

Santa is coming to town for Christmas adventure

This weekend is a very special weekend in Kanata. Why? Because Santa will be here along with many of his friends including Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, The Christmas Fairy and Peter Cottontail, the Easter Bunny!!! If you want to know just what an Easter Bunny is doing at this time of the year and hear about the Christmas that very nearly wasn't and then get to meet Santa and all his friends, come and join in the fun and excitement of Kanata Theatre's presentation of *A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE!*

Remember, Kanata Theatre will also have a Christmas tree in the foyer at the Earl of March during the performances. If you would like to bring a gift for a less fortunate child and put it under the tree, Kanata Theatre together with Kanata Fire Department will make sure it is delivered.





KANATA THEATRE

INVITES YOU TO

A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE



EARL OF MARCH
HIGH SCHOOL

Friday —	Dec. 10	7:30 p.m.
Saturday —	Dec. 11	1:30 p.m.
Sunday —	Dec. 12	1:30 p.m.
		3:30 p.m.

ADMISSION — $1.00

1983















Group sets audition date

Tony Clarks' Poem
NOV 1982



March Township hall will be renovated

KANATA OCT 1982

Old town hall is declared heritage building, centre

March Township's old town hall has been declared a heritage building by the City of Kanata.

The town hall, built in 1901, will be renovated and turned into a community centre by the city, says Larry Morrow, Kanata park and recreation spokesman.

"Council has budgeted $43,000 for the renovations," Morrow said. "We are in the process of working with an architect on plans for the building."

Preliminary plans for the one-storey structure on former Hwy. 17, call for repairs to the roof, an addition on the back and interior work on walls and floors. Morrow said the relatively low cost of the renovations can be attributed to the building's good condition.

"Structurally it's in really good shape."

When completed, the town hall will contain a large meeting area, which is to be used by community organizations and arts and crafts groups.

The building was constructed in 1901 after a winter storm blew down the old March Township hall. Construction of a new hall was completed in November of that year by local contractor Humphrey Gow.

The town hall was used by the municipality for administrative purposes until 1967. Since then it has been used only for storage.

Morrow said the renovations are expected to start in late November and be completed by spring.

Theatre loses storage space

Kanata Theatre has received notice from the City that they must vacate the Old Town Hall in South March, by November 15. The group has occupied the Hall since 1974, using it for storage and the construction of some stage materials.

Originally, the Theatre Group rehearsed in the building before negotiating for time in local schools.

Theatre members are now looking for an alternative storage location, with about 1,200 square feet of space.

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COMMUNITY



Kendra Wilkie pays close attention to Liz Raizenne's demonstration of the viola while Shelly and Rob Kittle watch Jane Maslin on the cello, following the KMA concert Oct. 31. In the background are Marjorie Lacy and Harm Rombeek. CP Photo

Kanata Music Association stages children's special

by Elizabeth Valiquette

Children of all ages, both young and old, gathered on Sunday, Oct. 31 at Earl of March Secondary School for a musical afternoon especially designed for children. They were treated to a variety of music as well as being introduced to the individual capabilities of various musical instruments. The musicians were all members of the Kanata Music Association under the guidance of its conductor Nancy Upper.

Leading violinist, Bill Wilkie, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Each selection was skilfully introduced, although the MC was occasionally assisted by the antics of trumpeter Bill Harris. In the piece *Norwegian Dances*, the children were told to compare soft music to maidens, while the loud music was triumphant warriors returning from battle.

With the aid of Ron Maslin from the Kanata Theatre group, the famous story of naughty Tom Sawyer, when he tricked his friends into helping him whitewash his aunt's fence, was put to music.

A guest appearance by the "Royal Canadian Forced Air Band" drew many laughs. Although the band appeared to be both uncoordinated and poorly dressed, they did surprise the audience with their ability on the wind instruments as they played *Beer Barrel Polka* and *So Entertain Me, Already*.

The grand finale proved to be the highlight of the afternoon. In this original number called *Grand Serenade for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion* by P.D.Q. Bach, the orchestra demonstrated both its ability to play seriously as well as to illustrate the more humourous side of music. Various band members played a selection of percussion instruments such as triangles and tambourines. Others proved themselves admirable garglers at the appropriate moments.

In all, it was an enjoyable afternoon for the entire audience.

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Arlett remains motionless as Kanata Theatre's Ron Maslin(be-the bunny ears) gives her a special Hallowe'en face, at the ata Town Centre, Oct. 31. photo Boyd

NOV 18/82

Kanata Theatre presents "A Christmas Adventure"

Kanata Theatre invites you to start off the Christmas season with a visit to Storyland where you can meet many of your favourite Storyland friends including Humpty Dumpty, Cinderella, the Three Little Kittens, Miss Muffett, Little Bo-Peep, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and many, many more. We also have it on very good authority that Santa himself will be there!

How can you meet all your friends?—Simple!

Kanata Theatre is presenting *A Christmas Adventure* at the Earl of March High School on Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Admission is $1.

So make a note in your calendar and plan to bring your children to see Kanata Theatre's production of *A Christmas Adventure*.

For more information call Kanata Theatre box office 592-1715.

NOV 26/82

Colourful Xmas show promised

Rehearsals are well under way for Kanata Theatre's children's production of *A Christmas Adventure*. With a cast of 23, plus 12 snowflakes from The Kanata Ballet School, it promises to be a very colourful production.

Workshops

Another aspect of Kanata Theatre is participation in training workshops. Grants for these workshops are obtained through Theatre Ontario. At the moment, about a dozen members of Kanata Theatre are enjoying a costume workshop, learning the intricacies of design, cutting, fitting, special padding effects in costumes and many other useful hints. Kanata Theatre is very fortunate to have Susan Baldwin, a costume designer/cutter from the National Arts Centre, giving the workshop which is proving to be very interesting and beneficial. Many of the costumes for *A Christmas Adventure* have been made during the workshop by members of the group, while Ted Mauger has been busy creating the special costumes worn by Humpty Dumpty and Frosty the Snowman. Anne and Geoff Holland's expertise has been called upon to create Rudolph's costume.

Rudolph would like to remind you that you can meet him and all his friends in *A Christmas Adventure* on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11 at 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Earl of March Secondary School. Admission $1.

DEC 2/82

Kanata Theatre creates storyland

Christmas is a very busy season for everyone. Kanata Theatre invites you to take a break from all the hustle and bustle of shopping and cooking and relax for a while in Storyland!

Christmas is a time for children of all ages and of course Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Santa! But one Christmas, not so long ago, there very nearly wasn't a Christmas, and poor Santa ... Well. If you want to hear the story of this Christmas, come to Kanata Theatre's production of *A Christmas Adventure*.

Kanata Theatre promises you lots of fun, colour and excitement and after each performance, you can meet Santa, Rudolph, Frosty, Humpty Dumpty and many more friends. If you haven't told Santa what you would like to find in your stocking on Christmas morning this will be a good opportunity to do so.

Christmas is also a time to remember those who are not as fortunate as we are. Kanata Theatre would like to help the Firemen and their Christmas Toy Drive. If you would also like to help, we will be setting up a Christmas Tree in the foyer at the Earl of March at our performances. Perhaps you would like to bring a gift for a child and put it under the Christmas tree (please mark on it if the gift is suitable for a girl or boy and also the age), and we will deliver the toys we collect to the Kanata Fire Department who will then see they are distributed to those children who perhaps wouldn't get any toys at all.

So, come and join Kanata Theatre and get into the Christmas spirit—performance times ar as follows:

Friday, Dec. 10	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11	1:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	1:30 & 3:30 p.m.

It is being held at the Earl of March High School auditorium. Admission is $1. For further information call Kanata Theatre Box Office at 592-1715.



























Jill (Jane Francis) comforts Jack (Stephen Tolley) while Wendy (Rosie Keneford) and Rudolph look on during the Kanata Theatre's *Christmas Adventure* presented last week.

photo Steve Chadwick

Play creates Christmas magic

by Steve Chadwick

When all was said and done, not even such a disreputable (if not downright nasty) character like Grizzle Grump could help from falling under the magic spell of the Yule season.

And who but the most evil-hearted creature could actually imprison Santa Claus in a giant icicle – and on the very day before Christmas too?

Hundred of pairs of eyes, wide with wonder, and just barely able to peer over the top of the seat in front of them, watched enraptured as the drama of *A Christmas Adventure* unfolded before them.

The Kanata Theatre Group, with some of its own magic and a lot of help from the imaginations of its young audiences, transformed the Earl of March auditorium, during five performances last weekend, into an idyllic Storyland, populated by favourite nursery rhyme characters.

Later, in the second act of the two-act play, the stage was magically transformed again, although some credit must be given to the inspired intervention by able-bodied members of the stage crew. Even magic needs a helping hand sometimes.

Snowflakes sprang to life, courtesy of the Kanata Ballet School, as the children suddenly found themselves at the North Pole, home of the fabled gentleman in the red suit and flowing white beard.

Of course, the Storyland characters were able to effect a rescue, releasing Santa from his icy prison and saving Christmas.

Along the way, the nefarious Grizzle Grump was even shown the error of his ways.

The repentant Grump promised never again to terrorize Miss Muffet with hairy arachnids or emancipate Bo Peep's woolly charges.

Kanata Theatre's annual holiday offering, *A Christmas Adventure*, and its vibrant cast, charmed the children in the audience but it was in the children's own innocent delight where the real magic of Christmas was to be found.

CAST

Rosemarie Lawless
Anne Holland
Ted Mauger
Rosemary Keneford
Betty Francis
Paul Holland
Geoffrey Holland
Ron Maslin
Julian Beak
Lise Copple
Venetia Lawless
Andrea Fj
Lawrance Thornton
Brenda Hodden
Gwendy Tolley
Stephan Tolley
Jane Francis
Margot Beak
Carol Allard
Lynn Copple
Susan Maslin
Juliet Haynes

DIRECTOR

Anne Marie Copple



































