

What a difference a day makes...

By Kate Gilderdale Stouffville Free Press

As always, they're not giving too much away, but the stalwarts and newcomers involved in this year's Music Mania have revealed their theme for the 2007 show: 24 and So Much More.

"It isn't going to follow a day's sequence," said director Dave Baxter enigmatically, "but it is about the events of a day; morning, afternoon, the day in general." This year's extravaganza will offer the traditional mix of skits, dance and chorus numbers, and a peak preview at a recent rehearsal promised energy, wit and some marvellous melodies.

"A lot of the songs are very familiar, 70s-type stuff, folk music, that sort of thing." Buddy Holly's That'll Be The Day will also be featured as will Gordon Lightfoot's haunting Early Morning Rain. Other songs include Pete Seeger's Turn! Turn! Turn!, with text taken from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which was a massive hit for The Byrds in 1965, and Taking Care of Business, a nod to the everyday world of work. "Our blacklight number, which opens the second half, will be a little different and more lively this year," said Dave.

Music Mania, which began in 1960, will feature both long-time performers and young up and comers, some of whom are following in their parents' footsteps. The 2007 team includes assistant director

Lorraine French, Karin Bacher and Rob Reid polish up one of their skits for the 2007 Music Mania which is entitled 24 and So Much More.

Sharon Baxter, co-producers Gayle Dunn and Jean Buchan, music director Marg Cunningham, assistant music director Vince Parry, skit director Rick Lightfoot, assistant skit director Steve Fronske and dance director Natalie Wood.

The show will take place at Stouffville District Secondary School April 26, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m., half an hour earlier than in previous years. "This will be our last show at the old SDSS and we want to make it really special," said publicity co-ordinator Heather Andrews.

"Proceeds from this year's show will be going to the York Durham Academy of Performing Arts. Over the past 46 years Music Mania's charitable donations have totalled almost \$80,000. We are pleased each year to be able to have a scholarship at SDSS for a student pursuing a pathway in the arts."





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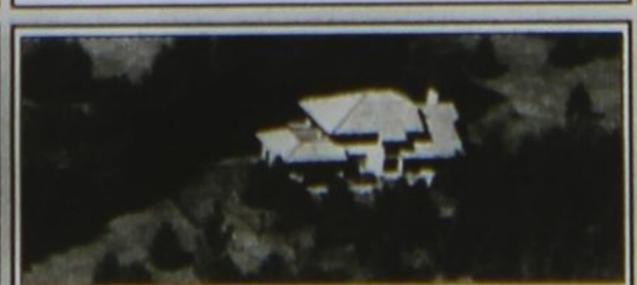
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