

Arts



El Salvador group in Halifax

by Geoff Martin

"What an evening, what a group, what a cause."

Such was the typical response when the exiled El Salvadorian folk group **Yolocamba Ita** played at Ginger's here in Halifax last year.

The five member musical group will be performing at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on Saturday, October 16 at 8 p.m. Also appearing on the bill will be **Nancy White**, the Canadian satirical songwriter, and four popular local musicians,

Four the Moment. The concert is being presented by the Latin America Information Group, with assistance from Oxfam-Canada and the Archdiocese of Halifax.

Playing traditional instruments (guitar, mandolin, and percussion) with style, Yolocamba Ita is attempting to convey the traditions of the Salvadorian people, the culture, the history, and, given this, the reasons for the need to carry on armed struggle against the government.

When Yolocamba Ita was formed 7 years ago, it identified two goals. Firstly, to express the Salvadorian struggle through song, and secondly to rescue the cultural routes which have become brutally repressed in the last 50 years.

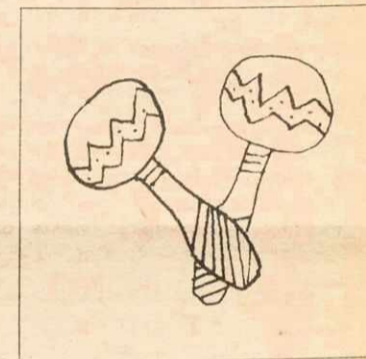
Appearing with Yolocamba Ita is Nancy White, a well known native of P.E.I. She has attracted a good deal of attention as the result of her biting and satirical musical comments on the news, world events and popular culture. Many of her songs are about Latin America, as she has lived and studied in Nicaragua.

In fact, the name Yolocamba Ita comes from the extinct native language known as Lenca, and roughly translated means "The rebellion of the sowing".

According to Roberto Quesada, one member of the group, "The name tries to explain the rebellious spirit of the Salvadorian people who have faced so many years of suffering." He added, "But there is a time when you don't bow your head to oppression, when you rebel against the system and create a movement for a new society."

At present, the President of El Salvador is Alvaro Magana, a civilian whom critics have labelled as a 'puppet' designed to provide the U.S. Congress with a palatable figure head. The same people argue that Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, the President of the Constituent Assembly, is trying to derail attempts at land reform, and that he and the military actually control the government.

Four the Moment is an aggregation of four local women who perform mostly *a capella* (unaccompanied vocal harmonies), a sort of unique blend of vocal group and gospel-style arrangements and harmonies. They have been recently recorded by the CBC and have appeared on Maritime Magazine.



International Night : cultural feast

by Geoff Martin

In what was described as an amazing turnout, between 500-600 people packed in the McGinnes Room this past Saturday evening for the International Student Association's fall presentation, International Night 1982.

Included in the evening were nine cultural performances, cultural displays, and dinner, which consisted of eight dishes from five different areas of the world.

The evening's entertainment consisted of dance and music from around the world. The dance consisted of a traditional Chinese Lion Dance, three traditional Greek dances, Lebanese bellydancing, some modern British dance (with-

out music, no less!), and the religiously significant Bharat Natyam, a classical Indian dance.

Musically the exiled Chilean musician and revolutionary poet Elias Letelier Ruz sang several songs, with his outstanding acoustic guitar work and brilliant falsetto providing one of the high points of the evening.

Also, Four the Moment, the local mostly-vocal group performed well, despite the technical sound production, which had to be considered nothing less than bad.

Adding brightness to the evening were the colourful costumes in the Caribbean Carnival Costume Parade, which consisted of the modelling of costumes worn during

special festivals in various nations in the Caribbean.

For dinner, everyone enjoyed Malaysian fried rice, Chinese vegetables, Chinese Won Ton, African bean cake and plantain, Greek pastitsi and Musaka, and for dessert, Gulab Jaman, an Indian dessert consisting of round sweet balls with syrup.

Opening the event were three speakers, Mr. Zaiyol Swende, President of the ISA, Professor E.T. Marriot, the Dean of Student Services, and Dr. Andrew MacKay, President of Dalhousie University, who attempted to smooth over recent adverse publicity about international student quotas, saying "We appreciate your contribution to the university community."



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Dalhousie Jazz Band
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Wednesday 8 p.m. "Oh God Book II"

Thursday at Noon

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