

Festival Puts on Dog for Opening But Dog, 'Fella,' Was Unimpressed

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STRATFORD — A shaggy Dutch keys hound put on his own show last night and was probably "shot" by more photographers than the VIP's who attended the Shakespearean Festival's opening night performance.

The dog "Fella," with his youthful owner Bob Brown of 41 James St., Stratford, was unimpressed by the colorful display of women's costumes as they swept by him into the theatre.

"Fella" even turned his head disdainfully away and looked at the crowd's feet and was obviously not the least bit impressed by the spectacle which his owner and young friends seemed to be enjoying.

Bob Brown and "Fella" were among the several hundreds of spectators who gathered to watch first nighters enter the theatre.

A few little girls standing near Bob and his dog were sufficiently thrilled at some of the ladies' colorful costumes, that they almost squealed — almost.

But the dog sat on his haunches and treated the whole thing as routine.

Before the gun signalled the start of the performance, dozens of news photographers who spotted the dog were training their cameras on him.

Even being more - photographed than the distinguished visitors did not impress him.

He sat calmly while photographers tried to catch him and the occasional visitor.

He wasn't ever sufficiently impressed to try an occasional sniff as the strangers passed by within inches of his nose.



From left, Mr. and Mrs. Monder and the commissioner.



An unimpressed spectator was a shaggy dog, "Fella", who watched elegantly gowned arrivals at the festival theatre.



From the diplomatic field were among first-nighters. Grouped here are Ambassador Hans W. Gasser; Madame Franz Leitner, wife of the Ambassador to Canada, centre, and Madame Dimce Belovski, wife of Yugoslavia's Ambassador to Canada.

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Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Earl Rowe, left, attended a reception at the home of Brig. and Mrs.

W. H. Hemphill. From left, the Lieutenant-Governor; Mrs. Hemphill, Mrs. Rowe and Brig. Hemphill.