## Gales of laughter had

Gale Garnett and Company Citadel Rice Theatre until March 24

review by Wendy Hawkins

Gale Garnett and Company is an enjoyable performance. The work is a hodge-podge of several character sketches and songs, so it can vary in quality; sometimes it is a little grating and at other times it is simply fabulous.

The Company consists of "a flock of folks running around in (Garnett's) head." In many ways the show is not so much a performance as seeing a little of Gale Garnett's character, giving the audience more of a sense of Garnett as a person. The production could be called feminist since we get a woman's perspective for a change. In the second half of the show Garnett takes audience suggestions and creates impromptu characters. There seems to be at all times a sort of complicity between

audience and performer.

The production itself is good but it is probably Gale Garnett's personality that really makes the whole thing click. The characters include a seven-year old girl who is lonely and rich, a hyper punker, two young women "in transition", an actress living in a commune and (the best) Lamonica the Female Superstud who is "a triple Scorpio, think you can handle it??" The tacky (as in Lamonica) and-or corny and funny works well but it is often difficult to know how to react to the more serious

pieces. There were four songs written by Garnett which were also included in appropriate places. The songs ranged from good to merely okay. The best piece, especially considering the husky bluesy nature of Garnett's voice, was a blues number - "Ballad for F. Scott Fitz." Her composer-pianist John Roby was excellent, and considering the show is largely improvised, his "tickling of the ivories" is even more impressive.

Gale Garnett and Company is always enjoyable and occasionally fabulous. Probably the most important thing about it is that the production is at all times sincere and not contrived garbage, trying to please. You can't help but like the play as a whole, and you'll definitely love it in places.



Hyper-punker and two young women in transition.

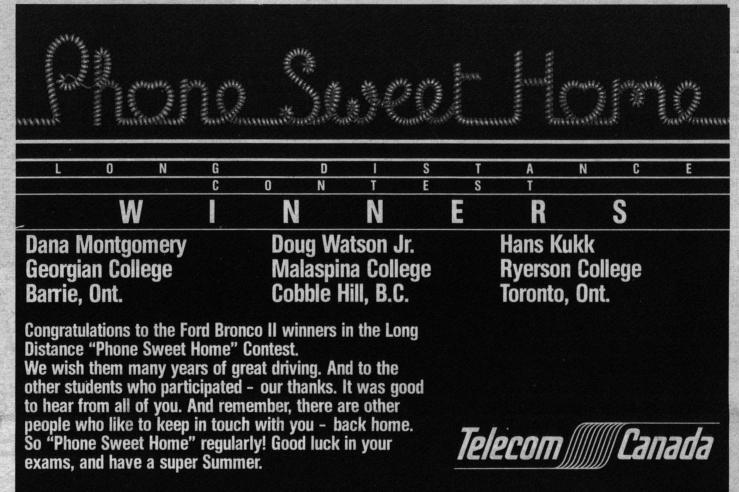
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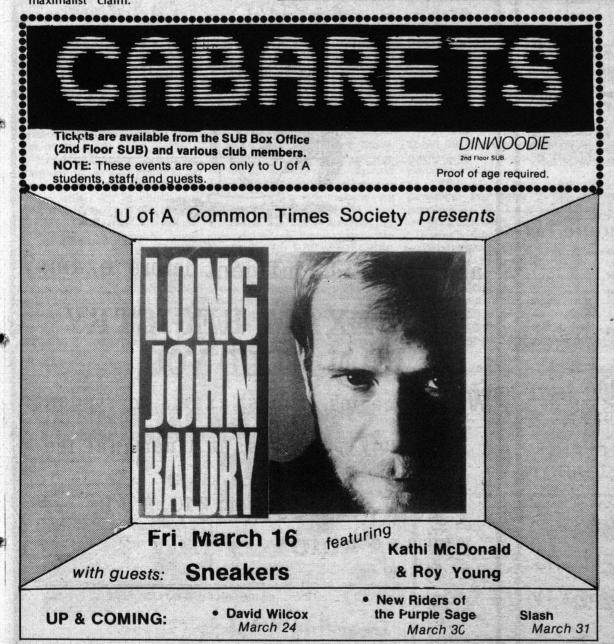
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ment domino-style, cartwheeled. William Adair, Christopher Pilafion and John Brooks surged out, adding a big, bold, manly sequence - a very high moment in the piece.

With a flourishing finale, Jennifer Muller and the Works bounded out for several curtain calls. But this isn't sufficient. There is so much more in Muller's work that hasn't been captured here. The emphasized trust between the dancers, necessary in the risky falling and landing against each other... the use of music to accompany the dance, and the resultant ethereal, undulating compositions... Muller's apparent earth-mother love for her troupe

Jennifer Muller proved true to her "maximalist" claim.





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Did anyone actually think I was serious? You are all sheep. Misguided lemmings heading out to sea! Do you people believe everything you read? Turkeys! All of you! Turkeys! All I wanted to do was lose and you wouldn't even let me. You blew it.

Paul Alpern is the right person for VP External. Anyone who doesn't support him this time around should be used as a tackling dummy by the Bears next season.

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