

# The Liberal

# Entertainment

## Enjoy dinner 'in Serbia'

### Waltz of the Toreadors

## A top-notch comedy for summer theatre

RICHMOND HILL — Summer Theatre Workshop is celebrating its third birthday this summer with comedy at its best: The Waltz of the Toreadors by Jean Anouilh, which opens Aug. 18 running until Aug. 21.

The company was founded in May 1974 by David Phillips, a member of Richmond Hill Curtain Club who received his degree in dramatic art from the University of Windsor.

The company consists of students interested in the theatre art form, from

both the performance and technical point of view. Unlike many summer stock companies, Summer Theatre Workshop is privately funded and actors, crew and director are all unpaid.

Main objective of the company is to provide theatre experience for students in the area in a workshop atmosphere, through a play which they would not likely have the opportunity to work on elsewhere.

Summer Theatre Workshop has grown considerably since the summer of 1974. The

Waltz of the Toreadors is its first three-act play and it will be performed four nights instead of the previous two-night run.

In past years the Richmond Hill United Church allowed the group to use the church hall for rehearsals and performances. This year, however, the workshop is moving to the Curtain Club theatre on Elgin Mills Road, which provides excellent facilities and a comfortable air conditioned theatre in which to rehearse and perform.

The company this summer includes several from the past two summers: Heather Mann, Ronald Jones, William Honeyman, Laurie Hutchinson, Jeffrey Queen, Dom Caruso and Martha Buell. Newcomers are Clay Warner and Debbie Smith.

The play is directed by David Phillips and produced by Colin Walker.

Tickets (\$2) are available from members of the cast and crew or at the door. Curtain is 8:30 p.m.

and green peppers served over a small block of ice in a boat-shaped dish. Separate plates held stuffed sweet red peppers, cucumber slices in sour cream, and spiced crab apples. Hot and fresh bread rolls were also placed before us at this time. A noodle soup was rather tasteless and needed a bit of salt from our table shaker to give it any flavor at all. (This as it turned out) was the only real disappointment to the meal.

It took exactly one hour from the time we arrived until we were served our main course, but it was a pleasant time of enjoying the delicious appetizers, watching other guests, and talking together.

My companion ordered the peceno prase which is roast suckling pig with a crackling skin cover, over juicy meat. A side dish of what appeared to be shredded, red cabbage was also served, with oven roasted potatoes and rice placed on the plate.

Her verdict was, unquestionably marvellous. Egg surprise I chose the schnitzel a la holstein, which surprised me with the once-over-lightly fried egg resting on top of the meat. Although I felt as if I was eating breakfast and

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supper altogether, I was pleased with the splendid quality and taste of the food. The vegetable side dishes were cut green beans in sauce, potatoes and rice.

For dessert, they offer a tempting array of home made goods which few people could resist and I didn't even try to. My choice was the apple strudel, while my date selected the fresh peach

toite. After all the other courses served earlier in the meal, we both had quite a job to finish the ample serving of these. Beverages offered include eight different items, from which we chose the Wiener mit schlag (Viennese coffee with whipped cream). An additional treat (as if we needed one) was a plate of fancy cookies including a type of rum ball which I really enjoyed.

Total bill for two was \$27.61 and the change from \$30 was left as our tip for attentive service and a good meal.

Other entrees at Serbian Village include roast

duck, goose, prime rib of beef, and turkey; grilled T-Bone steak and veal steak; stuffed cabbage rolls and peppers; goulash and chicken with rice.

Some of the oddities of this converted farmhouse near Snowball Corners, are that the menu has no prices on it and that they serve the wine which you bring. The dining room would seat about 32 people and it was almost filled to capacity on the Wednesday night we were there.

Serbian Village, Wellington Street West, two miles west of Aurora, between Dufferin and Bathurst. 727-9581.

## Thousand Clowns at Barrie

BARRIE — A Thousand Clowns, a comedy about the taming of a carefree Bohemian, will be brought to the stage of the Georgian College Theatre by the Gryphon Theatre Company Aug. 2-7.

Paul Klugman (Murray Burns) will play the role of a prankster who has become cloyed with his well-paying job of writing a drivelling television program for children called Chuckles the Chipmunk, and has chosen to live instead in shabby idleness.

The light-hearted plot describes how this decision to secede from gaining employment stops being merely his own affair and becomes a concern of a big social agency because the jaunty writer also has taken with him into his untidy retreat his precocious twelve-year-old nephew. The Child Welfare Bureau begins to worry whether such a confirmed Bohemian is a

fit guardian for a growing child.

The fun begins when a team of investigators calls to check on his household. One of the investigators, to be played by Lawrence Benedict (Albert Amundson) is stuffily ready to take a stern view of the iconoclast's guardianship.

The other is a newly-fledged — and extremely

pretty — child-psychologist, to be played by Mary Pirie (Sandra), who is not only more sympathetic but becomes tearfully upset because she is so susceptible to either love or hate for the people she is supposed to bring "welfare" to.

There is no cocktail bar or wine cellar here, and each patron brings his own brew which is served to the table soon after you are comfortably seated. Opening salads are varied and plentiful with one being a lettuce base and another being a mixture of diced tomatoes, green onions,

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