

Alannah rocks!



Alannah Myles rocked the audience at Club 2000 Thursday, sharing the rhythm of some of her chart-topping singles. The group stopped in Norval as part of their North American tour. (Herald photo)

When singer Alannah struts people will pay attention

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When Alannah Myles struts her leather-clad body across the stage twisting out hard-drive rock ballads, people pay attention.

The sultry Toronto rock princess was at Club 2000 Thursday night to blast over 750 people into the world of Black Velvet at a sold-out show.

Ms. Myles, allegedly 33 years old, but not a wrinkle or bulge over 25, grabs her guitarist's bottom, blows the drummer a kiss and mesmerizes a field of men - and women - as she performs pure, cutting melodies.

But her brand of rock is not typical women-trying-to-copy-men stuff.

"I think it's important that women have a voice," she says. "I feel I have something to say to women in the '90s."

She signed with Atlantic Records and has just released her fourth single 'Just One Kiss' from her debut album. The album's lyrics run the gamut from the hot-cold spell of 'Love Is' to the steaming heat of 'Black Velvet,' laced as it is with Southern blues.

But the melody maker with the dark lipstick and angelic face can be a brat. She once walked off a Toronto stage because the sound quality was bad. She threatened not to return until it was fixed.

Club 2000 customers got a taste of that same zest for perfection when she left hundreds of people

waiting in below minus-10 Celsius weather until she approved of the sound and lights on stage during pre-performance checks.

Club 2000 manager John Fisher said leaving people waiting outside was the only "negative" part of the evening.

"There were some cold toes outside. (Alannah) would not allow anybody in the building. She made us pull the curtains shut," he said.

When the manager asked the singer to let the people in, "she not-so-politely told me what I could do with those doors and those people," Mr. Fisher said. "She's known for that stuff."

If anybody still has that "thing" for Alannah, they can catch her at the Concert Hall Dec. 27 and maybe for a return gig in Norval at a date to be announced.

"She was just dynamite," Mr. Fisher said.

The Alannah Myles Band returned the compliment, saying "they commented afterward that it was one of the best dates they've done on their tour."

Club 2000 customers paid \$13 or \$15 (or more from a scalper outside) to see the lady in black who is hot stuff on video, vinyl and the air-waves.

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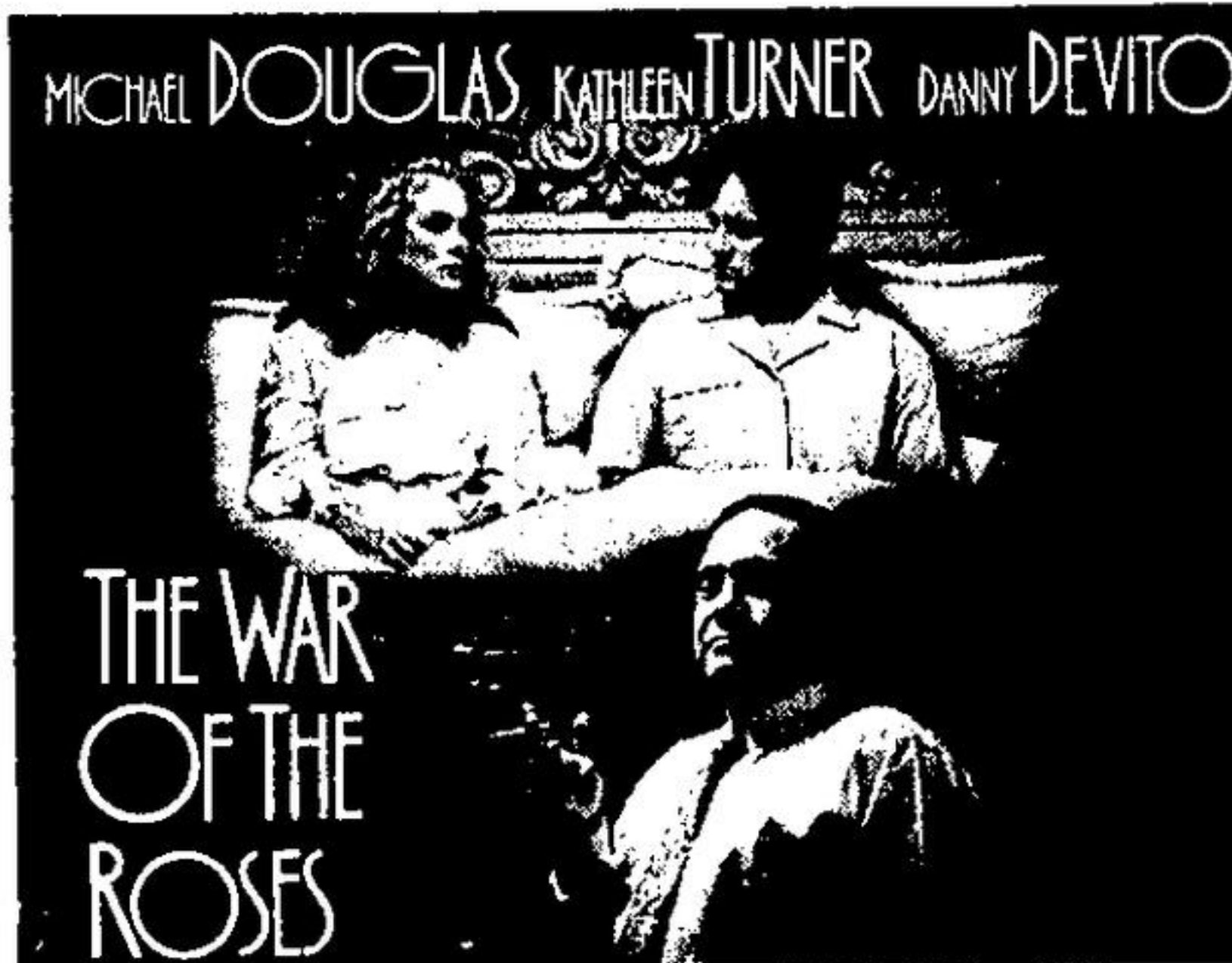
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