

# Cinderella comes to life in Markham

The Rotary Club of Markham is sponsoring a grown-up version of an age-old fairy tale.

Cinderella, an opera in English by Rossini will be performed by the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble at the Markham Theatre Friday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.

Based on one of the world's best loved stories, the opera was written in 1817 by the Italian master, Rossini. The plot is slightly different from the original, but the magic is very much intact. Originally written in Italian, this production will be sung in English, accompanied by piano.

Although the plot is familiar, Cinderella was not written as a children's opera, although children from age 11 should enjoy it. It is a comic farce, charming, elegant and fun.

There are seven singing roles; a

soprano, two mezzo-sopranos, a tenor, a baritone and two bass-baritones. The director is Sarah Ventura of Switzerland and the set is designed by Canadian Barbara Matis.

The opera ensemble is an artistic group of the Canadian Opera Company. It was founded six years ago with financial support from Imperial Oil Ltd.

Each year dozens of aspiring young opera singers audition for the ensemble. The group tours extensively throughout Ontario and performs with orchestras from coast to coast.

Tickets for the opera are available at the theatre box office at Warden Ave. and Hwy 7 or by calling 479-0201. The price is \$15 if tickets are ordered before Oct. 18. After that date they will sell for \$20.



## Fur and fashion

Box Grove United Church Women held a sell-out fashion show called Autumn Elegance last week. The fashions were presented by Eleven Joseph, Greta Lingerie (both of Markham) and Kahnert's Furs of Toronto. Here, Debi Billes models a Labrador-dyed beauty. — Paula Crowell

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## MLT needs nine actors

Markham Little Theatre is looking for six men and three women to take part in the upcoming play, Rashomon, written by Fay and Michael Kanin.

Auditions will take place Wednesday, Sept. 24 and Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at Cedar Grove Community Centre on 14th Ave. just east of the 10th Line.

Directed by Elizabeth Wyatt, the play will run from January 21 to 24.

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