

## Maritime Contemporary Dance Company to perform



The Maritime Contemporary Dance Company will hold its annual major performances on the evenings of March 21 and 22 in the Memorial Hall Building on the UNB campus. The Programme will include an exciting arrangement of new and adapted works choreographed by company members. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door. L. to r.: Janice Richard, Zsuzsa Szabo, Kathleen Driscoll, Leslee McGee, Vicki Forrester, Shawn Stubbart.

## Duffy's Hotel on tour

Don't miss Duffy's Hotel appearing March 26 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Marshall D'Avray Hall.

The troupe of actors and musicians who brought "Ties that Bind to High Schools around the province during National Book Festival in April are at it again. This year, assuming a new name - The Calithumpians, they are offering high schools and conventions an assembly theatre revue about life in New Brunswick called "Duffy's Hotel."

According to local lore, the Calithumpians were a band of masked revellers who marauded through colonial Fredericton on New Year's Day racing through the streets in horse drawn sleighs, interrupting festivities and demanding refreshment.

Reviewers called "Ties That Bind" a "happy blend of Canadian poems and songs" and "the ultimate turn on for reluctant readers." Thea Borlais of CBC's *Information Morning* said, "Yesterday morning's packed house of senior students from Harrison Trimble and Riverview High Schools loved every minute of it and sparked the actors to give their creative best. I guarantee many of those present will go back to their libraries to seek out the text for another look and that's what it's all about."

"Duffy's Hotel" promises more of the same. Based on the popular Miramichi folk ballad of the same name the show says something about the past, present and future of our province. Set in the famous former hotel in Boiestown, the geographic centre of the province,

the action encompasses the hey day of the logging boom, the trauma of two world wars and the exodus of the "Going down the road" syndrome. The musical revue includes poems by writers Alden Nowlan, Bliss Carman, Charles G.D. Roberts, Robert Cockburn, Elizabeth Brewster, Fred Cogswell, and a selection of traditional folk songs as well as modern popular songs by Canadian artists Murray McLauchlan, The McGarrigle Sisters, Buffy St. Marie and Ian Tyson.

The piece is perfect for assemblies and other such school functions as it runs about 45 minutes in length. Much of the material in the

show is from the New Brunswick high school curriculum. After performing "Ties That Bind" to a very receptive after dinner audience at the Commonwealth Parliamentarian's convention in Fredericton in the summer of 1979, the Calithumpians feel confident that Duffy's Hotel is appropriate entertainment for such functions. The Calithumpians are now accepting bookings for winter and spring dates.

The Calithumpians wish to thank the New Brunswick Social Studies Institute and the UNB High School Relations Office for assistance in launching this tour.

## Concert to be held in memory of Dugald Blue

The Fredericton Chamber Orchestra, Brass Menagerie and Saint Dunstan's Choir will be appearing together in concert Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 at St. Dunstan's Church. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Dugald Blue, former university secretary, registrar and Dean of Education. Blue was one of the founding members of the Chamber Orchestra, and was active in it until the time of his illness.

The concert will include music from a variety of periods and for different combinations of instruments and voice. Saint Dunstan's Choir will sing Mozart's *Regina*

Coeli and a series of spirituals. The Brass Menagerie will join the choir for *Psalm 100* by Schutz. The Chamber Orchestra will play an arrangement of Handel's *Water Music Suite*, and the *Capriol Suite* by Warlock. The concert will conclude with Purcell's *Come, Ye Sons of Art*, with the choir, chamber orchestra and soloists.

Soloists are Elizabeth Williams, Sharon Bachinski and Timothy Cooper. Tim Cooper directs St. Dunstan's choir, while G. Douglas Hodgkinson directs the Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are available from choir and orchestra members or at the door.

## Folk Collective

The Folk Collective enjoyed thoroughly a performance by Sandy Greenberg last Sunday night in the Tartan Room. About sixty people crowded in around the tables and candles and listened to some clean guitar work and a diverse repertoire of songs touching on everything from a housewife's blues to an Indian chant. During the intermission Jerry Van Wart held the audience in awe with some classical guitar and Joan Wellhauser enchanted all with her amiable manner and pleasing voice. To open the concert the quartet of Rick Valenta, Graham Young and Carolyn Young with Kevin Thompson (making his Folk Collective debut on bodhran) performed three hard core traditional songs including the famous "two Corbies." Many thanks to all who helped organize the concert with a special note of appreciation to Vaughn Fulford who got us a spotlight at late notice.

Our last grand Coffeehouse of the year will be held one week from today: Friday, March 28th 8:30 at Memorial Hall. Paul and Lutia Lauzon a duo well known to the Eastern Canada and New England folk circuits, will be performing. Their shows are refined and exciting presentations of quality folk songs and drama that weave through a single theme. Some of the musical plays which they have created and taken on tour include "sea Fever," "The Worksong Revue," and "The Budworm Show". Whatever they have in store for their concert here next Friday, it is certain to be excellent entertainment and a grand way to round off the official Folk Collective season. Also appearing will be Andrew Bartlett and Andre DicAire with Joe Kilfoil and perhaps another surprise.

The Folk Collective is also exploring possibilities for a player Year End party perhaps following next Friday's coffeehouse (midnight awards!!!) or the Saturday evening after (the 29th). All details will hopefully be taken care of my next Friday and announced in this column. Keep close watch...