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Markham Youth Theatre teaches while it entertains

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Constantly taking risks in its choice of productions, Markham Youth Theatre has covered all points of the map, everything from Broadway smash hits to straight plays with original music to comedy improv shows.

Markham Youth Theatre first made its mark in the community with *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 1992. Following that was the production of *Fame!* in 1993, directed by Jennifer Walker and musically directed by MYT veteran Bj Everhart. Season three featured a production of the Broadway hit *Chicago* directed by Massimo Pagliaroli and again with Everhart in charge of the music. This tongue-in-cheek look at 1920s prisons was a huge success.

In season four, no one seemed interested in producing a show for the year, but director Jennifer Lacey and producer Leslie Coulson stepped up at the last minute with the small and quirky Sondheim musical, *Company*.

By season five, MYT members Jeff Jones and Hillari Blumfald took the opportunity to produce an adaptation of the Lewis Carroll book *Alice in Wonderland*.

In season six, director Tiiu Knude Tahara presented the board with *Departures & Arrivals*. Once again, Everhart composed and performed the music in the show.

The 1998 season was kicked off with an idea of president Jeff Jones to produce *Jesus Christ Superstar* as a fundraiser for the company. The show broke MYT records and has become an annual project.

Later that season, the idea of an evening of one-act plays in the amphitheatre outside the Markham Civic Centre was hatched by Chris Brown and Amberly Buxton. Playing in the Park has also become a yearly event that runs over two weekends in the summer.

Back at the Markham Theatre, MYT demonstrated to the community *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, with Robin Everhart following in his older brother's footsteps as musical director. Phillip Khan was the director for this comical and stereotypical look at the 1950s mega-company.

The 1999 season was kicked off with hysterical laughter, watching a Rob Norman creation entitled *You Laughin at Me?!?* The show was derived from the popular TV show Whose Line is it Anyway?

Jesus Christ Superstar returned with a bang, bigger and better than the year before. Another one of Jones' ideas resulted in *Hair, The Tribal Love Rock Musical*.

Hair was also performed in the amphitheatre for Playing in the Park. Chris MacBride and his team came together and made it happen beautifully.

MYT closed its season with a mix of comedy, parody, jazz, 1940s Hollywood and film noir that resulted in the Broadway musical, *City of Angels*. First-time director Tim Hawco and the flamboyant stage manager Frances Kulis were fantastic in their final MYT production.

MYT once again has a jampacked schedule of five shows. The season will start in hysterics once again, brought by the team of *You Laughin at Me?!?* and the Justice League of Improv (affectionately nicknamed the JLI). The show goes on in Crosby Arena Feb. 18 and 19. April will bring *Jesus Christ Superstar* in concert with a somewhat different version of the Easter story.

Playing in the Park has been passed on to Mike Peznyak this season. MYT directors have also proposed *Shakespeare's Lovers*, a play comprised of love scenes from Shakespeare's most touching plays. It will be performed in the Civic Centre amphitheatre in early August.

Finally, back on the Markham Theatre stage, MYT plans to present *Tommy*. Jenny Everson and Talent Pun have taken on the huge task of directing, along with at least three musical directors.

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