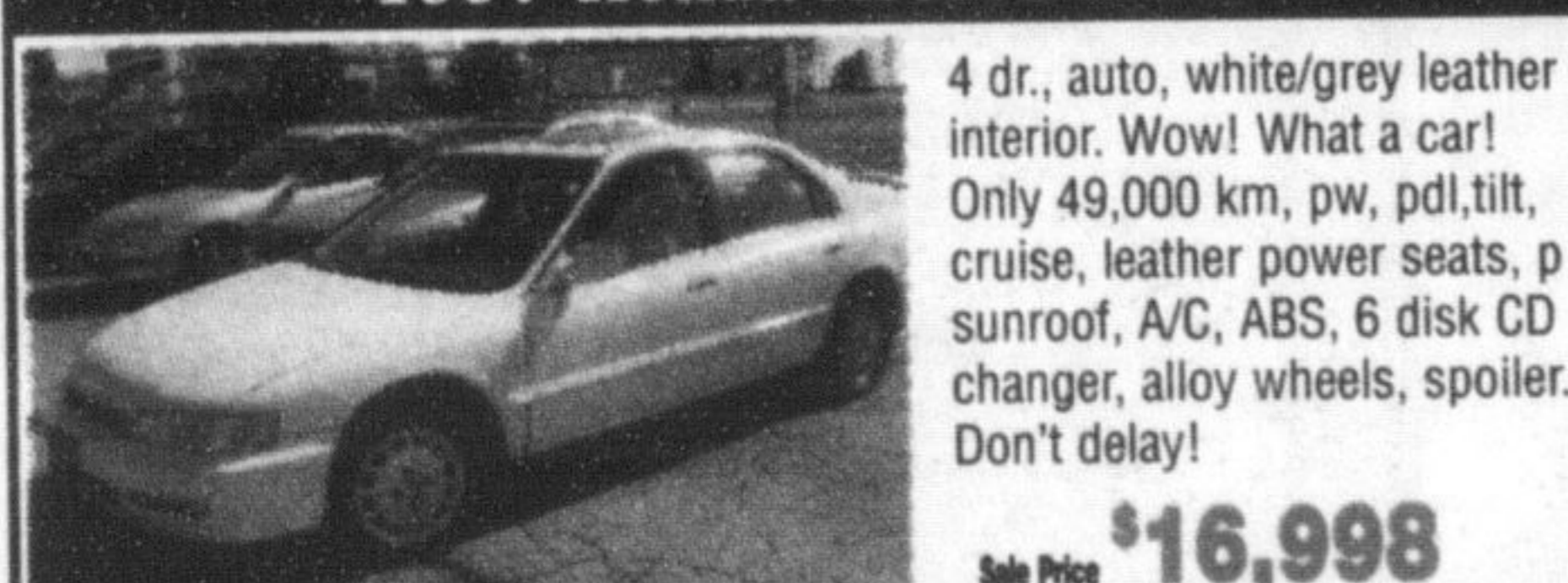
Mr. Ford, who's starred in and directed several Players productions including 'Pools Paradise' and 'Move Over Mrs. Markham', said he prefers directing to acting. "I like transcribing the written words into a picture and bring it to life. It's my vision."

Although he feels 'Run For My Wife' is suitable for audience members of all ages, he did warn the play has gay bashing. "Hopefully no one will take offence."

'Run For Your Wife' will take the stage May 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre. Tickets are available at Delacourt's on Main Street or by calling (905) 875-0629.

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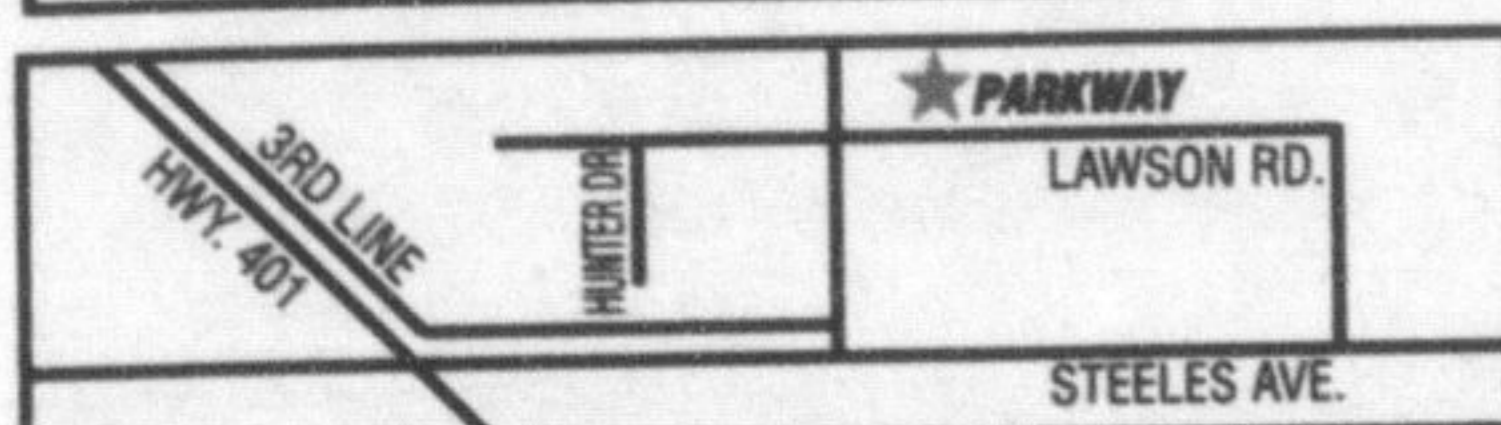
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