

Mary Poppins drops in

Special to the News

Mary Poppins dropped into the Kanata Theatre over the Christmas holidays, much to the joy of the sold out crowds which attended the performances of the musical at the Ron Maslin Playhouse in Kanata.

Among those who were at the musical and even got to meet Mary Poppins, played by Lisa Wagner, and Bert, played by Kendrick Abell, were Stittsville youngsters Sarah Beuree and Danica Coote.

The musical "Mary Poppins" was presented by the Kanata Theatre from Dec. 27 to Dec. 30, featuring such familiar songs as "Let's go fly a kite," "Feed the birds," "Step in time" and "A spoonful of sugar."

The production followed the story of the Banks family as it encountered Mary Poppins and her friend Bert, along with a cast of characters that led the audience to believe that "Anything can happen if you let it" and who taught the audience the importance of people valuing themselves and each other.

The musical offered the mixture of an irresistible story, unforgettable songs and toe-tapping dance numbers.

No wonder it draw packed houses at the

Ron Maslin Playhouse.

And the Ron Maslin Playhouse is not going to be silent for long.

Right now, the cast and crew of "Cat's Cradle," a British mystery play, is rehearsing for its opening night on Tuesday, Feb. 2. This play will run from Feb. 2 to Feb. 6 and then again from Feb. 9 to Feb. 13, with an 8 p.m. curtain time.

This play "Cat's Cradle" is a well crafted whodunit.

An unsolved kidnapping or perhaps murder occurs near or at an old coaching house in a remote English village. Detective Inspector Frost arrives on the scene determined to catch the killer who eluded him 12 years before. Nearly everyone in the village is a suspect and the audience is left to wonder if the inspector can solve this mystery that has haunted him for years.

Tickets at \$20 each for "Cat's Cradle" can be purchased online at www.kanatatheatre.com or by calling the Kanata Theatre box office at 613-831-4435.

The Kanata Theatre has presented 278 productions in total since 1968 including 191 main stage productions.

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Sarah Beuree, left, front, and Danica Coote, right, front, both from Stittsville, get to meet Mary Poppins, centre, back, played by Lisa Wagner, and Bert, right, back, played by Kendrick Abell at a performance of the musical "Mary Poppins" presented by the Kanata Theatre at the Ron Maslin Playhouse in Kanata over the Christmas holiday period.

