

Canadian Brass at Bermuda Festival

The Canadian Brass performed recently at the Bermuda Festival of the Performing Arts.

Formed in 1969, the Canadian Brass is considered one of the world's best classical brass ensembles. They have toured extensively in Canada, the United States, Europe, the U.S.S.R. and, in 1977, they became the first Western ensemble to perform in China.

Members of the group include Frederick Mills and Ronald Romm on trumpet; Graeme Page on French horn, Eugene Watts on trombone and Charles Daellenbach on tuba.

The Bermuda Festival has been held annually for the past five years.

Firms fare well at fair

Ten Canadian companies recently took part in the international music exhibition, *Musikmesse*, held in Frankfurt, West Germany.

The companies exhibited a range of products from sheet music through guitars to grand pianos, harpsichords and clavichords as well as electronic equipment and music accessories.

Following the exhibition, Canadian firms announced sales totalling close to \$340 000 on site and anticipated another \$4.6 million in sales during the next year.

Mime company on tour

Arete Contemporary Mime Troupe of Calgary recently wound up a six-week tour of four countries.

The troupe performed two productions during their tour which covered the United States, France, Spain and Italy. The productions *Gallery* and *A Twist of Lemon* are drawn from the repertoire of original material created by troupe members. They utilize a blend of traditional contemporary mime styles best described as "physical comedy" or "visual theatre".

The first stop on the tour was Detroit where the troupe presented 22 performances of *A Twist of Lemon* under the sponsorship of the Detroit Youtheatre. Affiliated with the Detroit Institute of the Performing Arts, and one of the largest presenters of theatre for young audiences in the United States, the

Detroit Youtheatre annually sponsors companies from throughout North America, Europe and Africa.

Following their U.S. performances, the troupe members travelled to Paris to participate in the Festival International de Theatre Gestuel. Organized by l'Association Art et Gest of Paris, the festival encompassed the countries of France, Italy and Spain and featured performers

from the United States, Italy, Argentina, Poland, Spain, France, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Japan, in addition to the Arete Contemporary Mime Troupe, the only Canadian company invited to participate.

The troupe also presented its production *Gallery* under the title, *Tableaux* in Paris, Barcelona, Valencia and in Modena, Italy.

Program to boost Canada-China cultural exchanges



Gilles Lefebvre (left), Assistant Under-Secretary, Bureau of International Cultural Relations of the Department of External Affairs, signs document for cultural program along with China's Yao Zhongming, Vice-Minister of the Commission for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

Canada and China have signed a program for cultural exchanges in art, museums and libraries, sports, film and journalism.

The signing was the highlight of a visit to China by representatives of the Department of External Affairs and of the Canada Council.

Under the program, the two governments will promote the expansion of non-governmental and private sector cultural exchanges.

Exchanges planned

Some of the activities planned as part of the program, include:

- a tour of China this year by singers Maureen Forrester and Claude Corbeil and by pianists André Laplante and Claude Savard;
- the University of Alberta String Quartet will perform this year in Heilongjiang and other parts of China;
- the Canadian Inuit Art Exhibition will continue to be held in China in 1982;

— an exhibition of Chinese traditional science and technology, organized by the China Association for Science and Technology, will be held at the Ontario Science Centre;

— a science circus from the Ontario Science Centre will be held in China in 1983;

— Dominion Archivist, Dr. W.I. Smith will visit China this May to exchange archival material relating to Dr. Norman Bethune;

— a Chinese library delegation will visit Canada this year at the invitation of the National Library of Canada; and

— a Chinese broadcasting and television delegation will travel to Canada at the invitation of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The cultural program also calls for the two governments to encourage their writers, editors and translators to introduce, translate and publish the other country's outstanding works of literature and art.