

Dating disasters come to life in Nineteen on the Park show

Searching for a taste of Broadway? You don't have to look far.

Two new theatre productions are coming to the Lebovic Centre of Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park in downtown Stouffville.

The first production, *Bittergirl*, should work for Sex and the City fans.

Three women, all writers and actresses - Allison Lawrence, Mary Francis Moore and Annabel Griffiths - had their own outrageous and sometimes hysterical

experiences getting dumped before getting together in 1993, in Toronto and the *Bittergirl* was born.

The three women who had collectively been dumped 57 times, took their real-life dating and dumping experiences and created the production.

The show was staged from London, England, to New York City and had three sold-out runs in Toronto.

The writers are the performers. Each has their own unique story and has appeared in numerous publications and on television

shows sharing their advice and experiences.

Bittergirl is directed by Michael Walker and will be performed Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Stouffville theatre. Tickets are \$35, \$30 for subscribers and \$18 for students.

The second production, the family friendly *Weeping Mountain*, will be staged March 6.

It's a rich and imaginative story of a young girl, Nuna, and her incredible journey across sprawling prairies, the laughing river and towards the peak of the Weeping

Mountain.

During this journey, Nuna discovers the transformative power of nature and the importance of courage. This family series production will capture the imagination of kids and families alike, as it has to close to 300,000 people around the world.

Weeping Mountain was written by Tracey Power and presented by Red Sky Performance, a Toronto-based company that was founded by artistic director Sandra Laronde in 2000.

The company has created, produced and performed original works for adult and family audiences on local, national and international stages.

Tickets are \$20, \$17 for subscribers and \$10 for students.

Tickets for both productions can be purchased by calling 905-640-2322, going to www.nineteenonthepark.ca or visiting the box office at 19 Civic Ave., Stouffville from Wednesday to Saturday between 1 and 6 p.m.

- Stephanie West

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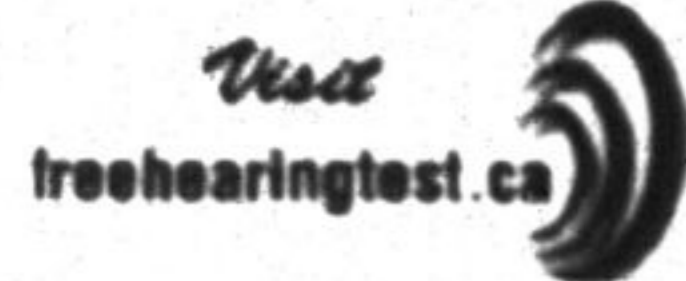
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