

# Motus O brings 'Dream' to life

By Kate Gilderdale  
Stouffville This Month

Stouffville dance company Motus O's innovative combination of text, movement and music worked to spectacular

effect in their April performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The uniformly talented cast proved once again that this company cannot

be slotted into a specific genre; their ability to create and perform dazzling choreography without sacrificing Shakespeare's slyly witty text is, in itself, a considerable feat. The

audience was quick to respond to both verbal and visual jests, the latter including the impressive use of video as a backdrop to the shenanigans on stage.

Atmospheric lighting and scenery created a mood which ranged from magical to vaguely threatening, while a howling 'wind storm' was wonderfully staged. Indeed, on one occasion, as Helena clung desperately to Demetrius's shirt to avoid being blown away, the latter appeared to be in danger of experiencing a Janet Jackson-style 'wardrobe malfunction'.

Motus O presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of Markham Theatre's spring season. The April 16 performance was followed by a special gala, co-chaired by Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Sue Sherban, who gave a short speech to welcome the guests and urge support of the local arts scene.

Proceeds from the event will be shared by Motus O Dance Theatre and the Culture Art & Heritage committee for Whitchurch-Stouffville.



Incorrect information accompanied the photograph in the article 'Cooking classes as a recipe for fun and learning' in our April issue. The photograph showed Jason Hassall and his wife, Jen. Mr. Hassall was wrongly identified as executive chef Frank Cutrara, who is seen at the centre of the group above. We apologize for the error. For more information on Cooking at Frank's Place, call Frank at 905-642-9074 or Lesley Ribí at 905 642-4877.

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