

Searching for talent



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Whatever happens to the people who win those "talent search" contests? Are they really a stepping stone toward a career in some facet of the entertainment industry?

For Shirely Myers, the answer is yes.

Myers, of Moncton, N.B., who won the 1988 Bud Country Talent Search in Toronto, has since toured several provinces with her band, Major Moves, and is about to set out on a concert tour of Texas and California with Nashville band Toby Jugg.

"There is no doubt that winning the Bud Country Talent Search has given me more exposure across Canada," Myers told Canada Country, the Canadian Country Music Association's quarterly newsletter.

Her invitation to perform in late July at the Big Valley Jamboree in Craven, Sask., which promoters call the largest outdoor country music jamboree in North America, was a direct result of her success in the talent search, said Myers.

With part of the \$10,000 she received for winning the talent search, Myers has recorded a demo tape, hired a manager and prepared promotional packages.

The finals of the Bud Country Talent Search are held each year in conjunction with Country Music Week in Canada. This year, the festivities are being held in the Ottawa area in early September.

The 22 finalists are being chosen at local contests across Canada.

The 1989 finals, at the Centrepointe Theatre in Nepean, Ont., Sept. 7, will be taped by

MuchMusic, the cable-TV music channel, for a Sept. 19 broadcast.

Coming up on CBC, Hockey Night in the Soviet Union.

CBC-TV kicks off the new hockey season with coverage of several exhibition games in the U.S.S.R. Thursday, Sept. 14, it's same-day coverage of the Calgary Flames vs. Leningrad Khimik, the opening game in the Flames' exhibition tour of the Soviet Union.

If you prefer live coverage, just wait two more days. CBC, with its first Saturday night game of the season, will be in Kiev for the Flames-Sokol Kiev game, Sept. 16.

Paul James, Toronto's accomplished blues singer, has switched record companies. He has signed with Stony Plain - the Edmonton-based company that handles Ian Tyson's records.

James' first Stony Plain album, Rockin' the Blues, will be released within a few days.

Julian Lennon, the late John Lennon's singing son, intends to be a lot more opinionated - lyrically.

"I've used my shyness in the past to avoid issues and keep my opinions quiet," the 26-year-old singer told US magazine. This will change. "I'm not tired of being nice, but there is more to me than that," said Lennon.

The top 10 limericks were announced by the Leacock Heritage Festival in Orillia, Ont.

We like the limerick the judges placed third. From Peter Kanold of Waterloo, Ont., it went this way: Through Ben swore he never was on one

I think steroids increased his brawn some I'm willing to bet The records he set Were Johnson and Johnson and Johnson.

Is Harvey Korman his real name?

ASK DICK KLEINER



DICK KLEINER

Q. Please give me the correct name of Harvey Korman. My husband swears he looks like George Terwilliger, who was in the Army with him. — N.W., Frederick, Md.

A. He may look like old George Terwilliger, but Harvey Korman is plain old Harvey Herschel Korman, and always has been.

Q. I have done several original water color paintings which I believe would make excellent album covers for rock and country singers. How would I go about submitting them? — W.B., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. The record companies all have art directors, who are in charge of album covers. Pick out a couple of companies, whose albums seem to be compatible with your artistic style, and contact the art directors of those companies. Call them and ask the operator for the name of the art director, then write him (or her) a letter.

asking what the procedure is for submitting material.

Q. I'm having an argument with a co-worker. I've heard that Mary Hart, of "Entertainment Tonight," and Deldre Hall, of "Our House," are sisters.

Q. Could you tell me if Peter Jennings was on "Good Morning, Ameri-

ca" before he became a newsman? If he was not, I'm losing my mind. — B.R., Kearney, Neb.

A. Maybe you left your mind in your other head. Jennings was, in '76, the anchorman on ABC's "AM America" — but he was never on "Good Morning America." He joined ABC, in 1964, in the network's New York news bureau, and he has never been with another network.

Q. My husband and I saw a movie several years ago, with Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw. He was on the wrong side of the law, but in the end they seemed to be getting away. What was that movie? — S.S., Morrilton, Ark.

A. That was "The Getaway," a '72 release.



Harvey Korman Peter Jennings

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