

# UZEB ENERGIZES JAKARTA

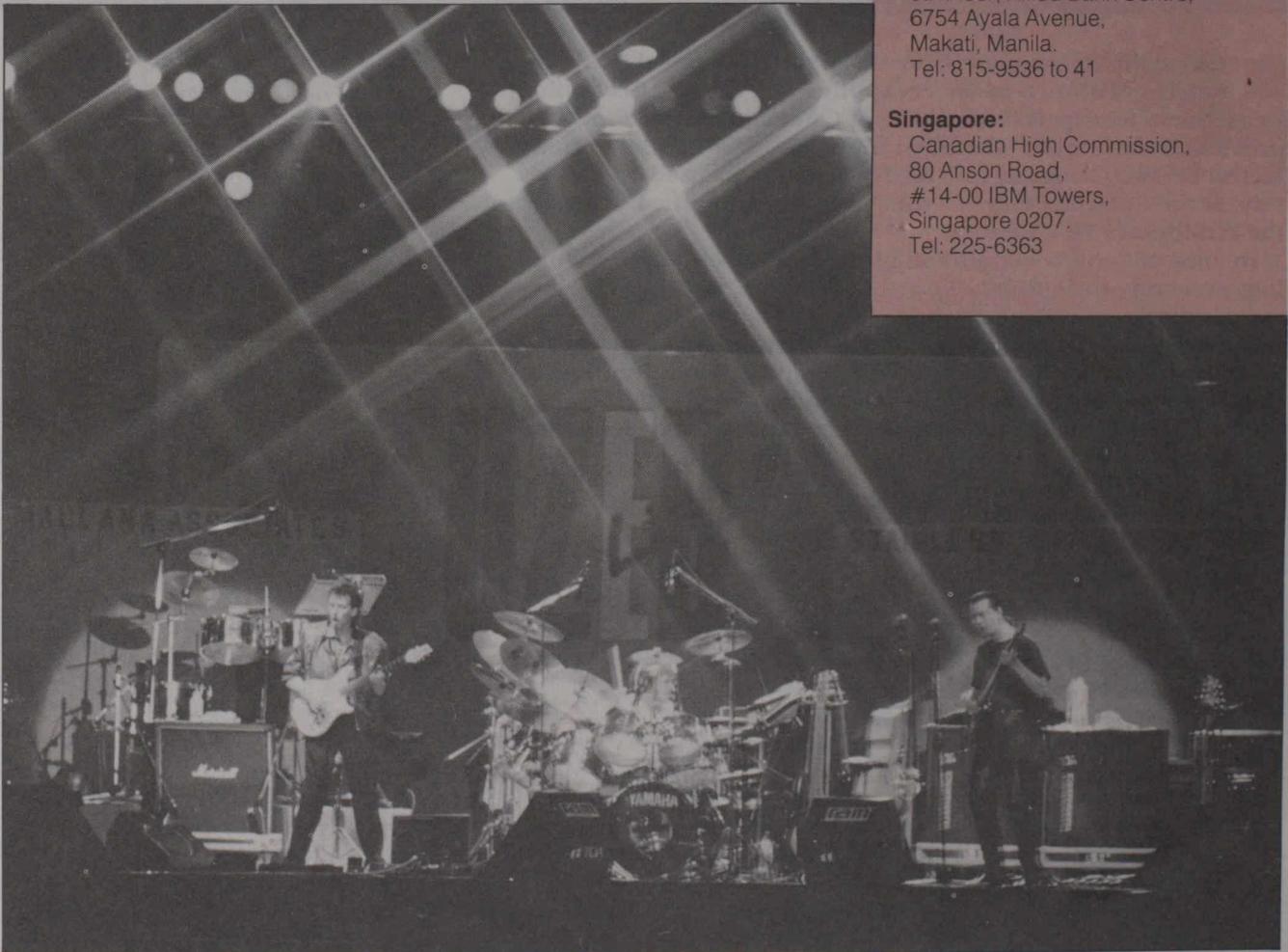
Canadian jazz trio UZEB gave two energetic live shows on June 18-19, 1990, at the Drive-in Theatre Ancol Jakarta. Jakarta was their first stop in Asia and this was their 75th concert in a six-month tour around the world. The show was organized by Ireng Maulana Associates, a well-known jazz artist and promoter in Indonesia, with the support of the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta. UZEB, which had been used to smaller audiences, attracted about 7,000 people on their two nights. The audience was lively, enthusiastic and surprisingly knowledgeable about UZEB.

"It's very interesting to play in front of a new crowd," said Michel Cusson, guitarist. "In Europe, you can expect a certain reaction. But here, we don't know anything about Asia, and for a Canadian band to play outside in such beautiful weather is unbelievable."

UZEB's history began in Quebec in 1976. The jazz trio group consists of founding member Michel Cusson (guitar), Paul Brochu (drums) and Alain Caron (bass). Their first performance was organized by their friends on August 14, St Eusebe's Day, from which the group derived its name.

In Jakarta, UZEB frenzied the audience in their concert and was rewarded with rave media reviews and two 15-minute features on national and cable television. Commentators marvelled at both their technical virtuosity and inspired improvisational abilities. Among the pieces they played were "Noisy Nights", "Live in Brancknell", "You, be Easy", "Fast Emotion" and "Between the Lines". In short, UZEB's impact was enormous in this voracious market for jazz and Canada has certainly been put on the map for jazz audiences.

*UZEB in action. From left: Michael Cusson, Paul Brochu and Alain Caron*



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