

# Welcome to captain, crew of HMCS Ottawa



NEWS ITEM: The crew of Bee was to give the visiting destroyer HMCS Ottawa a musket salute this morning on the occasion of the destroyer making a courtesy call to Midland. This newspaper extends a hearty welcome to the captain and crew

## World premier musical

Gryphon Theatre in Barrie has grabbed two of Canada's brightest musical collaborators Stephen Witkin and Joey Miller to write Musical Chairs, a brand new musical commencing July 24 to Aug. 3.

The evolution of Musical Chairs is as provocative as the development of a musical itself.

For ten years the Musician's Copyright Organization known as BMI sponsored free Workshops for composers, lyricists and librettists of Musical Theatre under the direction of Lehman Engel, a Broadway Conductor who dedicated his life to the teaching of this very specific craft.

He conducted Musical Theatre Workshops in New York, Los Angeles and coming to Toronto once a month to hold classes.

Composer / lyricist Joey Miller and librettist Stephen Witkin were members of Engel's Workshop for many years in Toronto during which time they were inspired to write a

musical based on the actual workshops. The two Canadian playwrights have also worked together at the

Charlottetown Festival in Ye Gods' last summer. Witkin has countless credits to his name in theatre, screen

plays and television. His collaborator, Joey Miller, is well known for his compositions and arrangements.

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