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GEORGETOWN LITTLE THEATRE YOUTH GROUP BRINGS LOCAL HISTORY TO THE STAGE
Story of The Georgetown Boys performed by Halton area youth

From May 1 to May 10, 2008, the Georgetown Little Theatre Youth Company (GLTYC) will be staging an original production called The Georgetown Boys.

The GLTYC is proud to present this original theatrical production based upon the stories written by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch and adapted for the stage by Sam Hancock. The two-week run of the production will take place at the GLT studio in Stewarttown from May 1 to 10, 2008, with a special one-night-only Gala Performance at the John Elliot Theatre on May 14, 2008.

This production is indicative of the growth of the Youth Company over the past five years. The young cast and crew are thrilled to be a part of this unique event.

Based on two books by award-winning author Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, *Aram's Choice* (available in stores now) and *Call Me Aram* (to be released in fall 2008), The Georgetown Boys was adapted for the stage and directed by local Georgetown resident, Sam Hancock. Sam has directed many productions since graduating from Guelph University's theatre program. Sam's plays have won audience awards and have been staged in Toronto, New York and San Francisco.

Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch is the author of many books for children, including *Silver Threads* and *Enough* as well as her YA novels, *The Hunger* and *Nobody's Child*, which was nominated for the Red Maple Award, the Alberta Rocky Mountain Book Award, and the B.C. Stellar Award.

In 1923, 110 young Armenian boys, aged 8-12, were brought to Canada to live on Cedar Vale Farm in Georgetown where they were trained in farming with the aim of becoming Canadian farmers. The Georgetown Boys documents a significant moment in the history of Georgetown and Canada. It was "Canada's noble experiment" – Canada's first international humanitarian effort. Many of these orphans grew up and settled in Southern Ontario, reuniting with their friends as often as they could, forming a tight-knit community that continues to this day among their descendants.

The Georgetown Little Theatre is proud to support the efforts of the Youth Company. There are 24 performers in this production with as many, if not more, adult and youth volunteers helping backstage. Organizing and rallying this large troupe of theatre artists is Cat Heaven, Sue Bryan and Kay d'Entremont who have been the guiding force behind the GLTYC since its inception in 2003. Each year the company produces a fall one-act play festival, with plays written and directed by Youth Company members, and one full-length production each spring. Past spring productions have included "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe", "The Insect Play", "Dark of the Moon" and "Midsummer Night's Dream."

The performances will take place at the Georgetown Little Theatre in Stewarttown, Ontario. To purchase tickets, please call 905-877-3422. Tickets are \$10.

The GLT Studio is located at 32 Stewarttown Road, Georgetown, Ontario:

Performance Dates and Times

Thursday, May 1 – 8:00pm
Friday, May 2 – 8:00pm
Saturday, May 3 – 2:00pm
Sunday, May 4 – 2:00pm

Wednesday, May 7, 8:00pm
Thursday, May 8, 8:00pm
Friday, May 9, 8:00pm
Saturday, May 10, 2:00pm
Saturday, May 10, 8:00pm

For information on the Gala Performance on May 14, 2008, at the John Elliot Theatre,
please leave a message at 905-877-3422.