

Arts & Entertainment

DanceCentre makes waves with Shipwrecked recital

The 15th annual Stouffville DanceCentre recital will be held June 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Markham Theatre.

This year's performance is entitled Showcase '98 and Shipwrecked.

The first half of the program will incorporate a diverse selection of ballet, tap and modern dance numbers, which will include 'Virtual Reality' by Tap V students and 'Mission Impossible,' featuring the DanceCentre's acclaimed Youth Company.

Following intermission, 72 senior students will perform 'Shipwrecked,' an hour-long presentation which traces the lives of eight survivors of a storm, who find

themselves stranded on an island.

Their adventures include encounters with the island's inhabitants, as well as with fireflies and creatures of the night, in an entertaining and heart-warming production which will appeal to audiences of all ages.

The DanceCentre will also present a special matinee performance of 'Shipwrecked,' in conjunction with the music department at Unionville High School, for public school students in York Region.

Tickets for the evening performances are \$12 and are available from the Markham Theatre box office at 305-7469 or the DanceCentre at 640-6082.



Dancers entertain at last year's Caribbean Festival

Get hot, hot, hot at Caribbean Festival

KATE GILDERDALE
Correspondent

The fifth annual Caribbean Festival will be held Saturday, June 6 at the recreation complex on Ninth Line.

"We have a really impressive steel band from Toronto called Naparina, who have performed internationally," said organizer John Hall. The band comprises more than 20 young people, ranging in age from 12 to 19. "We will be showing some of the costumes which will be in this year's Caribana and we will also have a silent auction, with items donated by the major businesses in town," he noted.

A delicious selection of mildly-spiced Caribbean food, professionally prepared, will be served and a cash bar will operate throughout the evening. Guests will have plenty of opportunities to dance, with both the band and a disc jockey, Stouffville's own Vince Parry, providing an excellent selection of lively music.

Although the evening is organized by members of Christ Church Anglican, "It's a community event, not a Christ Church event and any profits go right back into the community to help families who are facing difficult times," said Hall. "The support that we have received from our local politicians has been tremendous and we have also had terrific support from staff at the recreation centre and local business people."

Tickets for the festival are available from the church office, Boyd's Sports, Barthau Jewellers and Freckles.

Fullerton's has Midlife Crisis

FULLERTON'S

Tonight: Midlife Crisis - six-piece R'n'B horn band. Friday and Saturday: Grant Fullerton of Lighthouse. Sunday: Danny Marks and Alec Fraser, 6 to 10 p.m. 6211 Main St. Stouffville, 642-5360.

STOUFFVILLE BILLIARDS

Saturday: Karaoke returns at 9:30 p.m. June 8: 8-ball tourney at 7:30 p.m. Drop by or call to register. 18 Ringwood Dr., 642-5361.

PLAYING IN THE PARK

Markham Youth Theatre presents collection of one-act plays in outdoor setting at amphitheatre at Markham Civic Centre, Warden Ave. at Hwy 7, June 5, 6, 12 and 13. Starts at 8:30 p.m. each night. No charge, free will offering.

BEAVER'S CABIN CAFE

Every Saturday 8 p.m. to midnight. Tien Yeung Jazz Band plays bebop jazz in cozy, romantic, relaxing atmosphere. Fully licenced, reservations recommended. 182 Main St. (upstairs) Unionville, 940-2507.

ART SHOW & JAZZ CAFE

Presented by Unionville High School visual arts department. June 4, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at UHS, Warden Ave. at Hwy 7.

ST. ANDREW'S JAZZ SERIES

This Saturday St. Andrew's presents Blue Monk Jazz Ensemble with special guest Third Stream, the MDHS senior vocal group. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 students. St. Andrew's is at 32 Main St. Markham. Tickets available at church at the Village Smoke



Shop, 31, Main St. Markham. Concert starts at 8 p.m.

THIRD STREAM

MDHS senior vocal group performs at The Montreal Bistro, 65 Sherbourne St., Toronto on Monday, June 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door. For advance tickets call the school at 294-1886.

To promote your event in Spotlight, fax the details to (905) 640-5477, mail to 6244 Main St., Stouffville, L4A 1E2, or e-mail to thetrib@istar.ca.

Complex plot, excellent casting pay off for thriller Deathtrap

Brooding story mounted with outstanding effort

Bill Simpson

Special to the Economist & Sun

Whitevale—The new play at Herongate Barn Theatre provides a real change of pace on the theatre scene.

Deathtrap, true to its title, is a comedy-thriller, with the emphasis on thrills and chills more than laughs.

Deathtrap, by American playwright Ira Levin, is in the blood-thirsty tradition of *Sleuth*, *Ill Be Back Before Midnight* and *Veronica's Room*, also by Levin.

Herongate's production of this brooding story is outstanding. The lighting and sound by George Delucas are an integral element of this production and are startlingly effective.

The play takes place in a country home in a converted stable, a particularly suitable setting since the theatre is a converted barn.

The large beams on stage seem modeled on the real ones in the dining room downstairs.

The set design gives the impression of a much deeper stage than is actually available in the Herongate Barn.

Para Richards gives a chilling, masterful performance in the enigmatic role of Sidney Bruhl, which is replete with double-edged

dialogue.

Joanne Macintosh brought a high level of supportive consistency to her portrayal of Myra Bruhl. Appropriate to the character, though this was it, made this viewer wish for a bit more fire at times.

Ray Pormil has appeared several times at Herongate, but his performance as Clifford Anderson shows a new depth of characterization.

The three performers wove the complex web of plot that is Levin's script very tightly indeed, right through to the conclusion hinted at by the title.

Jo Hubbard brought her fine talents to the mysterious, quirky role of Helga Ten Dorp, providing comedic relief while further twisting the intricate plot.

Bev Nicholas did first-rate work directing this dark story, and also appeared as a lawyer under the name of Porter Milgrim.

I highly recommend this fine production, with the note that someone who is susceptible to shock may not want to see it.

Herongate Barn Theatre is on Altona Road in Whitevale, 11/21 km. south of Whitevale on Altona Rd. 10 mins. E. of Markham. For tickets and details call 472-3035. www.durhamhall.com/herongate

WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP AT FATHER'S

Friday, May 29th Rock n' Roll and R & B

STONE DOGS

Saturday, May 30th Classical Blues

HOWARD WILLET And **THE SHIFTERS**

Sunday Matinee 3pm

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Corner of Hwy. #7 and McCowan Rd. - (905) 294-0134

Adventorial

Grand opening of Famous Greek

Metropolitan Archbishop Sofros blesses Famous Greek owner Andree Anastou at the grand opening celebrations. Also on hand were (from left) Irene, owner Spyros and Ermius, Rev. Philip, Philipou and Rev. Odysios (not pictured) were also on hand to help with the celebrations.