

## Award-Winning Play Comes To Town

*P.S. Uncle Angus* showcases local talent



Members of the cast and crew who will bring Neil A. Marr's award-winning play to Nineteen on the Park from May 6 to 9.

Stouffville Theatre Company's production of *P.S. Uncle Angus*, which will be performed at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment-Nineteen on the Park May 6 to 9, is written and directed by local playwright, director and author Neil A. Marr.

The play had its debut at Markham Theatre in February 2011 and won an impressive number of awards, and nominations including an Association of Community Theatres - Central Ontario (ACT-CO) Best Drama award.

*P.S. Uncle Angus* is set in an Essex County farm house, where members of the Thomas family have gathered for their father's funeral. Over the course of two days, they are forced to abandon idealistic notions of the past, take stock of their lives and consider what it means to live, love and laugh in a new and changing world. While it was acclaimed as a drama, *P.S. Uncle Angus* also contains plenty of comic

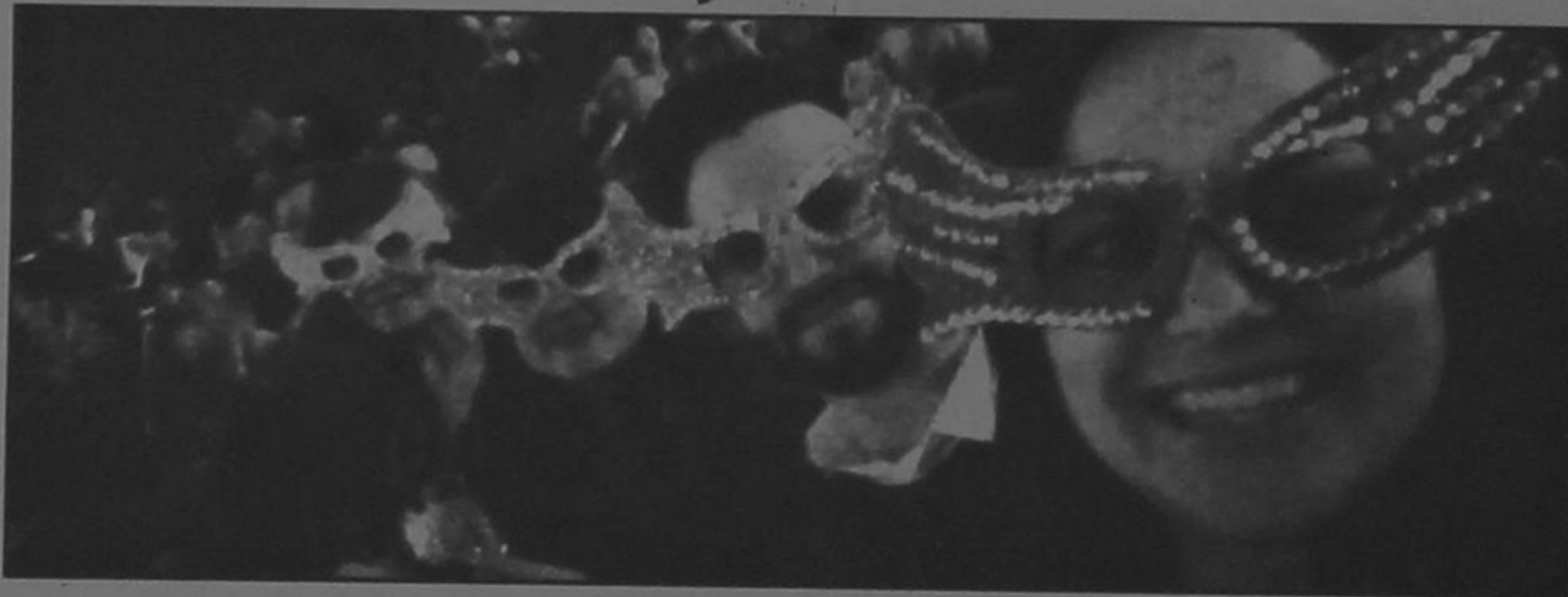
moments, deftly illustrating the ups and downs that make up family life.

Each performance will include a cameo appearance by a different well-known Stouffville resident. Treading the boards will be Mayor Justin Altmann, Patrick LeBlanc of O'Neill Funeral Home, Dr. Jane Philpott, Bob Stover - an original member of the startup team for Nineteen on the Park - and MP Paul Calandra.

Neil A. Marr also wrote *Bienvenue Oh Trout Lake*, which had a successful run at Nineteen on the Park in 2012. He is the author of *Maggies and Sunsets*, a 2003 novel about an expatriate Scot who is drawn back to his native land.

*P.S. Uncle Angus* will be performed at 8 p.m. May 6, 7, 8 and 9, with a 2 p.m. matinee on May 9. Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased online at [19onthepark.ca](http://19onthepark.ca) or by calling the box office at 905-640-2322.

## Goodbye Possums!



Free Press writer Hannelore Volpe (left) and her daughters Grace and Laura, were among legions of Dame Edna fans who bid their final farewell to the world's greatest gigastar at the Royal Alex in Toronto on April 19. Laura Volpe (right) created the beautiful masks as a tribute to our heroine's trademark glasses, whimsically referred to by the grande dame herself as 'face furniture'.

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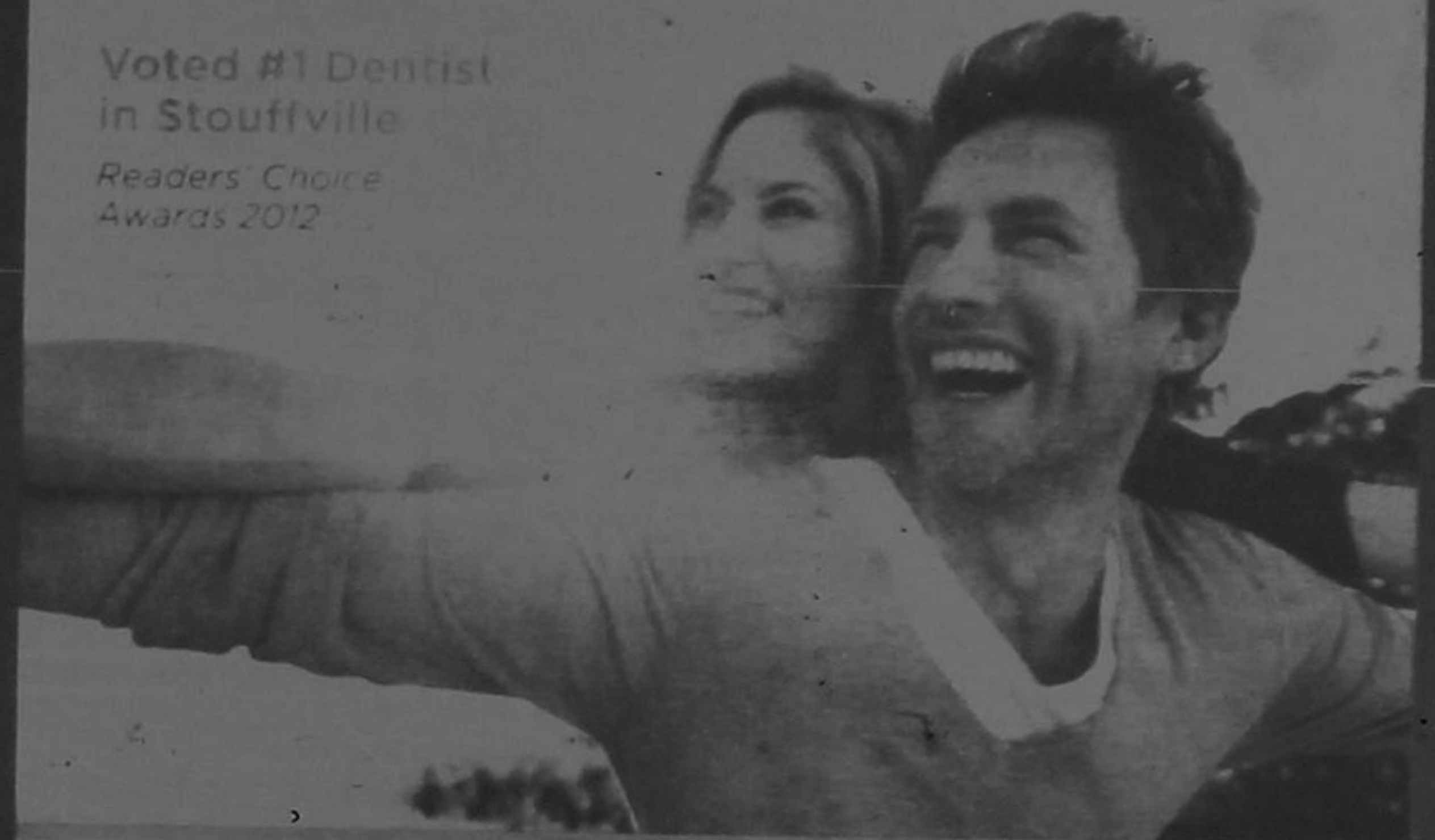
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