

# Entertainment Today

## Stage show welcomes millionth spectator

Windsor – A happy young resident of Pittsfield, Mass., was honoured by Mermaid Theatre recently as the company welcomed the millionth spectator for

its renowned stage adaptation of Eric Carle stories.

Four-year-old Jackson Eddy arrived at the elegant Colonial Theatre with his mother, Natalia, Oct. 7,

just as Mermaid's artistic director, Jim Morrow, began the countdown. Following the performance of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric

Carle Favourites, Jackson was welcomed on stage by the Mermaid touring company.

In addition to three signed copies of Eric Carle storybooks, he received a puppet, fleece vest and baseball cap with the Mermaid logo, and several gifts from the Town of Windsor, where Mermaid has its headquarters.

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's mix and match collection of Eric

Carle's stories have been touring continuously since 1999, and have been presented on three continents. Large-scale puppets in vibrant shades, an evocative musical score, and the magic of black light provide a whimsical introduction to the world of theatre, as well as stimulate the joy of reading.

Carle has called Mermaid's production "stunningly beautiful." In addition to many North

American repeat performances, the production has toured throughout Japan on seven different occasions and appeared twice in Singapore. Future versions in Spanish and Korean are planned.

The current touring company, which has been on the road since September 2005, is made up of Lisa Cochran, stage manager (from Windsor,); John Allen MacLean; and Jillian Matthews.



Artistic director Jim Morrow welcomes four-year-old Jackson Eddy as the millionth spectator for Mermaid Theatre's Eric Carle stories. (Submitted)

### KINGS INNOVATION COUNCIL

Invites you to attend an extra special event!

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2006

TIME: 7:30 AM — 4:00 PM

COST: \$60.00 PER PERSON

PLACE: FESTIVAL THEATRE

ACADIA UNIVERSITY, WOLFVILLE

## Innovation 101

Kings Innovation Council concluded that lack of engagement is a root cause for lack of productivity and limited innovation. A starting point would be an event that provides foundation ideas to mobilize Kings County into a community of inspired individuals. The challenge we are embarking upon is to create a sustainable system that will create an entrepreneurial culture and drive innovation.



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**MORE DAYS TO REGISTER!**

Registration deadline November 1, 2006

## Valley entertainment

Windsor Legion – Friday night in the lounge – Sidewinders

Pockets Lounge, Windsor – Saturday – Halloween Dance Party, prizes, specials, 10 p.m. to closing.

Wolfville Legion – Friday night jam session, 8 – 12 p.m.; Saturday afternoon social with music

Acadia Axe Lounge – Friday, 8 p.m., Halloween Party, no cover, no full face masks; Saturday, Triple Threat night

Kentville Legion – Saturday night dance – Stable Country

Berwick Legion – Saturday night, dance, 9 – 12:30, Stagecoach

Sidetrack Beverage Room, Berwick – Friday night Halloween Party, DJ

Kingston Legion – Friday – Stable Country in the lounge