

THE TRIBUNE

Arts & Entertainment

Father's Day falls short behind the scenes

With a comedy duo as potentially potent as Robin Williams and Billy Crystal, you'd figure *Father's Day* would be a sure fire laugh riot; but no such luck.

Williams and Crystal star as pair of very different men-Dale (Williams) a weepy wannabe writer and Jack (Crystal) an emotionless lawyer-who team up to find a young boy they both think is their son and along the way learn a bit about themselves and to appreciate each other's way of life.

Their quest takes them on a west coast journey from San Francisco to San Diego to Los Angeles. The reason for the confusion, you see, is that the boy's mother (played by Nastassia Kinski) told them both they were the father in the



Screen Scene

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hopes of getting more people on the job. Meanwhile the boy's "real" dad gets sidetracked into a ridiculous comic adventure on his way to join the search.

And as if things weren't bad enough, Jack is also trying to keep his third marriage together with his new bride (Julia Louis Dreyfuss).

Despite what could have been these two gifted comics are left floundering in a cloying, muddled and, worst of all, unfunny movie.

But looking at the credits,

you begin to get an idea of why it's as bad as it is. The director is Ivan Reitman, who, with a few exceptions, has made a career of pumping out bland and generic comedies; the writers are Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, who are responsible for some of the most pedestrian family affair films ever made and the producer is Joel Silver, the man behind most of those mindless, recycled action films that rake in millions of dollars.

Father's Day is proof that all the on-screen talent in the world can't make up for lack of talent behind the scenes.



FATHER'S DAY: Billy Crystal and Robin Williams discover they may (or may not) be fathers as they search for the same boy in California.



STAR POWER: Jack (Billy Crystal) is trying to keep his third marriage intact to his new wife (Julia Louis Dreyfuss) in *Father's Day*, which is currently playing and also stars Robin Williams and Nastassia Kinski.

Artist Maloney's paintings to be displayed in Ireland

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This summer, a selection of works from Sheila Maloney's recent, highly acclaimed exhibition at The Latcham Gallery will cross the Atlantic to Ireland.

'An Irish Canadian Family's Story' commemorates the great famine of 1847-48, which caused mass starvation and a huge wave of emigration, much of it to the United States and Canada.

"I have painted, as narrative and event paintings, the towns, villages, landscapes and farms of the people in their family moments and individuals in their joys, griefs and travels," observed the artist.

"The paintings are of the emigration of my Irish forefamilies from both Northern Ireland and Ireland; their leaving from Cork and then sailing ships to Canada, and then to their homesteads and the life they encountered from that time to the present."

Seventeen of the 60 works from her Latcham Gallery show will be shipped to Ireland.

"The exhibition is going to a place called the Famine Museum at Strokestown Park in County Roscommon," said Maloney.

It will be on display at the museum during July and August, and an Irish-Canadian Day will be held there July 2. "At the time of the famine, this was an estate which was illegally held by the English," she explained. During his attempts to remove 8,000 tenants from the estate and put them on desperately overcrowded and unsanitary ships bound for Canada, the brutal landlord, Denis Mahon, was assassinated.

"I had heard of the town through a retired professor of Celtic studies who suggested I write to them about my paintings. I got a letter inviting me to show them and I'm in the process of making arrangements to ship them around the middle of June," she said.

Meanwhile, she is working on a number of new paintings which will be shown at Nancy Poole's Studio on Hazelton Avenue in Toronto this October.

Stouffville DSS hosts fashion show tonight

FLIRTING WITH FASHION
Stouffville District Secondary School is holding "Flirting with Fashion" Thursday, May 15 at 8 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.) Cost: \$5/person.

HERITAGE ARMS
144 Main St, Markham, 294-1300
Thursday, May 15 - The Grand Poobah Band; Saturday, May 17 - The Niki B Band, a three piece band from Toronto playing 60's-90's music; Friday, May 23 - Jimmy Frazer, the One Man Boogie Band; Friday, May 23 - Comedywood. Five stand up comedians on stage. Crosby, Stills, Neil Young etc.; Thursday, May 29 - Steve Worrall Band; Saturday, May 31 - Forbidden Fruit. Acid Jazz Band; Saturday, May 31 - Comedywood.

FULLERTON'S
Monday and Wednesday: 20¢ cocktail wings. Thurs., May 15: Andrew Heath-

cote Band. Friday & Saturday night: Grant Fullerton. Sunday, May 18: Fathead, R&B band, 6-11 p.m. 6211 Main St., Stouffville, 642-5360.

NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum's 1997 exhibit: "19th Century Nightlife" is open to the public starting Friday, May 16. See how families and friends spent their quality time in an era before electricity, central heating, etc. For further info. please call 727-8954.

SDSS "IMAGES '97" EXHIBITION
The Latcham Gallery, Stouffville Library, is hosting SDSS's Images '97 art exhibition. Variety of media from sculpture to computer art, created by artists in Grades 11, 12 and OAC. Opening Wednesday, May 21, 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibition runs to Sunday, June 1.

STORYTELLING WITH HARP

Tales of enchantment for children told by Angelica Ottewill accompanied on her Celtic harp, Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. Stouffville Public Library. Admission \$1.

HOBBY HORSE ARMS
Friday, May 30 - 7:30 p.m. Scotch Nosing. Feature: Macallan 12, 18 and 25. Uxbridge, call 852-6126.

SGT. PEPPERS PUB & GRILL
Join us every Monday night for 25 cent wings and enjoy a game of NTN or watch the hockey playoffs on our big screen. On Sunday nights bring your voice, instrument and friends to jam night. Saturday nights: live music provided by Rick Washbrook. 5694 Hwy. 7, Markham, 471-9876.

FESTIVAL TALENT CONTEST
A new attraction will be added to the 1997 Strawberry Festival. They will be



holding a talent contest. Polish up your act and come out and participate on July 1st weekend in Memorial Park. Volunteers are still needed, please call Dave Houston 640-4454 or Gladys Clarkson at 640-1941.

UXBRIDGE YOUTH CHOIR
"ALADDIN"
May 23 at 7:30 p.m. and May 24 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. At Uxbridge Music Hall. Adults \$10, children \$5. Tickets at Presents Presents and Blue Heron Books.

To promote your event in Spotlight, fax the details to (905) 294-1538, mail to 9 Heritage Rd., Markham, L3P 1M3, or e-mail to ecsun@istar.ca.