

Independent Maritime Music Festival '89

by Eric Boutilier-Brown

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Flamingo Cafe and Lounge were three nights not to be missed! Three nights of good solid alternative rock were presented as a preamble to Fredricton's Independent Maritime Music Festival '89. Playing were Toronto's Jellyfishbabies, along with the Stratejackets on Thursday, The Nils with Kearney Lake Rd. on Friday and Nomeansno on Saturday. These were three great evenings of some of Canada's best entertainers.

The first night began with the Stratejackets, who recently released their debut L.P. *Are You Crazy*. They played an hour's worth of good paced rock, with quiet, almost drowned out vocals. Though not exactly suited to open for the Jellyfishbabies, the Stratejackets did their songs justice and are sure to be back at the Flamingo later in the year.



The Stratejackets' searing guitar riffs assault happy Flamingo crowd.

Following the Stratejackets came the Jellyfishbabies. As the

curtain drew open, smoke poured out and coloured lights streamed



Photo: Eric Boutilier-Brown

Maritime music awards

by Michele Thibeau

Who would you pick for best unrecorded band for the 1989 Maritime Music Awards? That category is a great selection of local alternative talent featuring Blackpool, Flags For Everything, Kearney Lake Rd., 100 Flowers, and Laura Smith. Most of the other categories are tough choices too!

These awards are to be given out on April 10th at the Flamingo Cafe and Lounge at a ceremony hosted by Andrew Gillis, and J.C. Douglas of Q104 FM. The awards are to be presented by such performers as Sarah McLachlan, and Matt Minglewood, with entertainment by Wayne Nicholson.

Four the Moment, ICU and Blackpool. It is probably best to rent an outfit now, and make sure to get there early as the tickets which are \$20 are only on sale at the door. In the schedule of presentations there are some "TBAs" so it looks like a few special performers might be floating around the place.

Who would get your vote for best album? Lennie Gallant, Rita MacNeil, Matt Minglewood, Sarah McLachlan or Four the Moment? If you did not get a chance to vote and you want to see first hand who will win this, check out the Flamingo on Monday night. See you next year. Relief from pre-exam stress (or the cram syndrome).

ALTERNATIVE TOP 10

TC	Artist	Title
1	The Waterboys	Fisherman's Blues
2	Sweet Honey In the Rock	Live At Carnegie Hall
3	Manufacture	Terrorvision
4	Laibach	Across the Universe
5	Elvis Costello	Spike
6	Horseflies	Human Fly
7	XTC	Oranges & Lemons
8	Marcus Roberts	The Truth Is Spoken Here
9	They Might Be Giants	Lincoln
10	Fine Young Cannibals	The Raw and The Cooked

Chart compiled by Steven Slater, music director, from most played new material.

Teeth extracted by Methodists

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In a Tokyo hotel: Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not person to do such thing is please not to read notis.

In another Japanese hotel room: Please to bathe inside the tub.

In a Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a Leipzig elevator: Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

In a Belgrade hotel elevator: To more the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.

In a Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a hotel in Athens: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11am daily.

In a Yugoslavian hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaids.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

In an Austrian hotel catering to skiers: Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

On the menu of a Polish hotel: Salad a firm's own make; limp red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef

down. The singer, Scott Wendall, was made up as the joker: white face, red lips and plaid jacket. The J-babies proceeded to thunder through eighty minutes of material, as deliberate as it was driving. Their crisp skilful playing contrasted with the earlier sounds of the opening band, which had often sounded cluttered and muddy.

The following night was a stark contrast to Thursday. It was the Nils night, and anyone who had seen the Nils in Halifax three years ago should have guessed what it would be like. Right? Wrong. It was the biggest disappointment of the three nights. The Nils came on and gave what they had — music with little energy or life put into the rhythm, almost like the lead singer/guitarist didn't even want to be there. He droned out his lyrics as if he was reading them from a cue sheet, and his expression varied so little that he should have

worn a mask. An hour of boring, uninspired music is even worse than no music at all.

If Friday night was a supreme disappointment then Saturday night made up for it. Nomeansno put the power back in punk — but that's not to say that they are just punk. After playing for eight years, it's amazing that they are as aggressive as they are. Most bands mellow after one or two LPs — the Clash, Husker Du, and the Psychedelic Furs are excellent examples. Nomeansno avoided that somehow. Supreme drumming, driving bass lines and ear-searing power guitar made for an evening of hard rocking fun. It was seldom that the dance floor was empty, as people bounced and jostled to the unified cacophony of sound that showered upon them from the stage. All in all, Nomeansno was the perfect conclusion to a three day, five band mini Halifax Independent Music Weekend Festival.

rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

In a Hong Kong supermarket: For your convenience, we recommend courageous, efficient self-service.

Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

In a Bangkok dry cleaner's: Drop your trousers here for best results.

Outside a Paris dress shop: Dresses for street walking.

In a Rhodes tailor shop: Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

Similarly, from the Soviet Weekly: There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 15,000 Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.

In an East African newspaper: A new swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers.

In a Vienna hotel: In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter.

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest: It is strictly forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist: Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

A translated sentence from a Russian chess book: A lot of water has been passed under the bridge since this variation has been played.

In a Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

In a Czechoslovakian tourist agency: Take one of our horse-driven city tours — we guarantee

no miscarriages.

Advertisement for donkey rides in Thailand: Would you like to ride on your own ass?

On the faucet in a Finnish washroom: To stop the drip, turn cock to right.

In the window of a Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong: Guaranteed to work throughout its useful life.

Detour sign in Kyushi, Japan: Stop: Drive Sideways.

In a Swiss mountain inn: Special today — no ice cream.

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

On the door of a Moscow hotel room: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

In a Norwegian cocktail lounge: Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

At a Budapest zoo: Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

In an Acapulco hotel: The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

In a Tokyo shop: Our nylons cost more than common, but you'll find they are best in the long run.

From a Japanese information booklet about using a hotel air conditioner: Cooles and Heates: If you want just condition of warm in your room, please control yourself.

From a brochure of a car rental firm in Tokyo: When passenger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage then tootle him with vigor.

Two signs from a Majorcan shop entrance:

- English well talking.
- Here speaking American.