

News of the arts

Supershow salutes children

The Greatest Little Travelling Supershow for Young People, the most ambitious tour produced and sponsored by the Touring Office of the Canada Council, opened in Victoria, British Columbia on May 1.

The venture, under the patronage of the Governor General, honours the International Year of the Child and is receiving extensive co-operation from provincial and municipal governments and local sponsors.

This month and next, Supershow travels from British Columbia to Ontario, including the Yukon and Northwest Terri-



Theatre l'avant-pays presents "A Mariquette Story" on the Supershow tour.



David Amram is described as the Pied Piper of musical styles.

"1979 is a very special year for children all over the world. It has been named International Year of the Child and is dedicated to helping everyone learn and understand more about children and their needs.

"A vital influence on the healthy development of our children is their exposure to the culture of our country. In Canada we are particularly fortunate in having a variety of cultures all of which influence our Canadian artistic community.

"The Greatest Little Travelling Supershow For Young People will present a variety of artists and companies from those different cultural backgrounds. It will be a marvellous opportunity to see some of the best Canadian theatre, dance and music in celebration of this exciting year.

"We hope that Supershow will spark continued attention to the very special world of performing for children." (Signed) Ed Schreyer, Governor General of Canada.

tories. In July, the troupe will visit Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Close to 100 artists are presenting shows specially created for children. Seventeen professional companies of clowns, puppets, singers, musicians, actors, dancers and mimes are appearing in tents, theatres and schools. Most communities are having full-scale celebrations for kids — with parades, contests and comical ceremonies — and Supershow was also part of the Vancouver International Festival for Young People, May 7-13, which brought performers from other provinces to the festivities.

The performers

Artists appearing in the show include: The Entresix Dance Company, classical and modern ballet; David Amram, musician; Theatre l'Avant-Pays, puppets; Cirque Alexander, clowns; The Dumptrucks, a music group; Alain Lamontagne, harmonica and one-man band; Bim Bom



Cirque Alexander — a clown team.



Theatre Beyond Words in Potato People.

Boom, more clowns; Mummers Troupe, Punch and Judy puppets; Puppetmongers Powell, marionette puppets; The Green Thumb Players, a school theatre company; Sharon, Lois and Bram, singers; Theatre Beyond Words, mime artists; The Canadian Brass, comedy brass group; The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Canada's oldest established ballet company; Kaleidoscope, theatre group; Raffi, guitarist and singer; and the Anna Wyman Dance Theatre.