

MUSIC MANIA: flying high

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39TH SEASON A SMASH SUCCESS

When the final curtain goes up tonight on Music Mania's production of *As The Cork Flies*, the ghost of Jack Benny is expected to applaud the loudest. At 39, Music Mania is the same age as the late American comedian (or so he jokingly proclaimed). And, like Benny, Music Mania is always a hit.

This year, *As The Cork Flies* celebrates the millennium. In fact, this show is Stouffville's first salute to the 21st Century.

Tonight for the final call, music maniacs take the audience to a New Year's eve party. The whole show will take place from when the champagne (vintage 1999) cork pops until it lands on the ground. People reminisce during its flight.

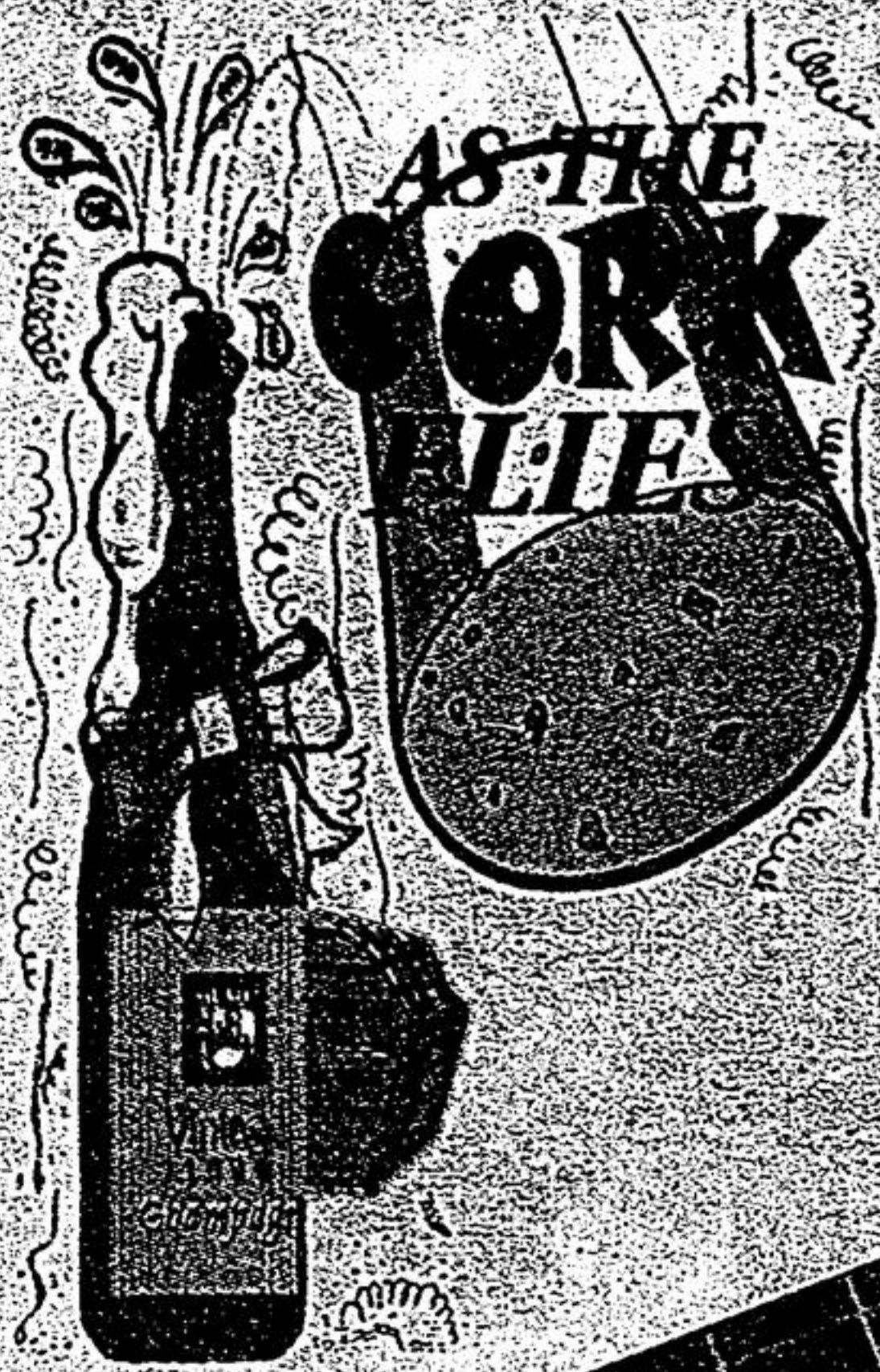
"People enjoy it so much, they dance in the aisles," said Music Mania veteran performer, Doris Harvey.

"The music is great, the skits are well done and the costumes are spectacular. Music Mania just gets better and better."

The two-hour performance is on stage at SDSS with more than 150 residents involved. Thursday and Friday shows attracted full house crowds totalling 1,200 for the two nights.

Tickets to the last show tonight at 8 p.m. are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children, 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door, at M&M Meats, Stouffville Video, 1001 Variety and Card's Appliances.

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The Music Mania chorus, above, includes, below, from back to front, Al McNaught, Lorna Geldart, Barb Burgess, Carol Guinane, Jane Barrow and Doris Harvey. At left from top, Marcel Bossi leads a dance, along with, from left, John Dymont, Vince Perry, Rod Hooper and Al McNaught. In centre photo, flappers, from left, Marlene Jarko, Michelle Farwell and Maryanne Dionne move to the groove, while in photo bottom and centre, Yve Seraphine dances in the 'spice up your life' number. At far left, from top, Barb Scaife and Dave Duggan perform a skit, while, in centre photo, John McTavish, Rod Hooper and Paul Webb dance. In bottom photo, actors in the 'Titanic', from left, Bunny Burton, Bruce Burton, Sally Gyton, Cathy McNaught and Julie Jones discuss the ship's inevitable fate.



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