

# Pet dog named after Bette Midler highly sought after at concerts

**A&L**...quests for Midi, her five-pound dog who accompanies her everywhere.

Named after Bette Midler, Midi is highly sought after at her concerts, she said.

"People don't even want to see me, they just want to know if Midi — five pounds of white fluff — is coming," she chuckled. "I always say the same thing when they ask — 'I'll have to see if she's taking people tonight.'"

And of course, concert-goers will likely hear Arden's career breakout hit *Insensitive* in 1994. In fact, Arden has released 12 albums with 19 top-10 singles.

Arden's current concert tour has seen her on the road for almost a year from one end of the country to the other promoting her latest CD, *Everything Almost*, which was released in 2014. Some have touted the album as being among her finest work, calling it progressive, yet retaining her distinctive voice and from-the-heart lyrics.

Arden said she has remained true to herself from the start.

"The last 25 years has been completely surreal to me," she said. "I bought property outside the city (Calgary, where she was born) and my parents live 50 feet from me.

"I don't ever take anything for granted. I know statistically, it was totally against someone like me getting anywhere."

She said she has continually written from the heart and based on how she's feeling, not what's going to get radio time.

"I never spent one day thinking 'what's radio going to like?'" she said.

At the same time as touring, Arden said she's also trying to complete a novel she's been working on for two years; she's already penned three books.

"I'm just trying to decide who lives and dies, but it's been an absolute adventure to write," she added.

Arden also penned an advice column for *Elle* magazine and she was a broadcaster as host of *Being Jann*, an hour-long talk show on CBC Radio in 2010.

Arden has also hosted *The Social*, a CTV daytime program. She has narrated the popular program *ER Vets* and she has produce two documentaries, *Free* and *Jann Takes Manhattan*. She also toured with the *Vagina Monologues* across Canada.

She has also become well known for her hilarious adventures with fellow Canadian Rick Mercer on the CBC's *The Rick Mercer Report*.

Arden said she was surprised to learn on the latest episode that Mercer had been at Milton's new velodrome.

"Man, I'm glad I wasn't at that one," she laughed.

Arden has a star on Canada's Walk of Fame and she was inducted into the Canadian Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. In 2011, she was awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert cost \$90 for

adults and \$86 for seniors/students and can be purchased at [www.miltoncentreforthearts.com](http://www.miltoncentreforthearts.com).

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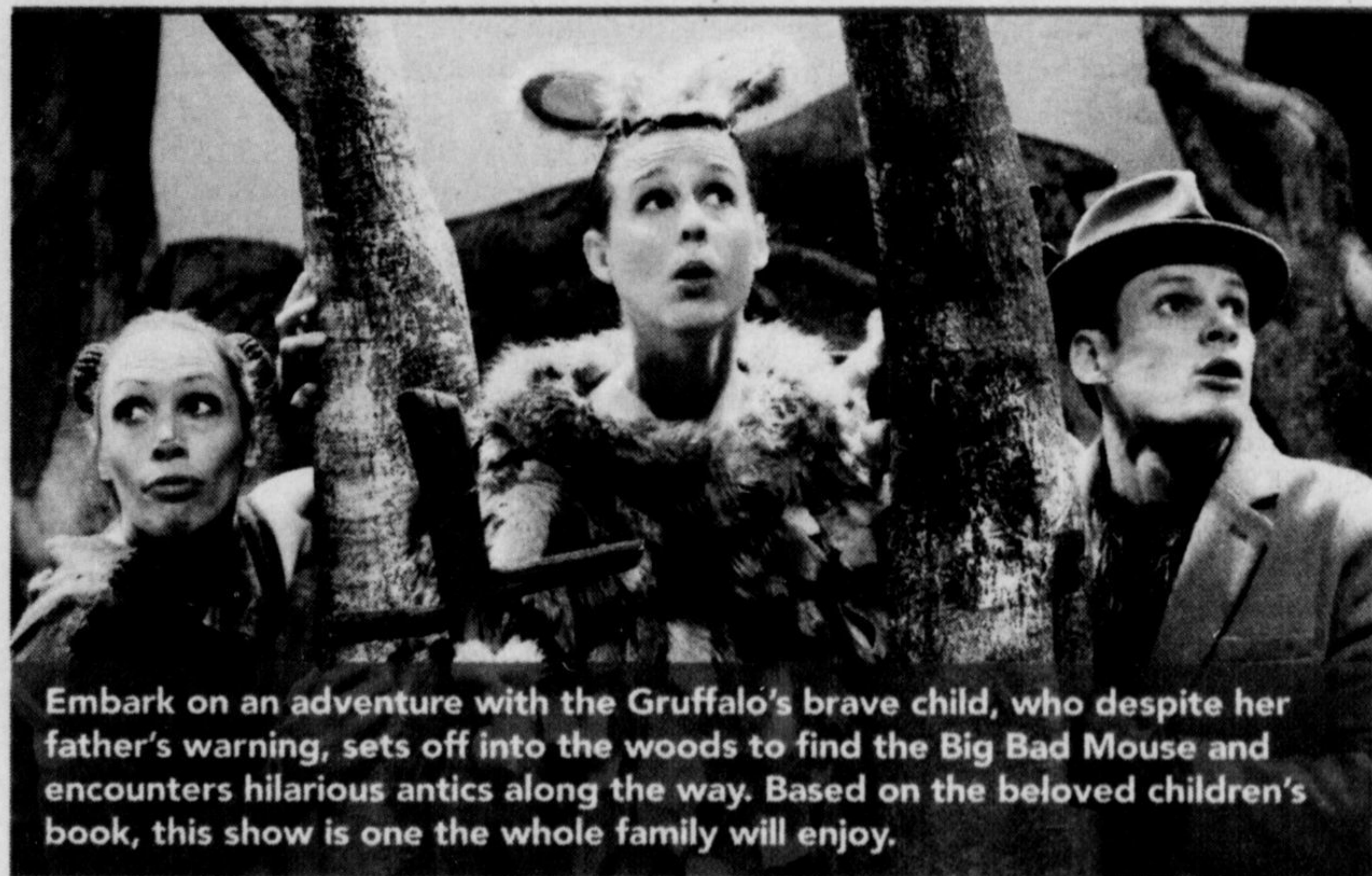
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