

## Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Markham Theatre!

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It was community that founded Markham Theatre, community that shaped its growth and community that will determine its future.

When planning for the theatre began back in the early 1980s, several organizations were on board — a town council that wanted to encourage cultural endeavours, a board of education that saw an opportunity to boost learning in the arts and groups, such as the Markham Concert Band, Markham Little Theatre and Markham Men of Harmony, looking for a performance venue.

"There was a core group of individuals who had a vision for bringing a

arts facility to Markham," explains Wendy Woof-Severn, marketing and development co-ordinator for the theatre. "This all goes back to their commitment to the importance of having an arts facility in Markham."

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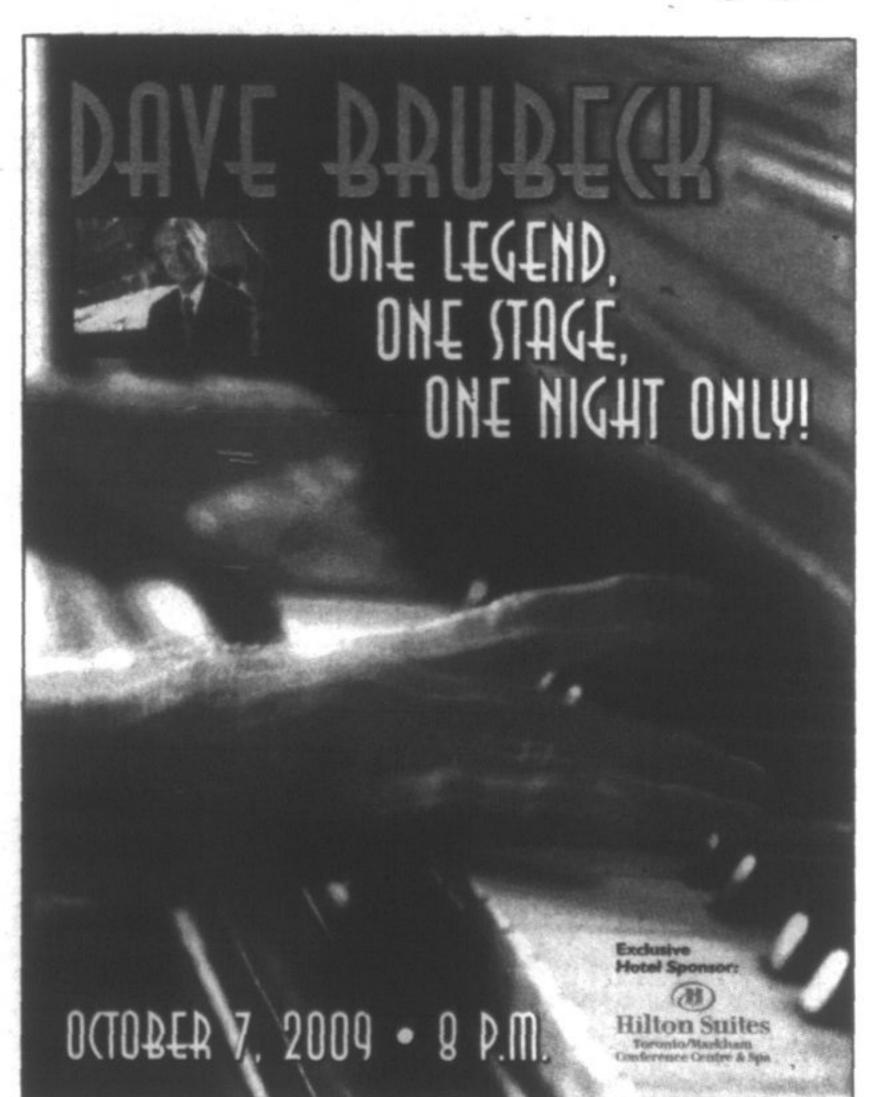
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