

Arts & Entertainment

All I want for Christmas is my Blackhorse Village Players

By Anne Ritchie

Blackhorse Village Players opens a world of magic for the whole family this season with Norm Foster's Dear Santa.

In response to the play, notes have been referred to the North Pole:

"Dear Santa:

"Please send me the same message of joy, fun, and merriment that you vested upon the highly entertained audience at Blackhorse Village Players. Everyone enjoys this play!

"Please include instructions in how to be as lovable as the befuddled Algernon Gladstone (Craig Butler). He had us rolling with laughter as he frantically orders about all the elves, visitors and a mysterious stowaway from the North Pole express.

"We couldn't help but

enjoy it when he trips on housekeeper Octavia's (Kim Christensen) heartstrings, and teased on by a team of enthusiastic elves, he unwittingly heads for romance.

"Christensen slips up laughably and lets slip Sleight secrets, twisting truth into a pretzel of flustered explanations. Add bewilderment, a dash of agitation, comic confusion and the talents of a first class actor and that's all we want for Christmas.

"And please, please, Santa, leave us a double dose of the laughter brought on by the Pole's strangest resident, Bozidar, played as only veteran actor Larry Hines can do it. His accent blooms fruitfully, he moves expressively, misguided phrases somersault off his tongue, and when, he concocts a mixture of crazy glue and is

sticks close to Algernon, the outcome is the highlight of the show.

"Leave me, Santa, with the smooth perseverance of Lou Flapdoodle (Sean Derraugh), as he tried to sell you a sleigh. To sell a second sleigh calls for imagination, jet propelled by Derraugh's creative and talented character.

"By the way, thanks for lending your suit, your jolly smile, and your sparkling benevolence to Paul Federico, who, with his good will and Christmas cheer brought out the Christmas spirit remarkably.

"Whether I've been naughty or nice, Santa, could you focus on the very nice, as shown by stowaway Kit Bishop (Madison Byblow)?

To her belong the talents and energy of a budding actor fresh from local school productions. She easily holds the attention of the audience, whether it's by tugging on Santa's heartstrings, conducting a chorus of elves, or bedeviling Algernon.

"Speaking of elves, they deserve a round of applause for their bouncing energy and enjoyment of the production, so easily shared with the audience. No wonder there is such an enthusiasm for this production, directed by a jolly director, Chandra Mulder, who would rival even you with her spirited talents, matched by an incredible enthusiasm for the stage. Mulder thrives on success, easily capturing the Christmas spirit for all to

enjoy. She, with producer Vicki Drier, has brought Dear Santa into being, and along with a cast and crew offers a production not to be missed.

"Rather than cookies, I'm leaving you with a round of

applause for the entertainment The Blackhorse Village Players provided, and continues to do so until Dec. 12. I'm telling my friends to call (905) 880-5002 for tickets and information, because it should not be missed.

Alton Mill

A Christmas Carol will be on tour

Humber River Shakespeare is returning with an expanded tour of its annual staged reading of the Dickens holiday classic, A Christmas Carol.

The tour will be stopping at Alton Mill at 1402 Queen St. in Alton Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. It will be part of an afternoon of music and theatre at the mill's Twas the Art Before Christmas event.

Gather round with friends and family as actors in Victorian costume bring the magic of the season alive before your eyes and ears.

Dine with Santa Claus next Saturday

Credit View Public School will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa next Saturday (Dec. 12).

The event, which will run from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m., is being put on by Grade 8 Elves and Elvettes, and it is being held as a fund-raiser for the Grade 8 graduation coming in the spring.

Tickets will be \$5 each, and that will include breakfast, as well as a host of other fun activities, including face painting and crafts.

For more information, call the school at (905) 838-2121.



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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG) (FRIGHTENING SCENES) ON 2 SCREENS FRI 3:40, 6:50, 7:10, 9:40, 10:00; SAT 12:45, 3:40, 6:50, 7:10, 9:40, 10:00; SUN 12:55, 3:40, 5:55, 6:25, 8:40, 9:15; MON,WED-THURS 5:55, 6:25, 8:40, 9:15; TUE 3:40, 5:55, 6:25, 8:40, 9:15

BROTHERS (14A) (COARSE LANGUAGE,VIOLENCE,DISTURBING CONTENT) FRI 4:15, 7:45, 10:15; SAT 1:30, 4:15, 7:45, 10:15; SUN 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 8:30; MON,WED-THURS 6:05, 8:30; TUE 3:10, 6:05, 8:30

DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (Not Rated) REALD 3D FRI 3:30, 7:30, 9:50; SAT 1:10, 3:30, 7:30, 9:50; SUN 12:35, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10; MON,WED-THURS 5:45, 8:10; TUE 3:30, 5:45, 8:10

OLD DOGS (G) NO PASSES FRI 4:30, 7:20, 9:30; SAT 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30; SUN 1:15, 4:00, 6:35, 8:50; MON,WED-THURS 6:35, 8:50; TUE 4:00, 6:35, 8:50

2012 (14A) (DISTURBING CONTENT,LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND,VIOLENCE) FRI 4:40, 8:00; SAT 1:20, 4:40, 8:00; SUN 12:45, 4:10, 7:30; MON,WED-THURS 7:30; TUE 4:10, 7:30

THE BLIND SIDE (PG) (LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND) FRI 3:55, 7:00, 9:55; SAT 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:55; SUN 12:25, 3:20, 6:15, 9:05; MON,WED-THURS 6:15, 9:05; TUE 3:20, 6:15, 9:05

PLANET 51 (PG) (FRIGHTENING SCENES) FRI 4:05; SAT 1:40, 4:05; SUN 1:05, 3:45; TUE 3:45

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Collectibles opens in Bolton

It started with coins, but David Mornan now calls himself a collector

He said he started in business a coin collector in a flea market that was just north of Richmond Hill in 1987. When that market closed, he moved to one in Pickering, and was there until it closed in 2002.

Meanwhile, Mornan had moved to Bolton in 1997, he decided to take part in some collectible shows. Years in these markets prompted him to branch out with his interests. He opened his own store, Collectibles, on King Street West in Bolton, and now carries a wide range of items of interest.

He's also become involved in the community, coaching soccer, helping out at a kids' activity club Tuesday nights and taking part in the work of the Bolton Valley Residents' Association.

The grand opening of the store is this Saturday.

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