

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Markham Theatre announces new line-up

Markham Theatre is swinging into a new season with a slate of new acts and old favourites.

A 26-presentation line-up of professional entertainment was announced Monday at the theatre, complete with sneak previews of the upcoming season.

Among the artists promoting their scheduled appearances for the 1999/2000 season were James and Cindy Croker of Motus O Dance Theatre, who are returning to Markham Theatre next April with their inter-



pretation of the literary classic, *The Little Prince*.

Joining Motus O in the Special Attraction series are the Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra, The Nylons Holiday Show, Ballet Jørgen's *The Nutcracker* and Cirque Eloize, an eight-member troupe drawn from the alumni of Cirque du Soleil and Ecole Nationale de Cirque.

The Signature Series was represented by Canadian jazz icon Joe Sealy, who'll be joining Nathaniel Dett Chorale for two December shows, as well as violinist Eduard Minevich who is slated to take the stage next April with fiddler Frank Leahy in a performance called MasterClash.

The Signature Series also includes a return engagement with John McDermott, and Quartette (comprised of Caitlin Hanford, Cindy Church, Gwen Swick and Sylvia Tyson) and Stuart McLean, host of CBC Radio's Vinyl Cafe.

Juno Award winner Colin James will bring his brand of swing to the IBM Showcase Series in November. James kicks off the series that also boasts The Barra MacNeils in a holiday show, Cape Breton singer-songwriter Bruce Guthro, and Barachois, a quartet of Acadians from PEI.

Four offerings make up the Theatre Series: *Leave the Porch Light On*, *I Can Sing (Can't I?)*, *2 Pianos, 4 Hands*, and *Wingfield Unbound*.

For young theatre goers, Dufflebag Story Theatre's *Once Upon A Time* brings fairy tales to life. Markham Theatre also presents children's entertainer Fred Penner in November and author Robert Munsch in February, along



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Above, violinist Eduard Minevich invited audience participation at the Monday evening launch of Markham Theatre's 1999/2000 professional entertainment season. Minevich is slated for an April performance with Frank Leahy. At left, Mark Kenesz and Tara Butler give a preview of Ballet Jørgen's *The Nutcracker*.

with The Wonderful Word of Jillian Jiggs in April.

The Second City Touring Company is back at the theatre for another show in this season's Comedy Series, along with a return engagement of Yuk Yuk's on Tour.

Also on the comedy bill are the British Vaudeville Show, The Arrogant Worms (a CBC Radio staple) and stand-up comedian/story-teller/musician Lorne Elliott.

For information on ticket and subscription prices, call the box office at 305-7469.

Student art showcased at Latcham

Images '99 brings together the works of senior art students from throughout York Region.

Participating schools include Stouffville District High School, Unionville High School, Aurora High School, Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School and St. Andrews.

The art will be displayed at Latcham Gallery, 6276 Main St., Stouffville between May 19 and 30.

DanceCentre holds annual recital

The Stouffville DanceCentre presents its year-end recital, Showcase '99 and *Sleeping Beauty*, on May 31 and June 1 at Markham Theatre, both nights starting at 7:30 p.m.

Younger DanceCentre students will take the stage for the first portion of the show, followed by the newly formed tap troupe as well as the youth company performing to music from the movie *Titanic*.

The second half, featuring the 71 senior students, is based on the classic *Sleeping Beauty*, combining ballet, tap, and modern numbers.

Tickets are \$14 and available at the box office, 305-7469 or the DanceCentre at 640-6082.

Best of Ontario theatre performed in York Region

May 17 to 23 has been proclaimed Theatre Ontario Festival '99 Week by the Town of Newmarket, and the public is invited to attend four evenings of theatre produced by groups from across the province.

The participating plays, which are winners of the four major community festivals in Ontario, are: *The Stillborn Lover*, The Oakville Players; *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, by The Belleville Theatre Guild; *The Foreigner*, by Take Two Theatre of Timmins; and *Orphans*, by Woodstock Little Theatre.

Each play will be adjudicated at the Newmarket grand finale, and one will be chosen to represent the province at an international drama festival in July.

Tickets for one or all four plays are on sale at the Newmarket Theatre box office, (905) 953-5122.

Singers and dancers wanted for review

Espit Stage Productions of Stouffville is holding auditions for singers and dancers to perform in its musical review.

Men and women between 16 and 50 years are invited to try out on June 2 and 6.

To book an audition, call 640-4224.

Rosemary Galloway Quintet winds up jazz series

The St. Andrew's United Church Women in Jazz concert series continues this Saturday with a performance by the Rosemary Galloway Quintet.

The fundraising concert, part of an ongoing series featuring jazz artists, starts at 8 p.m. at the Main Street, Markham church.

For ticket information, call the church office at 294-0153.

Concert honours renowned cantor

Temple Har Zion honours cantor Martin Steinhouse for 25 years of innovative and dedicated service.

To celebrate his accomplishments, the Thornhill temple, at 7360 Bayview Ave., is hosting a concert by seven cantors and the Temple Har Zion choir this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Those participating are Eli Kirshblum of Adath Israel congregation, Anna Trubashnik of Temple Emanu-El, Efraim Sapir of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple, Thomas Schwarz formerly of Temple Sinai and David Goldstein of Temple Ben Zion, Buffalo.

Tickets are \$36 for adults and \$18 for youth. Call 889-2252 ext. 5.

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PHOTO/LORI EMMERSON

Jen Deadman poses with her work at last Thursday's Echoes exhibit of Markham District High School OAC art at Markham Civic Centre.

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