

# Patience of Job musical presented this weekend

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On Sunday, June 15, Stouffville United Church Youth Group Players present an original musical drama by Wanda Stride entitled *The Patience of Job*.

The performance takes place at 7 p.m. and funds raised from ticket sales will go towards group programs and activities.

"It's an allegorical play based on the story of Job," said Stride.

"What we've done is taken it and put it in a modern setting, with a 16-year-old kid (as the protagonist). The play shows how he has to come to terms

with the fact that lousy things happen to good people."

## Strikes a chord

And while the young man's challenges may not be as severe as those faced by his biblical counterpart, they will undoubtedly strike a chord of empathy in most people. This is the fourth play Stride has written for the group, who range in age from 12 to 19.

"I also wrote the murder mystery for the Uxbridge Players," she noted.

"It's a pleasure to write for (the

church group) and it's interesting, because the story is about a bunch of kids rehearsing a play." On more than one occasion, she said, the play echoed events that were happening in the actors' own lives.

## Rehearsing

Peter Tamlin plays the leading role of David and Jaime Wagg plays his close friend, Samantha.

"It's about a whole bunch of high school kids rehearsing for

*The Sound of Music*," explained Jaime Wagg.

"Everything nice happens to David, but then he loses his voice and can't sing." And that's when he has to come to terms with the theme of the play. "It's like 'Joseph,' but it's the story of Job instead of Joseph."

Wagg said the group was very grateful to accomplished local violinist Adam Rochacewicz for providing musical accompaniment.

Rehearsals started in early March and Stride said she has

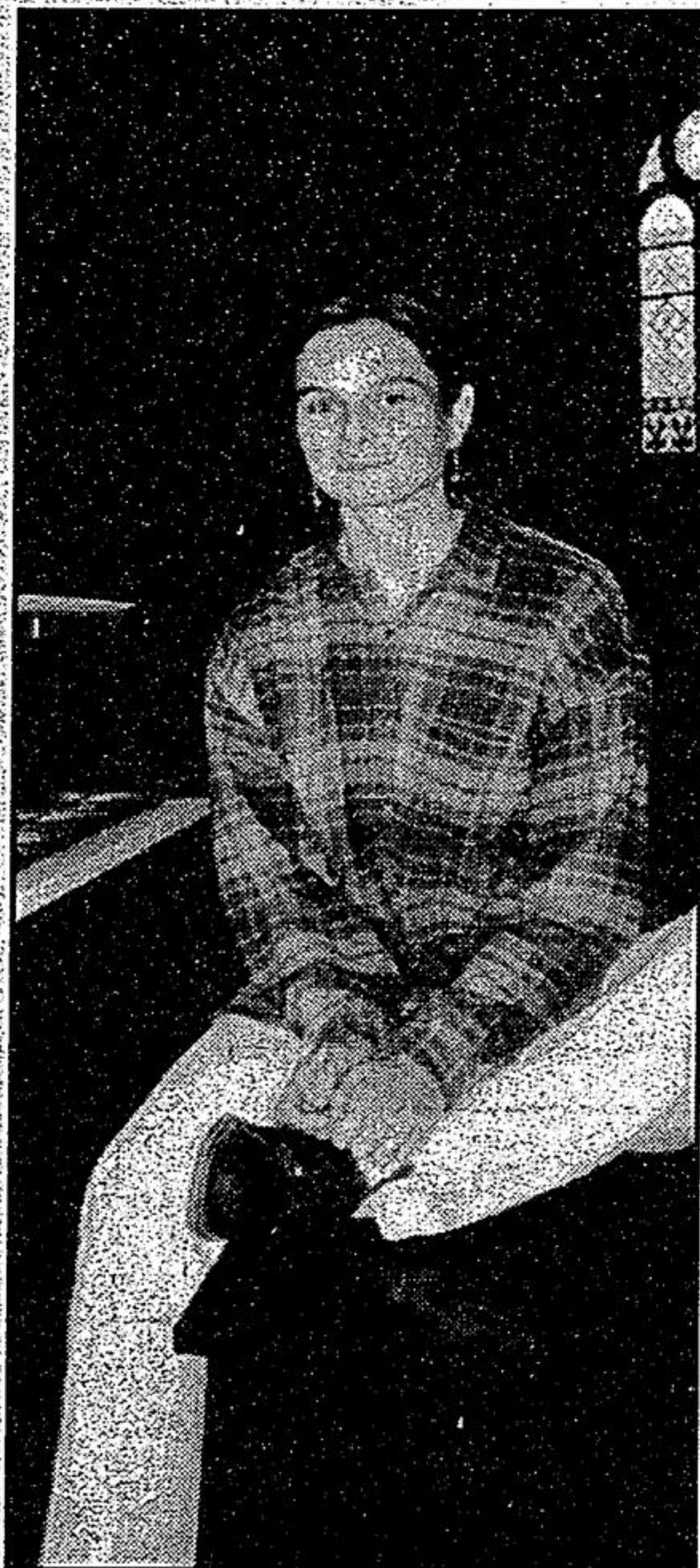
been impressed and delighted with the talent and hard work of her 12-member cast.

## Join up

And while most of the actors attend the church, any young people in the community who are interested in joining are welcome to do so, she noted.

Tickets to the play are \$3 each and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

A performance will also be held at Orchard Park Public School next Tuesday, said the young dramatist.



WANDA STRIDE

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