



STAGE NORTH put on a number of plays over the season and two are shown in the photographs above and below. The above photograph is from

the award-winning play A Frog Called Galliard, while the bottom photograph is from the production of The King and I.

Stage North thanks

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The Editor,
Alaska Highway News:

Stage North would like to thank Fort St. John for its loyal and generous support this past year.

Our audiences have been most appreciative of our efforts and we could not have put on our shows without the many helpers and volunteers from the community.

We would like to make special mention of the following who have been especially helpful: B.C. Lotteries Foundation; Northern Lights College; Tony Brummet; Mayor Brian Palmer; Gear-O-Rama; Alaska Highway News; CKNL, and J.R.S. Audioscene. An extra big thank you goes to the people at the Artspace for

all their help.

Stage North is holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday at the Artspace at 7:30 p.m.

We always welcome new members and everyone is encouraged to come along to find out and help decide what we're doing next year.

Betty-Ann Xenis,
for Stage North.





CENTRAL ELEMENTARY School in Fort St. John drew some spectators recently as they put on the play "It Takes a Wizard". The musical was performed by the intermediate students at the Fort St. John

Elementary School. The play contained all the elements of a traditional fairy tale, but with modern touches. APR 3, 1985

School play held

"It Takes a Wizard," the musical performed by intermediate students at Central Elementary school last Thursday evening, contains all the elements of a traditional fairy tale, but with modern touches.

The demanding king with a big problem was played by Dan Webster.

He calls upon his reliable sorcerer, played by Danielle Schedlosky, to help him solve his dilemma. The sorcerer decides that what the king needs is a wife. However, the maid chosen for this position happens to be a liberated woman, played by Jolene Braybrook. She rejects

the traditional wife's role.

Much to the king's relief, he learns he can solve his problem without marrying. Following the recipe given by the Dragon (Lia Chin and Jeanette Landry), the sorcerer mixes the potion which helps solve the king's problem - his

height.

The jester, played by Shawna Foster, and the spy, Gordon Fidler, provide further good humor.

The musical, directed by Mrs. Mary Liz Bright, reflected the co-operation of students and teachers from grades three to seven. Mrs. Bright worked with the chorus with the aid of accompanist Mrs. Petersen. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Jackson helped the major characters rehearse their lines. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Asai directed the building of sets and props. Mr. Harlos arranged the lights and sound system.

Although requiring many hours of hard work, audience and participants alike felt the musical was very enjoyable and worthwhile.

Stage North shows award-winning play

After an appreciative audience reception at the Peace River Zone Arts Festival in Dawson Creek last week, the "the Frog Galliard" comedy of Stage North will make a Fort St. John appearance.

The play, which won three awards at the Peace River Zone Arts Festival, will be performed today at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Northern Lights College Multi-purpose room.

Tickets are \$4.50, with 50 cents from each ticket earmarked for the arts

community's building fund.

The play is suitable for adults only — it would not

appeal to children.

Tickets can be obtained at the Artspace and J.R.S. Audioscene.

Adjudicator Jane Logie, a theatre professional from Vancouver, commended the

play for its care and attention to period detail — particularly costumes.

Set design also was praised and the Stage North group won the awards for best actor, best lighting and best sound.

Peter Jackson was named best actor.

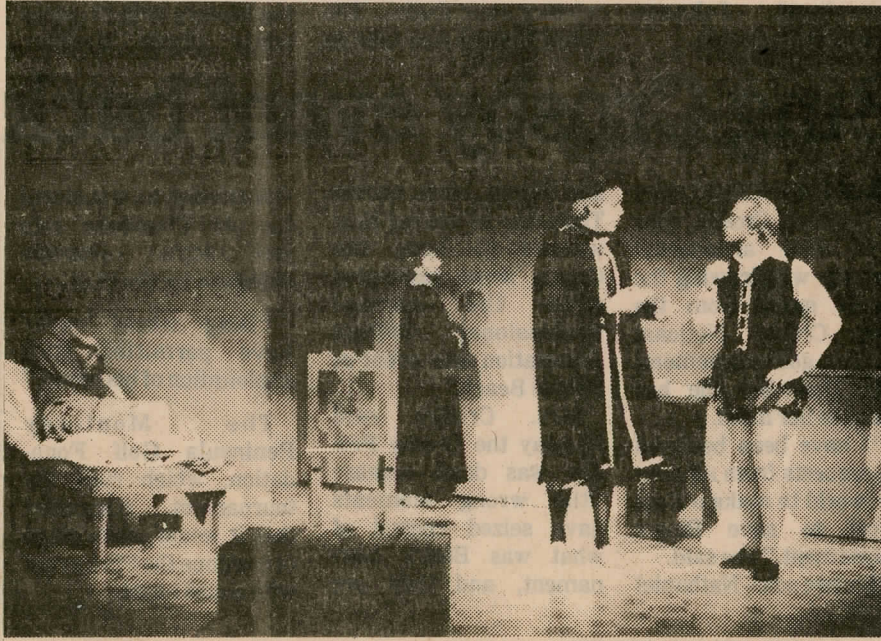
The "Frog Galliard" is a play about the young Williams Shakespeare and is directed by Doug Xenis. The play is the story of an embittered poet, Robert Greene (played by Jackson), whose last hours are interrupted by William Shakespeare (Tom Kirschner) bent on

staging a proper death bed scene — worthy of an artist.

Shakespeare enlists the aid of a mercenary doctor (Kevin Truscott) and a hypocritical priest (Dennis Szalai) in his plans, while the embittered poet tries to thwart his rival with the help of his mistress (Ann Sullivan) and his friend Jock (George Douglas).

The play veers from comic farce to sadness, with many humorous and interesting moments along the way.

Esther Osterbaan adds a touch with "The Frog Galliard" tune played on the recorder.



THIS IS THE way it looks in one of the scenes from the Stage North play "The Frog Galliard", which earned three awards at the Peace River Zone Arts

Festival in Dawson Creek last week. The play will be performed in Fort St. John tonight.