

The Theatre Scene

Intimate Settings



One good thing about summer winding down is that it signals the start of theatre season in York. The popular Red Barn Theatre in Jackson's Point operates in the summer only, but community theatre throughout the rest of the Region comes alive in September until about April.

Our premier theatre is the Markham Theatre, located at Warden Avenue and Highway 7. They are featuring six different series to choose from: dance, "young hip sexy cool", theatre, signature, spotlight on sound, and family. The complete 1997-98 brochure is available at the box office or by calling 305-7469. Area residents can subscribe and save. The upcoming 32nd season of the Markham Little Theatre also uses this facility.

The City of Vaughan now has its own theatre, called the City Playhouse. It is located on New Westminster Drive, just north of Centre Street. Their box office number is 709-4057.

Even more intimate settings are scattered throughout the Region. Richmond Hill offers the Curtain Club Theatre on Newkirk Road, just south of Elgin Mills Road. Their box office number is 884-3703. Theatre Aurora is further north, west of Yonge Street on Henderson Drive. Call 727-3669. The Newmarket Theatre opened last year at 505 Pickering Crescent (Leslie Street & Mulock

Drive area). Call 715-7212.

Keswick (Georgina) attracts a number of good shows throughout the calendar year at their Stephen Leacock Theatre, located on Gwendolyn Boulevard; call 476-0193.

Dinner theatre can be found at the two Howard Johnson Hotels in the area. Markham's is on Cochrane Drive, just southeast of Highways 404 and 7. Call 475-2659. Aurora's on Yonge Street can be reached at 727-1312.

Not to be left out, Performing Arts York Region puts on four shows a year. For more information call 889-4359. Finally, the York Symphony Orchestra can be reached at (416) 410-0860.

The monthly York Region Tourism News can provide details on most of the above shows. To receive the newsletter, call 883-3442. You can also tap into the entertainment section of the new Happenings Hotline at 764-5456.



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Scenes from past local theater productions

