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Students from Ballantrae Public School raised an incredible \$10,195.75 during Trekking for Trillium, a fundraiser for Camp Trillium which provides camps and year-round recreational pro-

grams for children and families living with childhood cancer. Some of the participants are seen taking a break during the event, which was held at the school at the end of February.

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A Midsummer Night to warm up spring

By Kate Gilderdale
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A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, MOTUS O's enchanting adaptation of Shakespeare's classic comedy, is returning to Markham Theatre for a three night run in April, with a special gala performance and reception on April 16.

Mayor Sue Sherban is co-chair of the MOTUS O Dance Theatre Gala and an enthusiastic supporter of the Stouffville-based

company, which has created seven full-length productions and toured many venues in Canada and the United States, as well as internationally. *Dream*, which had its premiere at Markham Theatre in Feb. 2003, incorporates dance, spoken word, video projection and music.

The production, which is returning to Markham Theatre by popular demand, has been presented in schools throughout York Region with the help of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and the company has received glowing reviews over the

years for its innovative works. In the words of *Globe and Mail* dance critic Paula Citron, "MOTUS O walks the thin line between seriousness and satire. This group takes the cliché to the max and I love it."

Tickets for the gala performance of *Dream* are \$75 and proceeds from the event will go to MOTUS O Dance Theatre and the Culture Art & Heritage committee for Whitchurch-Stouffville.

For more information, call Motus O at 905-640-8647 or e-mail motuso@sprint.ca.



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