

Show second oldest in Ontario

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sustained so long," said Rick Lightfoot, this year's show director.

Music Mania is the second longest running show of its kind in Ontario, according to Heather Andrews, spokesperson for the local performance group.

A theatre group in Hamilton lays claim to the title of Ontario's longest running community variety show.

SOLID GOLD

Solid Gold is old, but new. It's old in the sense that it's a look back at the past 50 shows, including the best previously performed skits, dances and musical numbers. Almost 40 alumni will be on hand to perform.

But the skits, dances and musical numbers have a bit of a new twist to them thanks to new performers.

"It's fun to see people you haven't seen for awhile, renewing friendships and that's what Music Mania is all about - making friends," said Mrs. Andrews, who is celebrating her 28th year with the troupe.

Not including this year's performers, 1,640 people have participated in Music Mania throughout

the years, according to Mr. Lightfoot.

And not one of those performers ever auditioned.

"Everybody is welcome to join," Mrs. Andrews said. "There's no rule to join Music Mania - all you have to do is live within Whitchurch-Stouffville."

Mr. Lightfoot has been with Music Mania for 29 years, mostly performing comedy skits. Solid Gold ends his three-year tenure as director.

"It gives somebody a chance to take the show in a new direction," Mr. Lightfoot said of the three-year rule for directors. "It's always good to have new people involved."

Music Mania not only provided locals with a fun evening of entertainment, throughout the years, it has raised \$84,000 for 91 different sources, including the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and the York-Durham Aphasia Centre.

The troupe also provides an annual scholarship to a Stouffville District Secondary School student who is continuing his or her post-secondary education in the performing arts, as well as to the Student Music Scholarship

Concert.

"The whole premise around (this is) putting on a fancy show everybody could enjoy ... and the secondary effect is that we can give back financially," Mrs. Andrews said.

For the past two years, Music Mania has been held at Christ Church Anglican's Great Hall, after many years in the old Stouffville District Secondary School gymnasium.

BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL

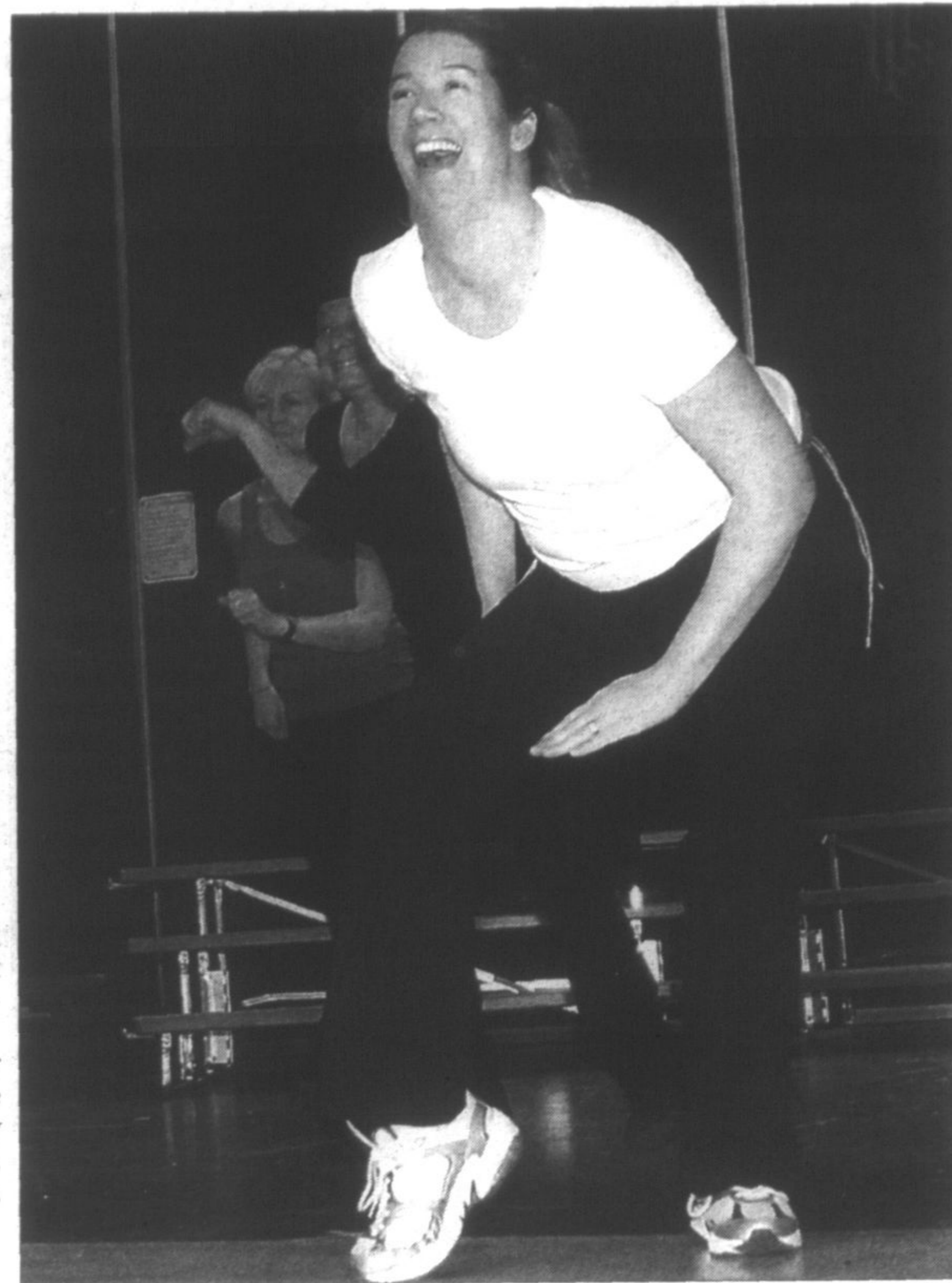
The golden anniversary marks a return to the high school stage.

"This year we needed a bigger venue and decided to go to the new high school," Mr. Lightfoot said. "We're expecting a bigger audience this year because of this milestone anniversary."

Show times are April 29 and April 30 at 7:30 p.m. and May 1 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at Stouffville Secondary, 804 Hoover Park Dr.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under and available at Card's Appliances, the Hearty Artichoke, Fame Hair and Spa, M&M Meat Shops, Reid's Antiques, Pharmasave and Great Clips.

For more information on Music Mania, go to www.maniashow.ca



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Cindy Duncan gets ready for Music Mania's 50th show this month.

The Regional Municipality of York

Notice of Public Meeting The Regional Municipality of York Development Charges

On Thursday May 6, 2010, the Finance and Administration Committee of the Regional Municipality of York will hold a public meeting pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997. The public meeting will take place during the Finance and Administration Committee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. The public meeting will consider an amendment to the Region-wide development charges by-law for the Water, Sewer and Roads components.

Regional Council will consider at a subsequent meeting the enactment of the proposed amendment to the Development Charges By-Law.

Regional Council is required under the Development Charges Act, 1997 to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the supporting documentation of the proposed by-law.

All interested parties are invited to attend on:

Thursday, May 6, 2010
Regional Administrative Building
Committee Room "A"
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario

Public Meeting will start at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Copies of the 2010 Background Study, the proposed By-Law, together with related staff reports will be available through the Regional Clerk's office by April 22, 2010.

Written submissions are invited and should be directed to Lloyd Russell, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, by no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 29, 2010. Inquiries should be directed to the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer. Anyone wishing to address Committee on the above-noted matters should advise Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk at (905) 830-4444 ext. 1300 or denis.kelly@york.ca by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk



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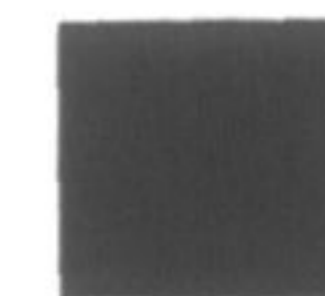
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