

TNB's "The Little Sweep" to show

Rehearsals for TNB's Christmas presentation, *The Little Sweep*, are now in progress. This enchanting musical work by the great composer Benjamin Britten will have a brand new prologue written by Florenceville playwright Weldon Matthews. In this prologue we share the excitement as the children and the adults prepare their Christmas entertainment. A unique feature of this wonderful show is that the audience becomes the chorus, which is an integral part of the entertainment.

The cast is a wonderful blend of seasoned professionals and children from around the province. The noted bass, Guilio Kukurugya heads the cast, which includes Carol Forte,

a veteran of many musicals and operas. The other three cast members come to us direct from the Stratford Festival's Gilbert and Sullivan tour; Karen Skidmore, Richard March from St. Stephen, N.B. and Aggie Cekuta. Coincidentally, all three of these outstanding performers received Tyrone Guthrie Awards last season.

The six young singers in *The Little Sweep* are Adam Sprague from Devon, Kerri Gaskin from Hillborough, Jason Nicol from Bathurst, and Ceri Thompson, Andrea Garvie and Andrew Wilson from Fredericton. They won their roles from auditions that were attended by nearly 60 applicants.

The musical direction for the show is by Noreen

Waibel, and the musical coaching for the children was provided by MaryLee McKenna of Fredericton. The beautiful sets and costumes were once again the work of Debra Hanson, also from St. Stephen, N.B., and David Gibbons returns to TNB to design the

lighting.

Stage direction for this production is by Malcolm Black, who is thrilled to have assembled this wonderful group of talents (so many from this province) for his final Christmas show at TNB.

TNB is once again very

proud to have Fraser Inc. as the sponsor for its Christmas attraction.

The Little Sweep opens in Edmundston on November 28, tours the province for two weeks, and returns to Fredericton December 13-18 with matinees on December 17 and 18.

TNB gives extra Christmas Present

Theatre New Brunswick would like to give its patrons an extra Christmas Present this year.

St. Stephen's Debra Hanson, Set and Costume Designer of TNB's Christmas presentation, *The Little Sweep*, has designed a magnificent traditional

rocking horse to be used in the show. This splendid work of art was built and painted by the skillful Patti Larman of TNB's Props Department. It would make a unique and wonderful gift for any child and TNB is going to raffle it off just before Christmas.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. They will be available where tickets are sold for *The Little Sweep*, and also in the lobby the

night of the show. The horse will be on display in the lobby before curtain time. The draw will be held December 18, and the horse will be delivered to the lucky winner in time for Christmas.

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Shauna Rolston

to appear at Playhouse

The next concert in the Creative Arts series will take place next Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Playhouse when the brilliant Canadian

Cellist Shauna Rolston makes her Fredericton debut. Free tickets are not available to UNB and STU students with ID's at the SUB office and at the Art Centre.

At seventeen years old, Shauna Rolston is con-

sidered to be one of the most promising young concert artists in the country. Her Fredericton concert, the first in her Atlantic Provinces tour, will feature trios and sonatas performed with Thomas Rolston, violin, and Isobel Moore, pianist, her mother and father. The have performed as the Rolston Trio on CBC radio and on concert stages across the country.

The program in Fredericton will be Mozart's Trio in B flat, K. 502; Beethoven's Sonata for cello and piano, in G minor, opus 5, no. 2; and Schubert's Trio in B flat, D. 898.

Creative Arts concerts are available to series subscribers and university students. Extra tickets are available at \$6 regular, \$5 seniors, and \$4 school children.



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