

Opera company returns to town

From its lilting sopranos to rumbling bass vocals, *The Tales of Hoffmann* will bring to Markham what area opera fans look for in the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble.

The Markham Rotary Club is sponsoring the Canadian Ensemble's Hoffman opera for two nights at the Markham Theatre and urge residents to buy early. The opera, sung in English, is the story of poet Hoffman's love affairs and features a cast of colorful characters who thwart him at every turn.

Cheer along with Hoffman during his victories and silently support him when he is foiled in his love-capades.

Tickets for the two-night engagement are available at the Markham Theatre for the Nov. 13 and 14 performances.

A 10 per cent discount for tick-

ets bought before Oct. 17 is being offered by the Rotary Club.

These performances mark the third appearance before Markham audiences of the Canadian Ensemble, which visits 10 communities in Ontario this season.

They have previously presented *La Traviata* and *Cinderella*.

Local school children will also be introduced to opera this year through a joint school board and Rotary Club program.

Special demonstrations by the Canadian Ensemble will be taken to local schools. Children will become the props on stage while opera songs from the *Barber of Seville* are performed.

For information about Markham Theatre's two-night engagement, contact Rotary Club Co-ordinator Roy Bond at 294-0415.



A second night has been added to the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble's return engagement at Markham Theatre as a result of overwhelming ticket sales for last year's one-night performance. Sponsored by the Markham Rotary Club,

the Canadian Ensemble will sing its way through *The Tales of Hoffmann*, the story of a poet's unpredictable love life. The opera, sung entirely in English, can be seen for 10 per cent less if tickets are purchased before Oct. 17.

Teens can win prizes

Local teens can display their air guitar talents at the Markham Fair this year in the first-ever competition being held at the annual event.

Students of all ages are invited to enter the competition, either individually, or as teams. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded.

The fair board will supply the inside stage, a sound system and seating for 350 spectators.

To enter, call the fair office at 640-1576 or 640-FAIR and let them know what type of act you have and how many are in your group.

Skating anyone?

Skating buffs strapped on the old blades Tuesday for a few pre-season strides at the Whitechurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre.

The Stouffville Adult Skating Club kicked off its new season at the Rec Centre and is looking for fellow enthusiasts.

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