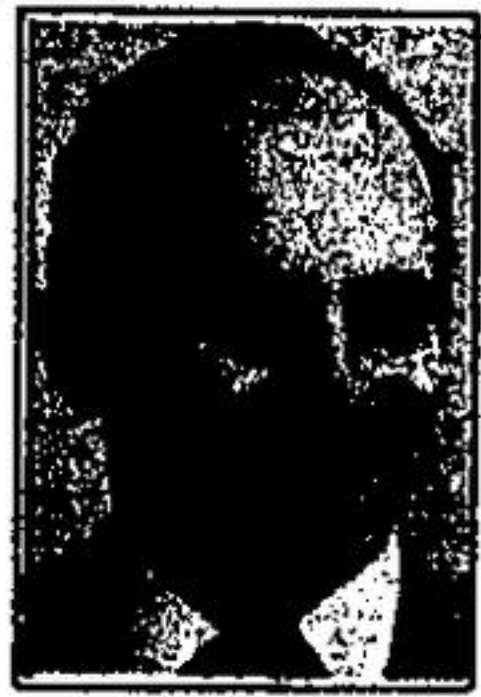


Entertainment Outlook

AIDS video aimed at teens airs April 2 on CBC



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Is the message about the threat of AIDS getting through?

Some health officials, citing a 1988 nationwide survey by Queen's University, say many teenagers are continuing to leave themselves at risk.

A new 30-minute film, *Talkin' About AIDS*, looks at the issue from the perspective of teenagers. Funded by the Federal Centre for AIDS and Health and Welfare Canada, the film focuses on teenagers' sex education and AIDS prevention.

It airs April 2 at 8 p.m. on CBC-TV.

Talkin' About AIDS features guest appearances by such prominent young Canadians as Megan Follows (Anne of Green Gables) and Pat Mastroianni (Degraasi High), an animated sequence by Academy Award-winning director John Minnis (Charade) and a song by Self Defence, a Toronto rock group.

People with AIDS, including a 17-year-old, talk openly about their struggles. A dramatic sequence (a youth tells his girlfriend the results of his AIDS test) illustrates what can happen if the very real threat of this deadly disease is ignored.

The message is not sugar-coated and it shouldn't be.

"AIDS is a potential threat to all Canadian teens who are sexually active or involved in injection drug use," said Barbara Jones, chief of the Bureau of Information and Education Services, Federal Centre for AIDS. "Talking About AIDS responds to teen sexuality, behavior and the AIDS prevention message. This film, in concert with a broader education program, will be effective in helping teenagers make responsible decisions."

The film was produced by Atlantis Films Ltd.

A second film about AIDS airs that same evening on CBC-TV.

Born in Africa, a 90-minute documentary, focuses on Ugandan pop music star Philly Lutaaya, an AIDS victim.

A dying Lutaaya toured his country, talking to Ugandans about the disease.

Born in Africa, by veteran filmmaker John Zaritsky and producer Virginia Storring, airs at 8:30 p.m., April 2.

How successful was the musical bash the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) threw in Nashville during the annual Country Radio Seminar?

Very, says CCMA president Paul Mascioli.

Canadians George Fox, Gary

Fjellgaard, Linda Kidder and Family Brown all performed at a luncheon sponsored by the CCMA.

"Everyone who knows anything about the music business realizes how hard it is to win any real response from other entertainment industry professionals; they've seen it all before," said Mascioli.

Among the March video releases are a baseball fantasy and three classic movies.

Field of Dreams, an entrancing fantasy flick, features Kevin Costner as an Iowa farmer who builds his own baseball diamond. His imagination then comes into play.

The three classics are *The Babe Ruth Story* (William Bendix portrays the legendary slugger in this 1948 movie), *The Pride of St. Louis* (Dan Dailey stars in this 1952 sentimental biography of Dizzy Dean) and *The Pride of the Yankees* (Gary Cooper portrays Lou Gehrig in this 1942 film. Cooper's rendition of Gehrig's farewell speech at Yankee Stadium is one of his best performances in a brilliant acting career).

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