

Mariposa Folk Festival is for everyone . . .



Children delight in watching puppetry



Audience enjoys familiar music by well-known performers

A day at the Mariposa Folk Festival held at the Toronto Island recently, was one of delight and entertainment for people of all ages and kinds. For the very young to the elderly there was music, workshops, craft booths, puppetry and even play-acting which depicted the rich tradition and life-style of the artists participating.

Tone of the festival was rich with color as the enthusiasm of the large audiences meshed with the performers. From mid-morning starting times until sundown each evening, visitors were treated to songs of French Canada with its Quebec traditions as it was linked with music from Irish and Scottish performers. Black music was to be heard in traditional southern gospel styles, work songs and primitive blues. Native peoples demonstrated crafts and the audience crowded to see the Bird dance performed by the Six Nations Dancers. Sing-alongs were also part of the three-day festivities and dance groups would draw on their audiences to participate in spontaneous fun.

Spirit of the festival was one of camaraderie as whole families congregated and young and old of multi-backgrounds mingled in a phenomenal display of brotherhood and goodwill.



Whole family enjoyment



Pottery and crafts



Flute maker performs



Children create



Selling crafts



Bird Dance by Native Peoples



Spontaneous dancing



Performers draw crowds to six stages