# Guitar boogie at the Gallery

By LEO MACDONALD

Guitar Boogie Canadian Electronic Ensemble Music Gallery

On Saturday, January 21, the Canadian Electronic Ensemble (CEE) held a concert of experimental music featuring wide-ranging themes and styles. Contrary to the name, Guitar Boogie, did not feature pat, over played guitar solos.

Instead, the CEE presented new music for guitars and percussion. The ensemble included three guitars, four drum kits, a French horn, keyboards, and a vocalist. The gratingly provocative music can be described as soundtrack with a conscience.

The first piece featured former York student John Siddal playing "The Irrestistable Urge of an Eternal Dodge City." If the title makes you think of Marshall Dillon from Gun Smoke, you are not far off from what Siddal had in mind.

In this work Siddal explores "flambovance, drive, and will-power as being symbolic of a very prevalent weave in the social fabric of the United States. These qualities have inspired American ingenuity in its positive sense and at the same time have fueled a passion for the gun."

The work begins with four drum kits pounding out a driving beat, punctuated by piercing guitar leads put through an echo chamber. The only correlation between this piece and America's passion for handguns is quite obvious: you wish it would

The second work, composed by David Lindsay, is less harsh and more arousing. "The Whale Song," played on a MIDI guitar, is based on the music and sounds of the Humpback whale. This piece incorporate call-and-response between guitar and synthesizer.

The piece creates underwater imagery by emitting warbling, blips, and blurbs which give you the feeling of listening to the wilderness.

Lindsay takes this underwater world and intersperses it with harsh sonorities. These intergalactic con-

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Not so much by his writing, but by his approach. bp was a great editor. He knew how to find the strength in anyone's work. He taught me how to write exactly what I was thinking.'

Justice is a compilation of 10 years of Daurio's work. Although the concept of justice is common to all her work, it is best illustrated in her current collection.

Daurio's female characters are realistic. They are complex, intelligent and sensual women. They give us insight into the bitter feelings people can harbour and how they act on them. Her characters taking innocence and complacency and turning them into something on the verge of violence. Unfortunately, her male characters are shallow and twodimensional. They serve only as shadows cast by the female characters

One of the stories, "A Touch of Harry in the Night," is quintessential Daurio. This story deals with a woman confronting her feelings of rejection following an affair. It leaves the reader with a disturbed awareness. All of Daurio's stories leave the reader with this same unsettling feeling.

Daurio's poetry is thoughtprovoking. Once again, she examines relationships from a woman's perspective. However, the relationships in these pieces are not limited to ones of a sexual nature; interfamily relations are also inspected.

Pieces from this collection have appeared in Grain, Rampike, Love and Hunger: An Anthology of New Fiction, and Cross-Canada Writers' Magazine. Justice is published by Moonstone Press and is available in trade paperback.

frontation, we are told, "symbolize continued decimation of the whale population for profit."

Two other pieces were "Leurs" and "Ranei Te Take." "Leurs" was composed by Serge Arcuri and featured french horn soloist Robert McCosh. This piece, like the soundtrack for a brooding motion picture thriller, is such that you might not want to listen to it by yourself.

In a similar vein, Tim Brady's "Renei Te Take" sounds like a horror film score. This work is based on the prologue of the book The Bone People by Keri Hulme.

In this piece soprano Iraina Reufeld belted out some engaging harmonies which moved in and out of sync with a vibraphone and tremelo keyboard surges.

The final piece of the concert was called "The Refutation of Gravity." In Jack Vee's mind this work "is a product of my interest in some very basic physicalities of sound, particularly what happens when large masses of sound occur in opposition to or in conjunction with one another.'

These masses of sound are generated by a single drum kit divided among Bill Brennan, Mark Duggan, Blair McKay, and Richard Sacks. They strategically place themselves at the corners of the room, creating pockets of sound that became monotonous and trying for my tender sensibilities. The driving drums and the piercing guitar chords could be seen as an experiment in sound physicalities as well as a test of an eardrum's limits.

Aside from some loud and strident moments in the concert, the CEE's Guitar Boogie presented a provocative evening of moods and motifs, articulating ideas far beyond those

## Israel Week: faces of the Holy Land

By HOWARD KAMAN

York students will be able to experience Israel cheap next week. The Jewish Student Federation (JSF) will present Israel Week, filling the East Bear Pit with the sights and sounds of the Holy Land for four days.

As JSF programme coordinator Alan Howitt explained, the events of next week will allow York's Jewish community to "show the rest of the York community how much we care for Israel, and show off what Israel's got to offer.'

The week will begin on an artistic note, after a brief opening ceremony with Moshe Ronen, chairman of the Community Action for Israel Committee. Following opening remarks, the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement will take the stage for some Israeli folk dancing, followed by a performance by Racheli, a wellknown Israeli pop star.

On Tuesday, the JSF will feature a display designed to present students with options for continuing education in Israel. There will be representatives from various kibbutzim explaining life in these small, selfsufficient communities.

Professor Zeev Mankowitz of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will present a lecture in Curtis Lecture Hall E at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. The lecture, "What Is Zionism?", will explain the concept of the Zionist

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movement and its prominence throughout Jewish history.

Capping off the week on Thursday, representatives of various groups will highlight the Israeli sites pertaining to their various religions in a day dedicated to Tourism in Israel. At 3 p.m., the closing ceremonies will feature remarks from Toronto MP Bill Atwell.

A reception will follow the ceremonies. Throughout the week, there will

be an Israeli film festival, daily in the JSF portable from 12-2 p.m.

A list of films was not available at press time.

'The theme of the week is Faces of Israel," said Howitt.

"Each day, a different face. We decided to make it non-political because, if we wanted to show off the political sides of Israel, we'd have had to make it Israel Decade, rather than Israel Week."

With a focus on culture, as opposed to political conflict, it appears that Israel Week will safely avoid controversial issues.

Howitt explained that Israel Week is simply a way for York's Jewish community to express the pride they have in their heritage.

"Jewish students on campus, on the whole, feel that this is a terrific way of expressing their identity as Zionists.'

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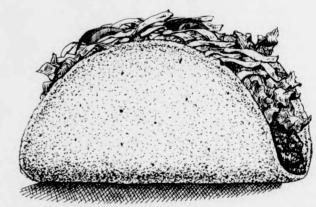
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