

International pianoforte winner

Pianist Jon Kimura Parker, 24, of Vancouver, British Columbia, won the Leeds international pianoforte competition in England on September 22.

The competition is considered to be one of the three or four most important of its kind in the world.

Selected by the 15-man international jury, Mr. Parker and Louis Lortie, 25, of Montreal, who placed fourth, were the first Canadians ever to reach the finals of the competition.

The six finalists — from 92 entrants in the 21-year-old competition — are guaranteed concert dates. Mr. Parker, as the winner, will have his choice of the best engagements as well as a prize of £3 500 (about \$5 600).

New play marks anniversary

The world premiere of Bernard Slade's newest play, *Fatal Attraction* was recently held in his hometown of Toronto, some 25 years after the premiere of his first play.

Presented by the Centre Stage Company under the sponsorship of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, this new thriller with talent from both Canada and the United States, will move to New York after its Toronto run.

Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Bernard Slade started his career as an actor, appearing in over 100 productions in various theatres in Ontario. His first play presented on the Broadway stage, *Same Time, Next Year*, was nominated for a Tony, won a Drama Desk Award, ran for almost four years and was subsequently produced in 35 countries. It was recently anthologized as one of the ten most popular plays in the American theatre. Mr. Slade also wrote the screenplay and was nominated for an Academy Award for the movie version of the play.

His next play, *Tribute*, starred Jack Lemmon and, after a year's run in New York and Los Angeles, was also adapted into a film. Next came *Romantic Comedy* and, most recently, *Special Occasions*, a production that appeared on Broadway and in London's West End earlier this season. His other plays include *Simon Says Get Married*, produced at the Crest Theatre in Toronto, *A Very Close Family*, produced at the Manitoba Theatre Centre and *Fling!*, which is currently running in Berlin.

Mr. Slade has also been active in television and film, created seven television series and written some 200 episodes, including some 20 plays first presented by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Exhibition shows Canadians 'dressed up' for special events

A photographic exhibition entitled *Dressing up*, that features Canadians from all walks of life dressed in costume for special occasions, is being shown at the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa.

The exhibition, which will run until March 1985, is part of the national photography collection's on-going "Aperçu" series of photographic displays.

The 28 black-and-white photographs in the exhibition were chosen from among the many family photographs, press and government material as well as professional photo studio collections in the national photography collection. They cover the period from 1876 to 1957 and portray both children and adults dressed in a variety of costumes and special attire.

"We are fortunate that the camera has been able to provide us with permanent



P. Lemoine (left) and W. Gormully of Ottawa dressed in costume in 1906.

reminders of occasions that call for dressing up," said Theresa Rowat, co-ordinator of the exhibition. "From children's plays to fancy dress balls, to skating carnivals and historical pageants, *Dressing up* enhances the spirit of an ever-lasting Hallowe'en," she added.

Many of the photographs on display were drawn from the collection of William James Topley, an Ottawa photographer whose glass-plate negatives are now at the Public Archives. His photographs provide the largest source of distinguished Ottawans disguised as storybook characters, mythical gods and royalty.

Some of the more notable names and faces in the exhibition include Governor General Lord Minto's children as they appeared in their costumes for the play *Babes in the Woods* in 1899, and Charlotte Whitton, Ottawa's first woman mayor, photographed in a duck costume by press photographer Duncan Cameron in 1957.



Mr. Campbell in a court jester costume worn at a fancy dress ball given by Lord Dufferin in 1876.

Arts briefs

Canadian novelist Saul Bellow has won the 1984 Malaparte Literary Award, sponsored by the Friends of Capri Association. He was selected by an international jury that included authors Alberto Moravia of Italy and Graham Greene of Britain. Mr. Bellow is the author of *Herzog*, *Henderson The Rain King* and *Humboldt's Gift*. He has received other awards including the Nobel Prize in literature in 1976.

Nova Scotia singer Anne Murray was the lone double winner at the Country Music Association's eighteenth annual awards show in Nashville, Tennessee on October 8, when her hit recording *A Little Good News* won the best album and single of the year categories. Miss Murray has collected 19 Junos and four Grammys over the years. Her latest Grammy was awarded in February as best female singer for *A Little Good News*. The song was written by Rory Bourke, Charlie Black and Tommy Rocco.