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Music Man well dressed for YDAPA production

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The York Durham Association for the Performing Arts is rolling out its most elaborate production of the season, *The Music Man*, which features a cast of more than 60 adults and children.

The company expanded to five productions for this season after receiving an Ontario Trillium grant of \$12,500 last year.

YDAPA's costume designers, Ada Seebach and Dorothy Clark, have turned out elaborate band costumes and other designs for the production.

The lead character of Harold Hill is played by Oakville resident Chris Whiteford. His wife, Tennille Whiteford, is YDAPA's stage manager.

Christie McMullen plays Marion the Librarian. Peter Markle, who is known from the annual English pantomimes at Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville, portrays Mayor Shinn.

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Eleven-year-old Queensville resident Minnie Daniel plays Amaryllis, the librarian's sister. Ryan Wynne, a Stouffville resident, portrays Winthrop, who gets teased because his lisp prevents him from pronouncing Amaryllis properly.

The story line has Harold Hill disembarking from a train that has stopped in River City, Iowa. Talk has already circulated about this unscrupulous character, who goes around selling band uniforms and musical instruments.

His mission is to convince the townsfolk they really need a band in town. That's the only way, he maintains, to keep the town's young people out of local billiard halls.

Performances of *The Music Man* are at the Vaughan City Playhouse Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling 905-640-8403.



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Christie McMullen as Marion, Peter Markle as Mayor Shinn, Taya Dekker as Wa Tan Ye and Melissa Menzies as Alma Hix prepare for this weekend's performance of *The Music Man* by Stouffville-based York Durham Academy for the Performing Arts at Vaughan City Playhouse. For tickets call 905 640-0823.

Even though this production isn't over yet, organizers are already in the process of selecting next season's show. Whitchurch-Stouffville residents can help choose which of the musicals they'd like to see by logging on to

www.ydapa.com and voting for their top choices.

The York Durham Academy for the Performing Arts holds its final concert and fundraiser of the season on June 7 at EastRidge Missionary Church on Tenth Line in Stouffville.

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