



Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Darth Vader thrills everyone he meets

Darth Vader, that menacing villain "Star Wars," is just as awe-inspiring in person as he is in the movies. Helmeted in black, with a face mask match, Darth Vader wears a black pe and suit, shiny black boots and gloves. His chest and waist are practically adorned with pushbuttons and zips. He stands about a zillion feet tall—maybe seven—and when he talks, you shudder. Anytime Darth Vader doesn't speak, his breathing is heard at a significant level of decibels. My expectation of an interview with

Darth Vader, at his recent appearance in Birmingham, fell flat. But he was on hand at Slater Walkover Studio on the Garden Concourse Level at 555 S. Woodward.

The hype was in conjunction with a "Star Wars" walkovering sold at the design studio, which works primarily with architects and designers, sells retail too.

ROLLS OF THE very attractive walkovering, a precast vinyl at \$9.99 a roll, were cut into poster-length strips. Darth Vader would autograph them for \$2.

I arrived early, planning to talk with the man behind the costume. I met a tall, very friendly fellow out of costume who told me he could not give interviews, as himself.

"Darth Vader is just like Santa Claus," he explained. "Then he said that Darth Vader does not give interviews. George Lucas, who created the phenomenally successful film, doesn't permit it anymore.

Two security guards waited, one at the door and one inside the studio. Seems that if there are big crowds, as there have been at some of Darth Vader's appearances, the scene can get unruly.

But there was no problem during the Birmingham appearance. About 50 youngsters at most turned out, and they were led just a few at a time up to Darth Vader, who greeted them in a German accent with remarks like, "Are you loyal to the Empire?"

MOST CHILDREN meekly answered, "Yes," or just looked stupefied.

But one responded, "No!" Darth Vader replied, "Then you are neutral. I suggest you switch your sympathies to the Empire." Gabrielle Aramian, age 3, was more comfortable in her mother's arms and refused to go near Darth Vader. "He even scares me," said her mother, Marguerite Aramian of West Bloomfield.

Darth Vader met Darth Vader when 6-year-old Hugh Brennan of Birmingham, in Halloween costume and mask, met the real thing. Towering over his imitator, Vader said, "He looks somewhat like a giant cockroach!"

Darth Vader's contemptuous style of conversation, in keeping with his role, also appeared misunderstood by the mother, who went off with her child, looking perturbed.

But most people seemed to love Darth Vader. Another child was amused when Vader declined to shake hands, saying, "Your bones are far too fragile. You don't want to risk the loss of your hand."

Not all Darth Vader's fans are children. One woman asked for a signed poster, saying, "My name is Phyllis and this one's for me. I'm the big child."

Aladdin's lamp comes to Community House

Theater

The Community House in Birmingham continues its children's programming with "Aladdin and the Magical Lamp" at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

The classic fairy tale will be presented live on stage. Adult chaperones will be in attendance with the young audience.

"Aladdin and the Magical Lamp" is under the direction of Dr. Joseph French, manager of theater arts at Greenfield Village.

Aladdin—a beggar-boy who works in the shop of the evil magician Ben-Ali—finds a magic lamp. The shadowy form of a nine-foot genie makes all his wishes come true.

Aladdin lives in a golden palace with the Princess Balthazar, when Ben-Ali persuades the slave-girl, Fatima, to trade the old lamp for a new one. Jealous of Aladdin, Ben-Ali takes all that was his, while Aladdin is cast into a dungeon by the angry Sultan.

Of course, Aladdin escapes to rescue his princess and punish the evil magician.

Tickets are available at The Community House, Bates and Townsend.

Singer plays at the Raven

Stuart Mitchell is appearing through today at the Raven Gallery in uptown. Show times are 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sunday and 9:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

At first glance you might judge Stuart Mitchell to be a comedian—funny—but no sooner had you done so you would hear Stuart move into a

soft ballad which might be followed by a quick moving version of the 60s hit "Love Potion Number Nine."

As the applause dies down, Stuart is seen with one single white spot, wearing his black derby hat, which he has come to be known for, singing a classic like "Walking My Baby Back Home"—with only the sound of snapping fingers for accompaniment.

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