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Montreal's leading indie company, Gravy Bath returns with **In the Shade**, a new work about terminal illness that "plays with life instead of dealing with death," written and directed by Anthony Kokx, at the "B"egal Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts, 5170 Côte Ste. Catherine Rd. **See review on Page D6.** (514) 739-7944.

Dark Horse Theatre examines East-West cultural tensions and personal challenges experienced by an interracial couple in Larry R. Lamont's **The Chamber**, through Dec. 18 at Geordie Space, 4001 Berri St. (514) 302-7099. Opening Tuesday, Alexandre Marine directs National Theatre School's graduating class in his own stage adaptation of literature's first novel to explore urban alienation, **Crime and Punishment**, by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, at Monument National, 1182 St. Laurent Blvd. (514) 871-2224.

En français, beg, borrow or steal tickets for the popular **Contes urbains**, half a dozen unlikely Christmas stories told with gritty panache by six raconteurs at Théâtre la Licorne, 4559 Papineau St. Call (514) 523-2246.

MATT RADZ

MOVIES

CEGEP screens Haitian films

Rumour has it the blessed film season looms like a large wave of unmitigated cinematic joy, with *Narnia*, *Les Boys IV*, *Syrina*, *King Kong*, *Brokeback Mountain*, *Memories of a Geisha*, *Joyeux Noël*, *Capote*, *The Producers*, *Munich* and so much more primed to distract you from important shop-

ping.

Forget about them all this weekend and celebrate our city's rich cultural diversity by taking in **Un Fin de semaine du cinéma Haïtien**, tonight through Sunday at CEGEP St. Laurent, 613 Ste. Croix Blvd. Director Sacha Parisot is responsible for tonight's award-winning **A Fleur de peau** (screening at 7 and 9 p.m.), and tomorrow's **La Rebelle** (7 and 9 p.m.), Sunday, Mora Junior Etienne is the director of **Profonds regrets** (5:30 and 8 p.m.). For more information, call (514) 265-5266. This is the cheapest trip south you'll find all winter.

JOHN GRIFFIN

CLASSICAL

Last stand for MSO choir director

The **Montreal Symphony Orchestra** presentation of Handel's *Messiah* on Wednesday and Thursday is also **Iwan Edwards's** last hurrah, at least as the titled chorus master of the orchestra. The starting time is 7:30 p.m. at the Notre Dame Basilica. Call (514) 842-9951. The **Orchestre Métropolitain** stages an operatic choral night under the cloak of Christmas Monday night in St. Jean Baptiste Church, corner of Rachel St. and Henri-Julien Ave., starting at 7:30. West-coaster **Giuseppe Pietrarroia** is the guest conductor. There is a repeat on Tuesday in the Saint-Sixte Church in St. Laurent and on Thursday at the Outremont Theatre. Call (514) 598-0870. Those not so Christmas-minded can try the **Leonardo da Vinci Symphony Orchestra**, which

is giving a program of Haydn, Schumann, Mahler and Ravel, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre Leonardo Da Vinci, 8350 La-cordaire Blvd. in St. Léonard. Call (514) 955-8529.

Note also that the **Leipzig String Quartet** will be playing a straightforward program of Mozart (K.575), Debussy and Mendelssohn (Op. 44 No. 3) for Pro Musica on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Théâtre Maison-neuve of Place des Arts. Call (514) 842-2112.

Classical types with a taste for jazz (or vice versa) should remember that the **I Musici de Montréal** benefit concert on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. features pianist **Oliver Jones** in Salle Pierre Mercure, 300 de Maison-neuve Blvd. E. Non-benefit tickets cost \$45 or \$65. (514) 982-6038. ARTHUR KAPTAINIS.

COMEDY

Lorne Elliott tapes CBC Radio show

Hudson's gift to the worlds of humour and frizzy hair, **Lorne Elliott** is master of ceremonies for anticipated frivolity, tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Centaur Theatre. Elliott will be joined by some of the best wits this country has to offer. On the bill tonight are **D.J. Mc-Carthey**, **Derek Lengwenus**, **Heidi Foss**, **Irwin Barker** and the musical stylings of **Hot Toddy**. Getting down tomorrow will be **David Pryde**, **Nils Ling**, **Bette MacDonald**, **Maynard Ferguson**, **Scott Faulconbridge** and **Michael Jerome Browne**. The shows are being taped for CBC Radio One's *Madly Off* in All Direc-

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CRITICS' CHOICE

A SELECTION OF EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK