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Win dinner at show

Going to Music Mania? You can win a gift certificate from a Stouffville restaurant.

Stouffville's 45th annual variety show and The Sun-Tribune are sponsoring a contest.

Look for the show logo in today's paper and the editions of April 21 and 28.

Readers will be asked to fill out ballots on show

nights listing the page the logo appeared on in each edition. A draw will be held each night at intermission.

Prizes have been donated by Emerald Isle, Thai Village, Sunshine Seafood Restaurant, Beat Goes on Care and Shoeless Joes.

This year's show goes April 28, 29 and 30 at Stouffville District Secondary School.



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Music Mania performers Gennie Cuthbertson (left), Jim Brazier, Sharron Baxter, Dave Baxter and Rob Reid rehearse for Music Mania, April 28 to 30. The feature features brief skits and, apparently,

Music Mania crew takes nutty look at news

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

You may have to look twice to see whether it really is Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty in one of the skits in this year's Music Mania production of Everything, Old is News Again.

The music and variety show featuring Whitchurch-Stouffville residents is back for its 45th year. It is presented by the Stouffville United Church Couples+ Club.

Around 150 cast members are in the last couple of weeks of rehearsals at Stouffville District Secondary School. The show offers a music, dance, skits (including one with the premier) and a black light number. It weaves present day music and events with classics from the past.

The off-beat skit crew will take its own look at local and world events and everyday life. New this year is the news desk, which ties events from the past to today's happenings.

Sharron Baxter is this year's skits director and says "Local politicians are always prime targets."

Her husband, David, was skits director for two years.

The dozen or so members

of the skits crew are not the most shy and retiring of the show. They're willing to dress up in all kinds of outfits, take on strange personalities and deliver outrageous lines.

Among the returning perennial favourites are Lorraine French, Bruce and Bunny Burton and Jim Brazier. At least two businesspeople, Rob Reid of Reid's Antiques and Consignment Shop and Suze Joyce of The Healing Force, will lend their talents to the skits.

The reason people gravitate toward skits is simple, according to Ms French, a 16-year veteran of the Music Mania show: "We want to make people laugh."

Ms French joined when she moved to Stouffville, as a way to get to know people.

Work on skits begins shortly after Thanksgiving with input from all members of the crew.

Anne Murray's classic Everything Old is New Again starts off the show. Along the way, the audience will hear Pink's recent hit Get this Party Started and songs made famous by groups such as the Beatles, Mamas and Papas and Dixie Chicks.

Gayle Dunn directs the show, Melissa Ferguson is cho-

rus director and the Music Mania dancers are led by Kristen Matthews. The dancers perform to numbers including Boys of Summer and Men in Black.

The band is being led by guitarist Tom Pullin for the second year. Band members are Wally Robinson on drums, Loy Fernandes on bass guitar, Louis Sorichetti on rhythm and lead guitar and Jean Thomas on the keyboard.

There will be "very emotional music", Mr. Pullin said.

The chorus has grown substantially from last year with the addition of members of the Men of Note choir, which will also perform on its own.

Music Mania is at Stouffville District Secondary School April 28 through 30 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger.

They're available at Card's TV & Appliances, Fame International, M&M Meat shops, Reid's Antiques, Stouffville Florist, Latcham Gallery and 1001 Variety Store.

Show proceeds are donated back to the community and to a music scholarship at Stouffville District Secondary School.

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