

For full details write or call the Festival Box Office, the Banff Centre, Box 1020, Banff, Alberta, T0L 0C0, telephone (after May 4): (403) 762-4222.

Opera Plus

Festival Ottawa's *Opera Plus* will take place at the National Arts Centre July 4-29 and will feature operas by Mozart, Verdi and Britten, as well as chamber music performed by pianists and five string quartets.

For details write Festival Ottawa, Box Office, National Arts Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5W1, or telephone: (613) 237-4400.

Blyth Summer Festival

At its creation in 1975 the *Blyth Summer Festival* in western Ontario had a two-production season. The repertory has expanded considerably, and last summer the Festival attracted 20,000 people. The 1981 season will include five Canadian plays, mostly new creations.

For details write the Blyth Centre for the Arts, Blyth, Ontario, N0M 1H0.

Vancouver Children's Festival

From May 4 to May 10 Vancouver will hold its fourth international *Children's Festival* under tents in Vanier Park. Theatre, dance, music, mime, puppetry and a children's circus will be performed by companies from Canada, Australia, Britain, Czechoslovakia and the United States.

For more information, contact the Heritage Festival Society, 453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V5Y 1V4, telephone: (604) 879-9271.



The National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

Vancouver Folk Music Festival

The *Vancouver Folk Music Festival* will take place on July 17, 18 and 19 in Jericho Beach Park. It will offer music—blues, bluegrass, Celtic, Latin American, traditional Québécois and work songs—and, according to the organizers, "the best food of any festival around." For details, get in touch with the Festival organizers at 3271 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C., V5V 3M6, telephone: (604) 879-2931.

Trial of Louis Riel

This perennial reconstructs the trial of Louis Riel, the Métis leader, for treason in 1885. The original court records have been skillfully condensed into 105 minutes of drama. The trial is presented in the ballroom of Saskatchewan House, the old resi-



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