

Weekender Entertainment



Rotary Club hosts extravaganza



JACQUES-LOIC LORIOZ
Event emcee

The Markham Rotary Club will host a multicultural extravaganza next month with An Evening of International Music, Song and Dance at the Markham Theatre.

To reflect the diverse entertainment tastes of Markham residents, sounds of Europe, South America, the Philippines and France will be heard at the May 3 event.

Produced by the Markham Rotary Club's incoming vice-president Marek Tanana, the show has been a year in the making and promises to satisfy all tastes.

"The reason we did this is because Markham is growing in such a diversified way," said Mr. Tanana. "It will appeal to all the residents of Markham."

Topping the bill is popular French musician Jacques-Loic Lorioz and the music of his band Egalite. Mr. Lorioz will also emcee the event.

Closer to home, the Village Folk Ensemble, led by Markham Dr. Judy Silver, will perform their traditional folk dances of the Balkans, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Entertainment South American style will be provided by Maiz Verde (Green Corn), a four-member band that make use of traditional South American instruments. The group plays such exotic instruments as Zamponas (pan flutes), Charangos (10-string guitars), Bombos (drums) and Kenas (wooden flutes).

To round out the evening, dance

troupe Fiesta Filipina will be on hand to perform various traditional dances of the Philippine Islands that represent the cultural roots there.

"We're promoting our very own show, something we've put together," Mr. Tanana noted. "I think that's the key to good com-

munity service, to be involved in the community."

The show takes place for one night only. Mr. Tanana said there are still tickets available at the box office.

For more information call Mr. Tanana at 294-7544.

MDHS latest play starts Wednesday

By ROBERT DONNELLY

Merlin the magician has been reincarnated as Purrin, a mischievous cat who gets into trouble by tampering with time, in Markham District High School's (MDHS) upcoming play 'Stepping Out in Time'.

"The audience will realize as soon as they come in that this is no ordinary play," said director Debbie Frehr-Smith. "Purrin will greet patrons at the door and lead them through time, beginning with a 1920's speakeasy and progressing toward an optimistic depiction of the future."

The production has a large cast of 80 students to showcase a wide range of talents from singing to tap-dancing. "I was looking for a medium to showcase different talents," said Mrs. Frehr-Smith adding that she'd rather "fit the kid to the role," than "design the role to fit the kid."

Mrs. Frehr-Smith points out that besides the cast, she has also received help from various departments at the school. History and English classes have been helping with writing and researching the time periods and the art department has been involved in creating the atmosphere, she said.

'Stepping Out in Time' will run at MDHS for four days from Wednesday to Saturday, April 23 to 26. The show, because of its nature, starts when the patrons arrive. Starting times begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for students and \$6 for adults, and go on sale at MDHS Monday. For further information call 294-1886.

Nash, slashes way to Nag's Head

Tonight at the Nag's Head (Woodbine Ave north of Steeles Ave) FM and Nash The Slash will be featured.

This Sunday to Tuesday, Garrett will be playing the Nag's Head.

Markham Theatre

Tonight at the Markham Theatre, the Hilltop Musical Theatre Group will be presenting Brigadoon. For more information and reservations, call the Box Office at 479-0201.

Dirty Bert's

Tonight at Dirty Bert's (located in the lower level of Fernando's on Main St., Markham) The Midnight Ramblers, a Rolling Stone tribute band, will be playing.

Wellington

Tonight, the Wellington (in the Markham Mall) will be presenting Loading Zone. The show starts at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

Every Sunday night is movie night. Patrons can watch movies on the Wellington's 10-foot screen. There is no cover charge and the popcorn is free. For further information on movie night call 294-3165.

Watch all televised Blue Jay games on the Wellington's 10-foot screen.

This Tuesday night Va-Rouge will be playing the Wellington.

Fletcher's

Tonight, Fletcher's (Hwy 48

What's On

Donna Cox 294-2200

south of Aurora Sideroad) will be presenting the music of Aardvark D.J. service. Thursday, April 24, the comedy of Yuk Yuk's comes to Fletcher's.

Duchess

Every Sunday is Jam Nite at the Duchess featuring Jane Harvey. All amateurs are welcome.

O'Toole's Roadhouse

Every Saturday win a weekend for two at the Hotel Renaissance. All patrons can pick up free tickets at the door between 8 and 9:30 p.m. only.105

Le Flirt

Le Flirt (located in the Old Town Hall on Main St., Markham) features dancing to Top 40 music. Tonight all Le Flirt patrons who come between 8 and 10 p.m. will receive tickets for the trip to Atlantic City draw. Ten finalists will be drawn for the big draw next month.

Every Monday to Wednesday night is Rhythm and Blues Nite at Le Flirt featuring some Motown music. The club is located in the lower level at 96 Main St. North.

Old Village Spaghetti

Sunday night is Movie Nite at this Main St., Markham restaurant. See your favorite movies.

Cotton Club

Every Saturday night enjoy the New Music provided by Meester at the Cotton Club (on Highway 48, south of 14th Ave.)

Hobby Horse Arms

Tom Baker, the former musical director of the Second City Revue, will be featured every Saturday night at the Hobby Horse Arms (on Main St., Uxbridge). The piano soloist plays from a collection of pub songs and will also play requests. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. and there is no cover charge.

Footloose Roadhouse

Every Saturday is the Super Platter Giveaway Nite at Footloose (in Mr. Grocer Plaza). It will be served at the table. There will be two chances to win.

Every Tuesday is Amateur Comedy night. There will be a \$50 first prize. Another Tuesday night feature is the Super 500 Dance

Contest. The top three couples will be eligible for the finals.

Reservations are recommended for the weekends.

Mainstreet

Friday and Saturday night the Bryan Westwood Trio will perform at Mainstreet Restaurant in Markham.

Fernando's Restaurant

Fernando's is presenting The Vaudevillians, a return back to the days of knee slapping 'schtick'. This show features David Jorgensen, Jolene Leon and Daniel Sampson and is recommended for audiences of both young and old.

The show runs Friday and Saturday night. Dinner is from 7 to 9 p.m. and curtain time is 9:15 p.m. The price is \$22.95 per person for dinner and show. The restaurant is on Markham's Main St.

Melba's Restaurant

Dine to the classical guitar sounds of Paul Brooks every weekend at this Washington St., Markham restaurant. Reservations are recommended.

Brodie's Bar and Grill

Thursday through to Sunday, Mark Fortin will perform at Brodie's Bar and Grill (Hwy 7 in Unionville). No cover charge.

Deer Park Inn

Theatre in the Park (Deer Park Inn on Hwy 47 north of Stouffville) is presenting The Carlton Show.

band this week only. Call 640-6060 for reservations. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. for this engagement.

The show runs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with matinees on Wednesdays.

Beginning this Wednesday, Theatre in the Park will be presenting Horray For Hollywood, a musical comedy.

In the entertainment lounge Saturday night the House Band will be playing a selection of music from big bands to modern. The show starts at 8:45 p.m. and runs until close.

Ristorante

Thursday through Saturday dine to the guitar playing of Pino at this Italian restaurant in the Old Town Hall (on Main St., Markham).

Cullen Country Barns

The Cullen Barns Theatre is presenting Vaudeville Sunny Side Up at 1 and 3 p.m. everyday, except Monday. The price is \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$1.50 for children.

Lindner's Dining

Tonight dine and dance to contemporary sounds at this Main St., Markham restaurant.

The Greens of Stouffville

Tonight The Taylor Brothers will be playing. Showtime is 9 p.m.