Play speaks to urban/rural conflict

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With the twirl of a baton, Peggy Ann Douglas left the little farm girl behind for the glitz and glamour of Hollywood.

Well, not quite Hollywood, more like the burgeoning Hamilton theatre scene. Ms Douglas also became a big-time model, for local clothiers.

Ms Douglas' desire to escape her Caledonia-based family farm in the 1950s via the pageant circuit is the premise of Miss Caledonia.

The one-woman show will be performed at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park March 6 and 7. The play was written by Ms Douglas' daughter, Dora award winning actress Melody A. Johnson.

Throughout her life, the family rec room has filled with trophies and sashes from the matriarch's baton twirling competitions and pageants. Ms Johnson got her mother to open up and tell her about those days and realized Ms Douglas' life was pretty entertaining.

Her mother didn't think the conversations

she had with her father while standing over a crosscut saw or travelling in a milk truck could be all that interesting, but she let her daughter go ahead and write the play.

Miss Caledonia is told from the perspective of a 40-year-old Ms Douglas looking back on her dreams of becoming a movie star, despite living on a farm near Brantford and being raised in a Scottish-Protestant household.

"It's a love story to my family," Ms Johnson told The Sun-Tribune.

Ms Douglas saw the Summerworks version of the play in 2012. Ms Johnson plays about 15 characters ranging in age from 15 to 40-ish with no costume changes.

Steven Foster, culture director of Nineteen on the Park, acknowledges the theatre cannot hold large Mirvish-like productions that people often associate with live theatre, but also noted "a good theatrical event starts with a story". And this is a story that speaks to Whitchurch-Stouffville's rural/urban conflict, he said.

Tickets are \$35 from nineteenonthepark. com/miss-caledonia/



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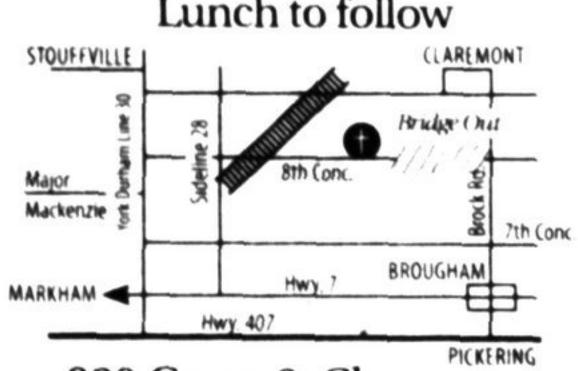
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日期及時間: 4月13日晚上7時半 地路: Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville 預訂免費門票: http://goo.gl/f0izto (一人一顆, 不設兒童托管服務)

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