

Chorus Director B.J. Whitehouse puts down the baton briefly and takes on an entirely new role as Father Christmas in a traditional mummies' play during the Jamestown Community Chorus' Holiday Concert at the Central Baptist Church Dec. 9 and 10.

This mummery is based on the legend of St. George and the Seven Champions of Christendom. It was originally a mime performance in medieval times, but eventually dialogue was added with heroes and adversaries of pretentious and hypocritical natures.

Others in the play are Tina Quackenbush as John Finney; George Rice in two roles, the Turkish Knight and King George; Maureen Ryall, M.D., is, of course, the Doctor; Judith Anderson plays Beelzebub; and Julie Adams is Cleverlegs.

The mummery is but a small part of the concert. Other highlights include Hoist's "Lullay My Liking," sung by sopranos Tina Quackenbush and Cheryl Rebecchi and baritones Steve Mecca and Blaine Stickney. In another offering, soprano Cheryl Rebecchi teams up with baritone Terry Horsley for "A Child is Born in Bethlehem."

The concert music was chosen by chorus members and includes, "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Winds," "The Best of Rooms," "A Ceremony of Carols," "This Little Babe," "I Saw Three Ships," "Worthy is the Lamb," "The Sleigh," "O Joyful Children," "The Christmas Song," "Silent Night," "Sing We Now of Christmas," "White Christmas," a selection from Handel's "Messiah," and a West Indian spiritual, "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy."

Tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children. They can be purchased at Baker's Pharmacy, Jamestown Hardware, the Secret Garden, and at the door prior to performances.

The Saturday concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday performance at 3 p.m.

Jamestown artist Evelyn Rhodes designed the poster and program cover. Janet Kirk produced posters and tickets and placed display advertising. Dianne Reilly is coordinator of decorations for the concert. Marion Gomez is publicist.

Sing On!

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



R.I.P. Bill Karl. Thank you for your music.

Meanwhile, across the East Passage, Jamestown Mary Frances Byerly will again be directing the annual "Christmas in 'Sign,'" a holiday musical presented by the James L. Maher Center.

The performance will be staged at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the O'Hare Academic Center at Salve Regina University, Ochre Point Avenue in Newport.

The production features the Five Finger Magic, who are the James L. Maher "Signers."

"They will touch your heart," said Mary Frances, "The talented physically and mentally challenged young people will touch your soul as they perform for all. The joy of Christmas can be appreciated as the performers sign to the music of the Christmas carols, and their Christmas love is expressed to all the community."

Children in the audience will take part in the fun, as 100 snow balls illuminate the stage and come flying through the air by the magic of ultra violet light.

Rosie Maher is producer. Tickets cost \$3 and can be purchased at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Questions? Call Teresa Haas, 846-0340.

This time of year can provide dangerous temptations for your pet says Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"The holidays can bring hazards for our pets. Dogs often take advantage of good food and distracted parents and eat things not meant for them. Whether table scraps or garbage, these dogs may get stomach upset, pancreatitis, and ingesting bones, tinfoil, or worse can mean hospitalization or even surgery in the worst cases. Let your guests know ahead of

time that Fluffy is on a specific diet and is not allowed scraps from the table. Then make sure your trash cans have secure lids and take out the garbage promptly.

"Both cats and dogs tend to find holiday decorations tempting and everything from tinsel to lights and ornaments can be destroyed or even eaten with dangerous results. Hang your decorations well out of reach of your pets. If you have cats please avoid tinsel or stringy decorations as cats tend to chew and ingest those far too often. Pet proofing your holiday will insure a happy, healthy holiday for all."

WOOF!

The Jamestown Community Theatre's next play, "Yours Anne," will be presented in early March at a location to be announced.

Artistic Director Mary Wright said it is a "small musical" based on the dramatic book "Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl." Mary said, "It has a lovely musical score written by Michael Cohen with the script by Enid Futterman. Although some may refer to the story as depressing, it is important, I feel, to recognize what man has done and still is capable of in the 21st century. Most of the survivors of the Holocaust have passed away, but their story needs to be remembered."

The production will not be staged at the Community Center because "open recreation and other sports activities are, as usual, alive and well at that time of year."

Mary will be directing, assisted by Maria Liebhauser and Donna Gavin.

Check Mary's article in next week's Press for audition dates and additional information.

I don't want to set the world on fire. . .

Kudos to the 99 Restaurant & Pub in Newport, located just over the bridge and a popular eatery for Jamestowners.

On Thanksgiving day, a dozen employees volunteered to prepare and give away roast turkey dinners with all the fixings and apple fortune dessert. The dinners were handed out free to people who had to work that day, firefighters, po-

lice officers, hospital personnel, and others who were going to miss out on the traditional feast.

The restaurant was closed that day so all dinners were prepared to go.

The giveaway was the brainchild of General Manager Dan Cuerval, who was carrying on the restaurant's philosophy of giving back to the community.

One of the volunteers, waiter Brett Lemley, said 160 turkey dinners with all the fixings went out the door.

We had just one response to our poser last week. Bob Kinder said, "WW 2 song, Mr 5x5, a big fat bouncing boy 5 feet tall and 5 feet wide, it's all I remember!"

We remember it as Mr. five by five, he's five feet tall and he's five feet wide, he don't measure no more from head to toe than he does from side to side.

With Christmas soon upon us, some families may be considering bringing a pet into the home. Puppies and kittens are cute, but require a lot of time training and house breaking.

According to the Potter Paw-Print Press published by the Potter League for Animals, "As people become more aware of the joys of older pets, adult animals are getting more attention from potential adopters and for good reasons!"

And senior citizens longing for animal companionship should consider teaming up with senior pets.

Mull these over.

Mellowed Out! Older dogs are more mellow, content, and well-adjusted and don't require as much

exercise as younger dogs. They do, however, require devotion and a lifelong commitment from you!

Potty Trained! Mature dogs and cats are already house trained, and adopting an older dog will get you out walking at least three times a day!

Commitment! You may not want to devote 15 to 20 years to a companion animal, but if you would like to share the next few years with a dog or cat, consider an older pet.

Mature! Senior animals are well beyond the destructive chewing and digging phases of doggie youth. Older cats no longer climb the curtains or chase stocking feet. They love to have fun with you, but play doesn't get out of hand and lasts for shorter durations.

Companionship! Unlike highly active younger pets, senior animals tend to revel in simple companionship with their families. Make sure to save space on the couch or bed for both of you!

Obedient! Most mature pets tend to be relatively obedient and well socialized and have longer attention spans. There is often a special bond between you and older animals as they communicate their needs.

You deserve each other! Knowing that you're giving an animal a second chance at life makes everyone feel great! Providing your love is the best gift of all.

Be true!

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Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

Island resident Dick Karon recently visited the incredible Milwaukee Art Museum, which opened in 2001. The first Santiago Calatrava-designed building in the United States, the museum features a 90-foot-high, glass-walled reception hall.

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