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**Arts & Entertainment**

# Mural artist drew inspiration from YDHR opening

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Cathy Hendren would like to see more emphasis on the arts in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

During her last year at Stouffville District Secondary School, Hendren created the impressive mural which was erected recently on the side of Lindy's Flowers, by Duffin's Creek.

She also worked at the Latcham Gallery as a co-op student, an experience which increased her desire to pursue a career in the arts.

The mural was inspired by the opening of the York-Durham Heritage Railway last fall.

"The BIA and the Heritage Railway came to the high school looking for some-

one to do a mural and the BIA took it over," she said.

Rather than participate as part of a group of students, Hendren asked if she could do the railway mural as her complete OAC project, working with art teacher, Jane Warren.

"I started last September. I was doing my co-op with Latcham Gallery in conjunction with the mural," she explained.

"It took about six months to come up with and complete the design, which came from old photographs from the Stouffville history book and from people in town."

Once the design was finalized, work began on the mural itself in March.

"We were not told exactly what they wanted. There was a suggestion that it should be a contrast between the old and the new, but I chose to emphasize the old

and bring out the small town atmosphere of Stouffville."

The two people standing in the foreground of the mural are both figures from the centennial book, which adds to the sense of community in the work.

Hendren is currently working, as well as attending night school to complete a final course, and hopes to graduate in January.

"I'm trying to raise money to go to art college, if I can get in, or to do something in that field. Working at the gallery was great and that would be one of my choices of a career."

Her duties included hanging artwork for shows and learning how to place them for maximum impact.

"Exhibitions aren't just thrown up overnight, you have to make things pleasing to the eye and make sure the lighting

is correctly placed."

During the time she was there, Hendren became more aware of the gallery's importance to the town.

"I saw a lot of people in the community that I hadn't thought of as being part of the arts — some of these people have been members for 17 years. I think the gallery needs a lot of promotion."

She would like to see more active support for the arts in general, she said.

"It's very frustrating being artistically inclined and not having anything in town to do with the arts."

While young people who enjoy sports are well served by the community, she feels there is little consideration given to those with different interests.

Hendren welcomes commission work and can be reached at 640-2638.

# Outlandish comedy comes 'out' in hilarious style



**GET BACK HACK:** Kevin Kline (left), who plays a fey, small-town high school English teacher, warns a stalking network reporter (Tom Selleck, sans moustache), to stop hounding him, in the delightfully outlandish new comedy directed by Frank Oz, *In & Out*.

I must admit, the prospect of an outlandish Hollywood comedy that involves a gay theme didn't sit well with me when I first heard about *In & Out*.

So often we've seen gay characters used as window dressing in "straight" comedies or as flamboyant drag queens for comic relief.

Fortunately, *In & Out* doesn't reduce its gay characters to such stereotypes, yet it still manages to be very funny.

In the film, Kevin Kline plays small town high school English teacher Howard Brackett, who is publicly 'outed' to the world during an Academy Award acceptance speech by a former student (Matt Dillon).

The revelation comes as a shock to the students, town's folk, the high school principal (Bob Newhart), Howard's parents (Wilford Brimley and Debbie Reynolds) and his fiancée (Joan Cusack), but most of all, Howard himself.

The incident puts the neat and prissy teacher on the defensive as he attempts to restore his reputation before the residents of the small Indiana town and the national media, who have become fascinated with Howard's sexual preference, most notably Tom Selleck,



**Screen Scene**

Stuart Green

as a gay network reporter who forces Howard to confront his crisis head on.

He tries everything to counter the allegation, from changing his image to dismissing his Barbara Streisand fixation, all with equally hilarious results.

Directed by Muppet-teer cum filmmaker Frank Oz (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Housesitter*, *Little Shop of Horrors*) and written by Paul Rudnick, *In & Out* is one of the few comedies that makes homosexuality palatable to the masses in a mature and sensitive way.

They've done that by giving the film a very old-style comedic sensibility, while tackling very contemporary themes.

It helps that they get terrific performances from the entire cast, especially Kline and Cusack as his insecure bride-to-be.

*In & Out* is a delightful comedy that is neither patronizing nor judgmental to the gay lifestyle.

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