

Good music without a shadow of a doubt

Music at Walden's

by Wayne Renke

Fired of that same old disco monotony? Strobe lights getting you down? Have you had enough of waking up with ringing ears and a numbed brain? Then the Shadows Lounge might be the place for you.

One of Edmonton's newest entertainment spots, the Shadows Lounge, at 10245 - 104 St., showcases jazz and classical music. Most of the performers are local. Thanks to manager Christopher Lewis' hiring policies, Shadows provides a much needed outlet for Edmonton talent.

And home-grown does not mean inferior. The quality of Shadows' musical menu proves this. While it might seem odd to hear a saxophone quartet playing Handel, or a harpsichord and recorder group doing Dixieland, people come in, enjoy the sounds, and stay. Shadows' business has doubled since it opened in December of 1979. Coming up is everything from jazz violin to

woodwind quintets, performances in traditional idioms to unique musical explorations.

Though the Shadows Lounge is an offspring of Walden's restaurant, it's not a suit and tie establishment. Says Christopher Lewis, "I was brought in 'cause I love my bluejeans." The atmosphere is informal. Jeans are fine. There's no cover charge, and no membership is required.

Shadows wants people who appreciate music, and manager Lewis is especially interested in the University crowd. Shadows is a place downtown where students are appreciated.

Shadows has a light evening menu, and carries a fine selection of wine. It's open from 10:30 a.m. to midnight seven days a week, with entertainment from Tuesday through Saturday, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Manager Lewis adds that Jiggers is just across the street. Lewis feels that it's his best friend. Discos have a purpose. They keep people who don't like to listen, out of Shadows.



