

Entertainment

Work offers little challenge to York Philharmonic Choir

By RUTH HARRIS
York Philharmonic Choir, under the direction of Edward F. Luka, presented the first of their two performances of Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Prodigal Son" at Richmond Hill United Church on Sunday.

The next presentation will be Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1100 Finch Ave., E., Willowdale, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Luka and the choir, who have some outstanding musical achievements to their credit, again proved their excellence, although the work chosen was not as musically challenging or satisfying as those previously presented.

However, the fact that it is the only musical setting of this parable, and rarely performed, makes it an interesting event in the musical life of the community.



MONICA VERMEULEN... with conviction

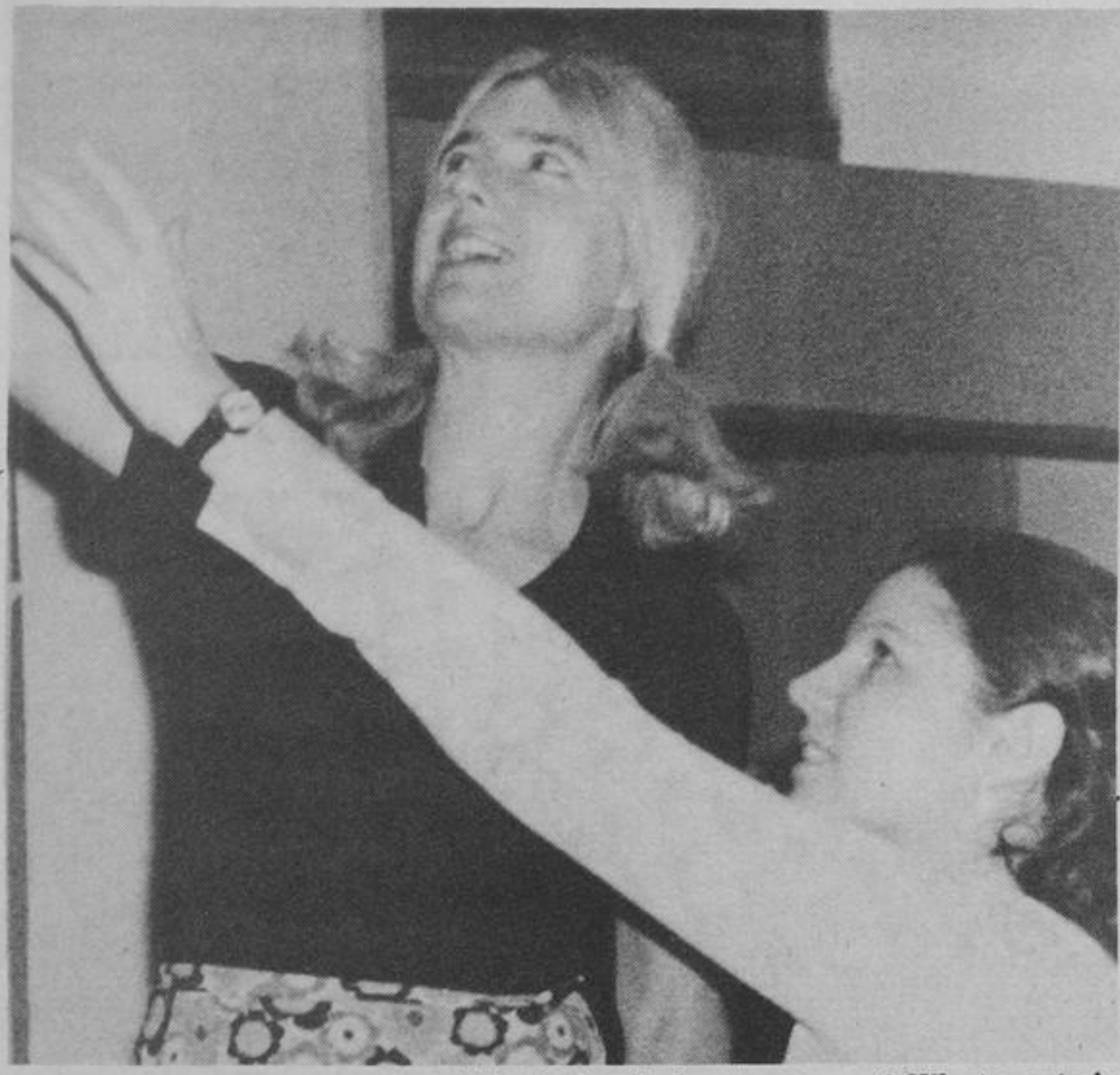
oratorio style to their roles.

The soloists sang with a good blend and balance of tone in their unaccompanied quartet.

The choruses were sung with precision, conviction and fervor, and some excellent choral effects were achieved, but during heavy climaxes the alto line was often obscured by the brilliance of the other sections.

HELP WANTED

The program issued an invitation for singers to join this fine choir, and there is obviously a place



Gimme, gimme

Play set, but not set

While the cast of "The Day After the Fair," the Curtain Club's next production, is set, the set, itself, is still not completely cast.

At present, the club is looking for two pieces of furniture to round out the latter. They are: a Sheridan desk and a Victorian couch.

The former, as described by director, Dave Phillips, is a writing desk — "very elegant" — named after an 18th-century furniture designer.

"It is supposed to sound a distinctly masculine note in a feminine room," Phillips added.

The couch is best described as a "love seat, or two-seater."

If anybody has one or

What's it all about, anyway? Whatever's in that letter, it's important that Sarah (left), Yvette Steel, keeps it well away from Anna, Leslie Reid, who is making a determined bid for it just the same. The scene is from the Curtain Club's next production, The Day After the Fair, Nov. 25-Dec. 10.

the other, or both, among their 18th-century memorabilia, and wouldn't mind loaning them to the club for a few weeks, they are asked to call Phillips at 884-4395.

Another thing just about set, is the blocking, which Phillips hoped to have completed this week.

"I'm very pleased with the progress," he said. "It's a good cast to work with."

CAST OF SIX
Making up the cast are veterans Yvette Steel, Clive Ryland, Dilys Rubow and Pera Miller.

Leslie Reid of Richmond Hill, and Dan Ryan of Scarborough, are the two newcomers, Ryan being

cast only recently after a long hunt for the "young man."

The play, which is based on a short story, "On the Western Circuit," by Thomas Hardy, about life in the southwest of England in the 1890s, runs from Nov. 25 to Dec. 10.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Madge Nicholson at 884-3703.



Carousel calls

A public school teacher in Scarborough when she's not at home in Thornhill, Irene Hyatt of Apricot St., will be one of the stars of Carousel, presented by Yorkminstrels at Earl Haig Theatre, Willowdale, Nov. 17-19, and Nov. 23-26.

Calendar

The Good Brothers — Richmond Hill's own triumphant trio, in their first appearance at Massey Hall; Nov. 18 at 8:30 p.m.

The Day After the Fair — life in old country England, just before the turn of the century; Richmond Hill Curtain Club, Nov. 25 — Dec. 10. Call 884-3703 for tickets.

Fiddler on the Roof —

Theatre Aurora presents its version of the famed musical; St. Andrew's College, Aurora, Nov. 23-26. Call 727-6179.

York Philharmonic Choir — present The Prodigal Son, Nov. 12 and 13, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Willowdale, and British Methodist Episcopal Church, Toronto, respectively, at 7:30 p.m.

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