

"BY THESE WATERS"

June 19-24, 1967

INFORMATION FOR CAST MEMBERS

WHAT'S THE SHOUTING ABOUT?

The citizens of Fort Erie and the area are celebrating Canada's 100th Birthday! One of the most exciting events during the week's celebration will be the nightly presentation of the gigantic pageant spectacle "BY THESE WATERS". This symphonic outdoor spectacular will feature a cast of over four hundred local performers. The hour and fifty minute production will tell the thrilling and dramatic historic highlights of Canada and Fort Erie in song, dance, and drama.

ORGANIZING THE CAST

Here's how "BY THESE WATERS" will be cast!

Each organization will be given the opportunity to have it's friends and members appear in this mammoth heritage program. For securing personnel for a specific scene, the organization will receive program credit and also get publicity for help in making the production possible.

ABOUT THE SHOW

1. Approximately 400 members are needed in the cast of "BY THESE WATERS", all citizens of Fort Erie and the area.
2. Rehearsals are conducted by a Professional Director and will not be long, drawn out or tiresome. They are arranged and conducted for the enjoyment and sociability of the group participating.
3. From 3 to 8 hours per group will be devoted to rehearsals, spaced over a period of three weeks. The amount of time devoted to rehearsals will depend on the group involved. If the group is in full attendance at it's first rehearsal, and good attendance at rehearsals following, their rehearsal time may be shortened; for the training and direction is given at the speed and ability of the group.
4. There are no lines to learn because there are no speaking parts. Speaking is handled by a group of trained narrators. Groups do not have to sing. Where groups dance, the ability of the average citizen is sufficient to qualify for participation.
5. We do not expect, nor want, the entire cast to be "sweater girls" nor the answer to a "maiden's prayer". The cast throughout the performance portrays groups, townsfolks, citizens, etc., of the past....they are all sizes and ages. Family participation is desirable - fathers, mothers, and their children participating with them.
6. Members of the cast will not be required to do anything that will in any way cause embarrassment. Everything is clean, moral and above board.
7. Most costumed except modern present day dress, are supplied without cost to cast members by the John B. Rogers Company of Canada.

8. Cast members are admitted to all performances by a special ticket without cost.
(No visitors permitted back stage.)
9. Each cast member will be listed in the beautiful historical program.
10. The performance lasts approximately two hours. IT IS THE SAME SHOW EACH NIGHT!
11. There will be a performance nightly, June 19, 20 21, 22, 23, and 24...the show will have a beautiful fireworks finale nightly.

REHEARSALS

All initial rehearsals will be held at the Fort Erie High School small gymnasium. Each group will have a local person in charge of it, called an Episode Director, who will attend rehearsals with the group and will be in charge of same during performances.

FOR INFORMATION: Centennial Headquarters is located at the Glenny
Bldg., Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, Phone 871-4555
HOURS 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

IN GENERAL

An undertaking this big can only be as good as its weakest participating group. The celebration spirit that is now present in Fort Erie anticipates the biggest and best show Canada has seen. "BY THESE WATERS" promises you a lot of fun, a lot of work, and the "experience of a lifetime" for you and your family.

THANK YOU.....Edward J. Hamilton, Director

CAST CALL SHEET

Here are our casting needs. No special talent, outside of dancing, or principal groups is necessary. We just want people who are proud of Fort Erie and wish to make this the most successful National Centennial Celebration possible.

This is your Celebration.....Your Show!

NARRATORS - See Casting Committee for Audition

1 Man - GOOD NARRATIVE, Dramatic Voice
1 Man - GOOD character voice
1 Young juvenile type male voice

1 Woman - Straight narrative voice
1 Woman - Good character voice
1 Woman - Young voice

NOTE: If you know of someone who would be good as a NARRATOR, please notify the Cast Committee.

EPISODE I: THE PROLOGUE - Thursday, May 25 - 4:00 P.M.

6 Trumpeteers
50 Boy Scouts
50 Girl Guides
35 Brownies
35 Cub Scouts
1 John Cabot (Sp)
3 English Sailors (Sp)
1 Jacques Cartier (Sp)
5 French Sailors (Sp)

EPISODE II: TRIBUNAL!

EPISODE III: BEGINNINGS - Thursday, May 25 - 7:00 P.M.

1 Father Hennipin (Age 30 -)
12 Indian Women (Ages 21 -)
13 Indian Braves (Ages 18 -)
6 Indian Boys (Ages 6 - 12)
6 Indian Girls (Ages 6 - 12)
25 Indian Dancing Girls (Ages 14 - 17)
1 Indian Chief (Age 25 -)

EPISODE IV: LAND OF SHADOWS (SQUARE DANCE) - Wednesday May 24 - 7:30 P.M.

20 Pioneer Men (Ages 18 -)
20 Pioneer Women (Ages 18 -)
8 Pioneer Boys (Ages 6 - 12)
8 Pioneer Girls (Ages 6 - 12)

EPISODE V: THUNDER ACROSS THE BORDER - Thursday, May 25 - 8:00 P.M.

10 British Regulars (16 -)
10 Colonial Soldiers (16 -)

EPISODE VI: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS - Thursday, May 25 - 8:30 P.M.

40 Men
40 Women

EPISODE VII: "LARNIN' OUR ABC'S" - Thursday, May 25 - 4:30 P.M.

6 Girls (Ages 6 - 12)
6 Boys (Ages 6 - 12)
1 School Teacher

EPISODE VIII: THE 19TH CENTURY - Thursday, May 25 - 9:00 P.M.

12 Fenian Raiders (Ages 16 -)
12 Defenders (Q.O.R.) (Ages 18 -)

EPISODE IX: CONFEDERATION

EPISODE X: WESTWARD!

EPISODE XI: THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD - Wednesday, May 24 - 8:00 P.M.

24 Men (Ages 18 -)
24 Women (Ages 18 -)

EPISODE XII: THE GOLDEN ERA - Wednesday, May 24 - 7:30 P.M.

24 Men (Ages 18 -)
24 Women (Ages 18 -)
6 Boys (Ages 6 - 12)
6 Girls (Ages 6 - 12)
8 Men Bathers (Ages 17 -)
8 Lady Bathers (Ages 17 -)

EPISODE XIII: THE BIG ONE - Wednesday, May 24 - 7:00 P.M.

10 Men (Ages 21 -)
10 Women (Ages 21 -)
1 Buglar (18 - 25)
1 Lady in Black (Age 21 -)

EPISODE XIV: TWENTY-ONE SKIDOO AND FORT ERIE TOO! - Thursday, May 25 - 5:00 P.M.

10 Charleston Boys (Ages 15 - 19)
10 Charleston Girls (Ages 15 - 19)

EPISODE XV: THE GROWING YEARS

EPISODE XVI: THE MISSILE AFFAIR - Friday, May 26 - 4:00 P.M.

10 Scouts and 1 Mother

EPISODE XVII: TEENAGERS! - Friday, May 26 - 4:30 P.M.

20 Boys and 20 Girls

EPISODE XVIII: THE VERDICT!