

Back on the throne

Queen Anne's back with a winner

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If you've always wanted to go to an English pub, but can't afford a trip to England "don't worry 'bout it, m'dears." Queen Anne has a place for you.

In yet another case of Toronto's loss becoming Mississauga's gain, this city has one of the best of the few English pubs in Ontario — Queen Anne Tavern and Restaurant, now in its second year of operation. Queen Anne (alias Anne MacBeth) and The Pearly Kings, was the featured attraction for 12 years at The Skyline Hotel in Toronto before packing it in three years ago.

When Skyline management opted for a disco, Queen Anne's regulars had nowhere to go.

Queen Anne took her show to various spots for varying lengths of time but it wasn't the same.

"People were always coming up to me to ask where I was playing and why I didn't open a place of my own," she says. "Finally, one of my fans, a real estate developer, made me an offer I couldn't refuse."

The Queen, who didn't have much money or experience in the actual operation of a pub, made an

offer on the bankrupt Black Angus on Lakeshore Road near Dixie that she figured would be refused. It wasn't.

Working six nights a week and usually 16 hours a day, Queen Anne, now has the tavern packed most of the week.

The recent D-Day celebrations are a case in point. Queen Anne's regular sing-alongs combined with her rendition of English favorites, were spiced by her self-effacing, bawdy English humor.

Radio personality Ray Sonin, popular with Queen Anne's patrons for his show "Calling all Britains," dropped by the tavern to tell a few jokes and lead a few songs.

Californian comedian Gary David took shots at Canadian institutions during his stint on stage to get the audience relaxed.

But the coziness of the tavern got the audience rolling. A few old Spitfire pilots stood up to tell stories or lead in war song sing-alongs and patrons were encouraged to stand up and sing their old Welsh, Irish and Scottish favorites.

Often, it was difficult to tell the performers from the audience.

movies

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Cinema 1: Love At First Bite, Adult — 7:10, 9:15 p.m.
Cinema 2: Hair, Adult — 7:10 p.m., 9:20 p.m.
Cinema 3: Players, Adult — 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Cinema 4: Rocky II, — 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

DIXIE 5

Promise — 7 p.m. Same Time Next Year, 9 p.m.

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Love At First Bite, Adult — Friday & Saturday 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. Sunday to Thursday 7:30 p.m.

SHERIDAN MALL

Sheridan 1: Summer Camp, Restricted — 7:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Sheridan 2: Prisoner Of Zenda, Adult — 7:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

what's up

THE BUTLER SAW IT

Cyclos Theatre's summer series continues with the Joe Orton comedy What The Butler Saw, which runs until Saturday, June 23 at the Burnhamthorpe Library. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

DOUBLEHEADER

Erindale College Studio Theatre hosts the opening performance of Summer Company on Wednesday, June 27 and Thursday, June 28 at the college. The company will present

The Almanac, an anthology of the music, dance, drama and song of the years 1914 to 1945. Also on stage is Aquinada, an original play written by the members of the cast. It details the history of Canada in song, dance, mime and drama. Call 828-5349 for more information.

MUSICAL PLACE

Ontario Place concerts continue this week with the Charlie Daniels Band on Monday, Ivan Romanoff Orchestra and Chorus on Tuesday and Valdy and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils on Wednesday, June 27. All concerts start at 8:30 p.m.



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