



A scene from Hester street.

## Canadian director shows film

By IRAMICAY

For a free treat next Wednesday night be at Curtis Lecture Hall L at 7:30 p.m. when the York Film Department will host the Canadian premiere of the film Hester Street.

Joan Micklin Silver, the director, and Raphael Silver, her husband who produced the film will attend the screening and answer questions from the audience following the film.

Hester Street is a low-budget, black and white production that was released several months ago in the US and has received glowing critical response.

The plot of the film is based on a short story by Abraham Cahan. Steven Keats plays Jake, an immigrant Jew living in Manhattan's lower east side around the turn of the century. While he is waiting for his wife to join him in America,

Jake falls in love with Mamie, played by Dory Kavanaugh, who is also Jewish, but has already assimilated into the American culture.

When his wife finally does arrive

### Brisian mimics Gertrude Stein

By ZAHIR ANTIA

Nancy Cole, an independent American actress who is now living in Paris, has performed a one-woman show in Stong College last wednesday, in which she played Gertrude Stein in Gertrude Stein's Gertrude Stein.

Stein, an avant-garde, famous American woman writer, was born in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the century, and lived for most of her life in Paris. She had influenced several famous artists including the late Alice B. Toklas, among others.

Using only Gertrude Stein's own words, Nancy Cole did some very funny impersonations of Stein, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso and other artists. The audience was highly appreciative.

For her show Cole has done extensive research in Paris and has interviewed many of Stein's friends and acquaintances, including Alice B. Toklas, Thornton Wilder, Zadkine, among others. She has also cut a two-record album of her impersonations, considered by some to be a collector's items. (It can be obtained through Virginia Rock, Master of Stong College)

When interviewed, Cole said she liked Canada because "there seems to be a great deal of interest here in Gertrude Stein."

Nancy Cole will be performing at the Colonnade Theatre Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Jake suffers a conflict between the old world, Orthodox Jewish values of his wife, and the freer American spirit of his mistress. Carol Kane, who played the lead in Wedding in White, and appeared in Carnal Knowledge and The Last Detail, plays the part of the wife.

Hester Street was very successful at Film Expo and the Cannes Film Festival. Most of the sound track is in English, but part of the film is in Yiddish with English subtitles.

The film is being distributed in Canada by Cinema 3, but in the US the Silvers are going an unusual route. Because they were unable to secure a satisfactory distribution arrangement through the normal channels, the couple are renting theatres from their owners in major American cities and are publicizing the film themselves. In the American film business this is a most unusual practise for feature films, but was also utilized with success by John Cassavetes for his release of A Woman Under the Influence.

### The private eare The publick eye

A premiere of Wild Rice, a film about an Indian family, and a film on artist Tamara Jaworska will be held next Monday at 8 p.m. in the Stong, SCR...Jaworska makes the most beautiful tapestries I have ever seen... Joseph Chaikin, formerly of the Open Theatre, brings Electra to Burton for a one-shot showing tonight at 8:30 p.m....readings from the Egyptian Book of the Dead will be accompanied by free-flowing jazz from the Suspended Quartet next Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Calumet JCR...far out...

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Lecture followed by discussion is the format of next Monday and Tuesday night. The program will conclude next Wednesday with an open panel discussion.

In conjunction with the symposium, there will be a display of attending artists' work in the Vanier Master's Common Room.



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