Markham girl raised on music

By JIM THOMAS

Twenty-three-year-old Diana Nahr, 16th Avenue, R.R. 2, Markham, was, in her own words, "raised on music."

Her father, Bill Nahr, sang with the New York Opera. He's now a vocal instructor.

Her brother, William, is also a talented musician, and Diana's musical skills know no bounds. She plays the guitar, the piano, the violin, the mandolin and the banjo. She also sings — anything people want to hear.

Diana and her family lived previously in Scarborough. She attended Winston Churchill Collegiate and is presently studying (what else but) music at York University.

"From age seven, I knew what I wanted to do," Diana said. "I always dreamed of being a singer."

For her accomplishments to date, including clubs and television, Diana gives her parents all the credit. "Except for my family, I could never have done it," she admits. "They've supported me both morally and financially every step of the way."

Diana's fame is spreading. In addition to Markham Fair, she's sung at the village Heritage Day, at the Carpenter's Arms in Markville Mall and at several clubs in the area.

Diana has sung at several weddings. She describes the ecoustics in most churches as "like heaven." But most of all, she enjoys a live audience and often, (like at Markham Fair), encourages her listeners to join in.

Diana Nahr strums her guitar while the family dog keeps her company. Diana is a member of a singing family whose fame is spreading thanks to her on-stage performances.

What's on this week

Holly Woods come to the Nags Head

This week at the Nags Head North Tavern, 7270 Woodbine Av., Holly Woods and Toronto will take the stage for a one-night stand on Wednesday Oct. 17. Tickets are $9 at BASS or at the Nags Head.

Legal Limits take the stage on Oct. 18-20 with the cover charge at $3

For more information contact the Nags Head at 475-6405

Stouffville's Deer Park Inn is presenting it's new show, Doctor in the House. This English comedy, written by Richard Gordon and Ted Willis and directed by Ken Gordon-James, runs Wednesday through Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. until Oct. 31. There will also be a matinee on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at noon.

Cost is $21.95 per person. For more information on the show, contact Deer Park at 640-6060

Dudley Moore's smash British comedy, Beyond the Fringe, is being performed at Fernando's Village Resturant. The show is $20 per person, runs until late December.

For information call Fernando's at 294-6523.

Cullen Country Barns Country Playhouse Theatre presents Comradery, a musical that highlights the popular songs of the first and second world wars.

The show runs until Nov. 11, with showtimes at Tuesday 10:45 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

Admission is $2 for adults, $1.50 for students and seniors, with children under 12 admitted for $1.

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