

# All the world's a stage

By Jim Thomas  
**STOUFFVILLE**— Small town boy (girl) makes good.  
 Many former Whitchurch-Stouffville teens wear this badge of honor. One of these is 23-year-old Tim Brazier, son of Jim and Sharron Brazier, Hawthorne Avenue. Tim's a performer, a song-and-dance man with his sights set on the stars. He's already part way there.  
 Born in Stouffville, this pleasant young man with the soft voice and sparkling smile, knew the direction he was headed back in Grade 9. He was further convinced of this after attending his first musical at the Muskoka Summer Festival. Then came his initial involvement in the high school's Variety Show. "That gave me additional confidence," he said, "and confirmed what I already believed."  
 Home for a few hours, Thursday, Tim's now preparing himself for his greatest triumph, a three-month stint in the cast of Anne of Green Gables at the Charlottetown Festival, Prince Edward Island. Leading up to this is a stage performance in "Something's Rocking In Denmark" at Toronto's Hart House Theatre and two shows in Bermuda hosted by Pitney-Bowes.  
 In January, he appeared in The Mary Widow at The O'Keefe.  
 "Every job keeps getting better," he says, admitting to satisfaction in landing the Charlottetown part.

"It's tops so far," he said.  
 To better prepare himself for a stage career, Tim initially enrolled in the Music Theatre Course at Sheridan College, Oakville. Later, in 1983, he joined a dance workshop and studied voice under Christina James.  
 Tim says his parents have been very supportive. He enjoys having them in the audience. "They give me extra energy," he says. "I may not be able to see them but I know they're there."  
 So far, neither frustration nor boredom has set him back. "There's no time to be bored," he says, "when I'm not working, I'm learning." He admits that while singing and dancing are fun, one must always maintain a professional attitude.  
 How high is up?  
 Tim says he's still at the "don't call us, we'll call you," level, but he's satisfied with his progress to date. He'd still like to become involved in television and commercial work. It's a case of "the right face at the right time," he says.  
 Back in December, Tim was chosen for a part in a movie called "Heavenly Bodies" to be released this spring. "You may see me on the silver screen," he said, "if I don't end up on the cutting room floor."  
 Would he do it all again?  
 "I certainly would," Tim replies without hesitation—"but I'd start at an earlier age."



Tim Brazier, a graduate of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and Sheridan College, has reason to click his heels and jump for joy. He's been chosen for a lead role at the famous Charlottetown Festival this summer and will leave shortly

to do a show in Bermuda. Tim also has a part in a movie called 'Heavenly Bodies' to be released this spring. He's the son of Jim and Sharron Brazier, Hawthorne Avenue.

—Jim Thomas

## Attend or else?

Dear Editor  
 Under the heading "Praise Teachers" was a Page 1 story, (March 7) concerning teachers attending the schools closest to their places of residence during the recent storm.  
 I wish to question whether this was an act of dedication or an act of necessity—an obligation on their part in order to collect a day's pay.  
 I'd like to think these teachers went through 'hell and high water' because of professional ethics but I'm inclined to think (in some cases) it was the almighty dollar that prompted them to go that extra mile.

Sincerely,  
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