

Tap Rap

"It's such a treat to come to TAP productions" — "You Can't Take It With You" Fall 2003

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Beam Me Up,

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Ok TAP-pites it's time

to do some good. You

may remember the

handsome and

hunkish Darryl Bianco.

He got his first part in

"You Can't Take It With You" Takes The Stage!!

Our spring production of *Here On The Flight Path* directed by the awarded winning Sondra Learn might be called "a tough act to follow." With just four actors, *Flight Path* was likely the most intimate production TAP has ever staged. It seemed logical (to me at least) to start our '03-'04 season with a big cast comedy and since the popular *You Can't Take It With You* has been on our list of oldies but goodies to do some day and since it has a very large cast, 17 actors, the selection was

clear. In fact this may be the largest cast that has ever trod the boards at West Plains. Audiences will welcome back Bev Mattson, Susanne Tristani, Ralph Woodcock, Derrek Peels, Alf Weisbrod, Lisa Hiemstra, Scott Broe, Sam Sidawi and Maria Kalvaitis as well as our "Spanish brothers", Adam Khan and Ray Kohler. TAP regulars Margaret Watson and Chuck Learn each have cameo roles in the production. We are delighted with the talented newcomers who

have signed on for this extravaganza, Andrew Finnegan, David Squires, Connie Williams and Barbara Jordan.

Our Learned friends, Chuck and Sondra will be producing, aided by lighting guru Ron Hebbard and our many young friends who make sure everything runs smoothly. This is a laugh a minute production, fast paced, with tons of special effects. We are looking forward to serving up another delicious evening of dinner theatre. Call our box office for your tickets now.

Rosalynde Woodcock
Director



Roz!! Look out!!!

Seemingly oblivious to the danger that lurks behind them, Sondra Learn graciously accepts the TAP-ster for Best Director at this years AGM. Joining Sondra is, on her left, Margaret Watson, who donated the award and Roz Woodcock, who has yet to realize the ferocious balloon about to bop her on the head. Congratulations Sondra!! Run Roz, RUN!!

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Food, Drinks, Prizes, Skits.....Must be the AGM

Extra! Extra! Read all about it.....a Great Success!

Our AGM that is...was a great success! Over 80 people came, laughed, participated, ate, drank and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

It was overwhelming, the support for Tap by our members, guests and subscribers.

Everyone was entertained by some music (supplied by

Hugh Watson) with a little sing-a-long to boot! Several comedy skits were presented for everyone's enjoyment (some laugh', some ohhhh, some "what did he say?"), but, loads of fun.

A lovely table of refreshments was provided (with a lot of help from my friends) and was, I'm sure, enjoyed by all (no-leftovers). And, after all that.....the awards.....

Most winners were there to accept their awards, so we have some great pictures, as you can see.

So, having said all that.... again thanks to everyone for the help they gave me with their contributions of time and energy to present such a FANTASTIC!!! night.....

Oh ya!!!! Bev's last word...

PISSA

And the Tapster Goes to

(Many are considered....only a few are chosen. Below you will find a list of this year's few. The lucky winners of the coveted TAP-ster awards. Yes, after the gasps of anticipation, the cries of despair, the acceptance speeches, the tug-of-war fights in the parking lot after the show is over, these are the names that walked away clutching theatre's prized tribute. Perhaps one day you will win. Until then read on....)

Best Director	Sondra Learn	Here On The Flight Path
Best Producer	Chuck & Sondra Learn	Here On The Flight Path
Best Stage Manager	Sandra Lane	Here On The Flight Path
Best Actor	Stephen Fletcher	Here On The Flight Path
Best Actress	Lisa Hiemstra	Here On The Flight Path
Best Supporting Actress	Jamie Cortese	All The Bright Young Angels
Best Supporting Actor	Darryl Bianco	All The Bright Young Angels
Best Newcomer	Aimmee Halchuk	Here On The Flight Path
Best Set Design	Angie Tracz-Comeau	Here On The Flight Path
Best Set Decor	Angie Tracz-Comeau	Here On The Flight Path
Best Technical	Chuck Learn	Here On The Flight Path

(hmmm... looks like a clean sweep for "Flight Path". But read on...)

WODL Awards

Nominated for Best Ensemble Cast All The Bright Young Angels

Nominated for Best Supporting Actress

Jamie Cortese, All The Bright Young Angels

Nominated for Best Director

Scott Broe, All The Bright Young Angels

Squabbles as the jingle writer, Jerry. He next appeared as the man with the "butt" in All The Bright Young Angels. But his next role will be perhaps his most memorable. On November 1st, Darryl will be shaving his head to raise money for a friend of his who needs a new wheelchair. There will be dancing, special presentations and the once in a lifetime opportunity to watch Darryl shave his head!! And all for just \$20!! What more could you ask for? The fun starts at 8:00pm at the Polish Hall 2316 Fairview St. Burlington. For more info call (905) 331-9244 or echoproductions@cogeco.ca. Jean-Luc would be proud.



Did You Know???

.....the majority of pumpkin pies bought in the store contain only 30% real pumpkin? It's true. The rest is "non-pumpkin" filler. So know you're saying, TapRap, how can I ever get all the pumpkin that I want in my pumpkin pie? Well I'll tell you. Oakrun Farms uses at least

70% real pumpkin in their pies. Wow, thanks TapRap. Mmmmm, that's damn good pie!



Bit Parts....

Your friends at TAP are certainly busy with extra-curricular activities. On practically every stage you'll find one of your favourite TAP-pites. So without further ado here we go...

Roz Maurice (*Squabbles*) and Tom Rice (a million TAP productions) will be appearing in *Jitters* at the Dundas Little Theatre. The show opens on Oct. 24 and runs for three weekends. Call (905) 627-5266 for tickets. Kim Koren (*Harvey*), along with plugging her new CD, will be appearing as the narrator in Theatre Ancaster's production of *Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat*. The show opens on Nov. 6th and runs for three weekend. Kim, what's the phone number for tickets?? Jerry Dell (*One Toe In The Grave*) and Ancaster Community Theatre is presenting *Fantasy By Appointment*, opening

The Beauties of TAP (Part One)

If ever there was a better reason for getting involved in community theatre, witness the picture on the right. Lisa Hiemstra (center) is accepting her award as Best Actress for *Here On The Flight Path* at the AGM. Flanking her are Roz Woodcock (left) and Ilene Elkaim. Yes men, this is just one example of the talented women waiting to work with you at TAP...



And The GAG-ster Goes To.....

(Many are considered but fewer even want to accept!! Yes, along with the TAP-sters are the infamous GAG-sters, given to those who were deemed worthy of a gentle ribbing, a polite poking-fun-at, a reminder of some thing they would rather not remember. And so, we give you the GAG-sters!)

From *All The Bright Young Angels*

Speediest Costume Change.....Sandy Lane (from waitress to sweats in 14 seconds!)

Best Kept Secret..... Karen Henderson (She was pregnant!!)

Best Memorization of Lines for an Audition.....Greta McNabney (She knew them all!)

From *Here On The Flight Path*

Deodorant Anyone?..... Stephen Fletcher (...plus mouthwash, toothpaste, mints, etc)

"I Should Have Played Scrabble".....Lisa Hiemstra (...tried to catch a baseball with her nose. OUCH!)

Save The Show.....Heather Hunter (Lisa's broken nose = Heather the Understudy)

The Beauties of TAP (Part Two)



Ok, so we replaced Lisa with Stephen Fletcher (shown accepting his award for Best Actor for *Here On The Flight Path*). Maybe not quite the same, however women were known to have swooned for his touching portrayal of John Cummings. Sorry girls, he's taken but there are many other eligible men running around backstage at TAP...

At TAP, Babies- R -Us!!

Kieran Noah Ackles Henderson made his first appearance at TAP in *All The Bright Young Angels*, although so well concealed, you might not have seen him. However on June 7, he decided step out into the spotlight and mom Karen and dad Joey couldn't be happier. Word on the street is that Kieran is aiming to be taller than his dad and is well on his way to achieving his goal.



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Next up we have Audrey Lane Thackeray, making her grand entrance on August 21st. After a bit of a slow start, she is now firmly in control of her surroundings and has learned that "exercising her lungs" will quickly gain her father Lee's attention. As you can see, mom Sandy is all smiles.

Hey Chuck, WAKE UP!!!!



Proof that Chuck Learn is the hardest working man in theatre... witness Chuck catching a quick nap during the official cast and crew picture of *Here On The Flight Path*. Rumour has it that once the picture was taken, Chuck sprang to action, building three sets, hanging fifty lights and creating a sound and lighting design for the next three shows. Once that was done he partied the night away. Thanks Chuck!!

Joining Chuck but staying awake: Front Row (L to R): Sandy Lane, Heather Hunter, Scott Broe, Shawn Flaherty, Sondra Learn, Peggy Churey; Back Row (L to R): David Armiss, Lisa Hiemstra, Stephen Fletcher, Aimmee Halchuk, Jamie Cortese

on Nov. 6th as well. But again, no phone number for tickets!! What, don't they have phones in Ancaster??? Ilene Elkaim (a perennial TAP favourite) will be appearing in *A Chorus of Disapproval* at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. Opening night is Nov. 13th for two weekends and guess what?? We have a phone number for tickets!!!! Call (905) 815-2021 to reserve your seats.



Phew!!!!

Did You Know (Part Two)???? ...That TAP has gift certificates available?? Surprise your friends, your family, your co-workers, your next door neighbour whose shovel you borrowed about 12 years ago and never brought back although you've been meaning to except that the right time just never presented itself, like at the backyard summer party when you were trying to help cook the burgers but instead knocked over the whole bar-b-que, crushing their award winning petunias. Well, now you can

And Now A Word From Our President....

make up for that "miscue" by getting a TAP gift certificate. Remember Christmas is just around the corner!! Call the Tap-line and leave a message for the lovely and talented Ilene Elkaim including your name and number and we'll get back to you. You'll feel great and your neighbour will thank you for it. Now about that hedge clipper...



All of us at TAP send our thoughts and prayers to Heather Hunter and her family.



Well that's it for me!! I'll see you at *You Can't Take It With You!*
SB

"Gherkin"

Well, I certainly had my doubts. When we first contemplated doing *You Can't Take It With You*, the biggest topic of discussion was "Where are we going to put all those people??" As most of you know, TAP is not blessed with the biggest of stages. So placing seventeen people on our minuscule stage posed a bit of a problem.

Fortunately, a great cast and a director with the patience to let the cast "find their own space" proved the answer to our stage space blues. As a member of the cast, I can assure you that everyone does fit. Although you won't believe the curtain call!!

As Roz mentioned in her

article, *You Can't Take It With You* features several familiar TAP faces, faces that have recently graced our stage or faces that are returning after a "hiatus".



But I think the most rewarding aspect of doing a play like this (aside from the great party potential!!) is the arrival of new faces to TAP. A theatre company can't grow without new blood. So many groups seem to rely on the same people to do the same roles, whether on the stage or off, never giving the newcomer a chance

to show what they can do.

But as anybody who has ever worked with TAP will know, we welcome newcomers, make them feel comfortable and wanted and are richer for accepting them into our ranks. The proof of which is obvious in *You Can't Take It With You*.

So welcome to the "newbies", welcome back to the veterans and thanks for making this show so much fun. That's what it's all about, isn't it?!

Skø! JB!!

Your President,
Scott Broe
The "Big Banana"

THRUST!! PARRY!!!oh yeah, don't forget to act!!

Ok now this is exciting. We're looking for a director for our spring show "Moon Over Buffalo."

Now before you stop reading this article and click on Oprah, think about this:

This was a bonafide Broadway hit. i.e. A crowd favourite!

The cast is a fabulous balance of men and women i.e. Good parties!! The age of characters covers a broad spectrum i.e. Easy to cast!! The play is very well written and a laugh-a-minute. i.e. Funny!!

PLUS, it's got swordfighting! How cool is that??

So if you think you might be interested, let us know.

(Ed. note: From personal experience, I know this show is a "crowd pleaser." SB)

The(atre) Rant

Hey,
I'm not a member of a church, or a women's committee,
and I've never served a meal to an audience member,
or washed a dish after a show.
And I don't know Kitty, Dia or Mo although I'm certain they're really, really nice.
(Hey wait a minute... I do know Mo... I went to McMaster with Mo! Hi, Mo!)
I perform on a small stage... not a huge amphitheatre.
I do comedies not tragedies
And it's pronounced "Fre-nell" NOT "Fres-nell".
I can recite Hamlet's soliloquy word for word but choose not to because, really, who
cares?
I believe that theatre newsletters should be fun to read,
cast parties should include the three major food groups: beer, chips & beer
and, most of all, "techies" are GODS!!
Stage left is by the furnace room,
make up is NOT needed
and uttering the word "Macbeth" will NOT strike me dead!!
TAP is the best part of Aldershot
the longest running dinner theatre in the area
and the only group who knows how to PARTY!!

My name is Scott and I am a MEMBER OF TAP!!



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