

Entertainment

Festival music



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For 10 straight Sundays, CBC Radio is offering a blend of music and humor distilled from music festivals across Canada.

From The Festivals, June 24 through Aug. 26, offers taped highlights from a variety of festivals, plus backstage interviews and impromptu jam sessions.

Host Bruce Steele and CBC crews are taking in music festivals in Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, London, St. Jerome, Barrie (Mariposa) and Winnipeg. Other festivals will be added to the list.

"Not only will we give the listener concert material straight from the stages," said producer Les Siemieniuk, "but we'll also poke our mikes backstage and beyond to find new and interesting combinations of performers - and even create our own situations for listeners."

From The Festivals airs at 3:00 p.m. in eastern Canada, and at 6:00 p.m. Central, Pacific and Mountain time.

Barbara Mandrell, one of the most successful singers of the 1980s - millions of record sales brought her her own TV show as well as two consecutive Entertainer of the Year Awards (from the Country Music Association) - is

ready to tell her life story.

Her autobiography, *Get To The Heart*, is set for an October release. George Vecsey, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated columnist for the New York Times, is the co-author. Vecsey has helped two other stars write the story of their lives: country singer Loretta Lynn (*Coal Miner's Daughter*) and tennis star Martina Navratilova (*Martina*).

CTV's 1990-1991 children's programming includes a revival of the multi-award winning *OWL/TV* series. The new series, shot on location in Canada, Belize, the Seychelles and England, has a strong environmental theme. Short documentary segments, written for children, offer glimpses of new developments in nature and science.

Another new CTV children's program, *Wonder Why?*, features meteorologist Richard Zurawski as host of a series that takes a hands-on approach to the world of science.

Both will air on Saturday mornings.

If you have a TV series that its creators describe as "Back to the Future meets Family Ties meets The Addams Family," what else would you call it but *Maniac Mansion*?

Atlantis Films of Toronto is producing the half-hour comedy series for The Family Channel in the U.S. It is loosely based on an award-winning Lucasfilm Games computer game, *Maniac Mansion*. The game will be released by Nintendo this summer.

Who was the first Bond?

ASK DICK KLEINER



DICK KLEINER

Q. My friend and I are in disagreement. She says Sean Connery was the first James Bond. I say there was another man who played the character before Mr. Connery in one or two films. Who is right and, if I am, what was the name of that other actor? — J.J., Doctors Inlet, Fla.

A. This one will have to go to arbitration. Sean Connery was the first Bond on the big screen. But there was a CBS-TV version of "Casino Royale" on "Climax Mystery Theater" on Oct. 21, 1954, with Barry Nelson as Bond. Peter Lorre was the villain on that telecast and Linda Christian the first Bond girl.



Sean Connery Millie Perkins

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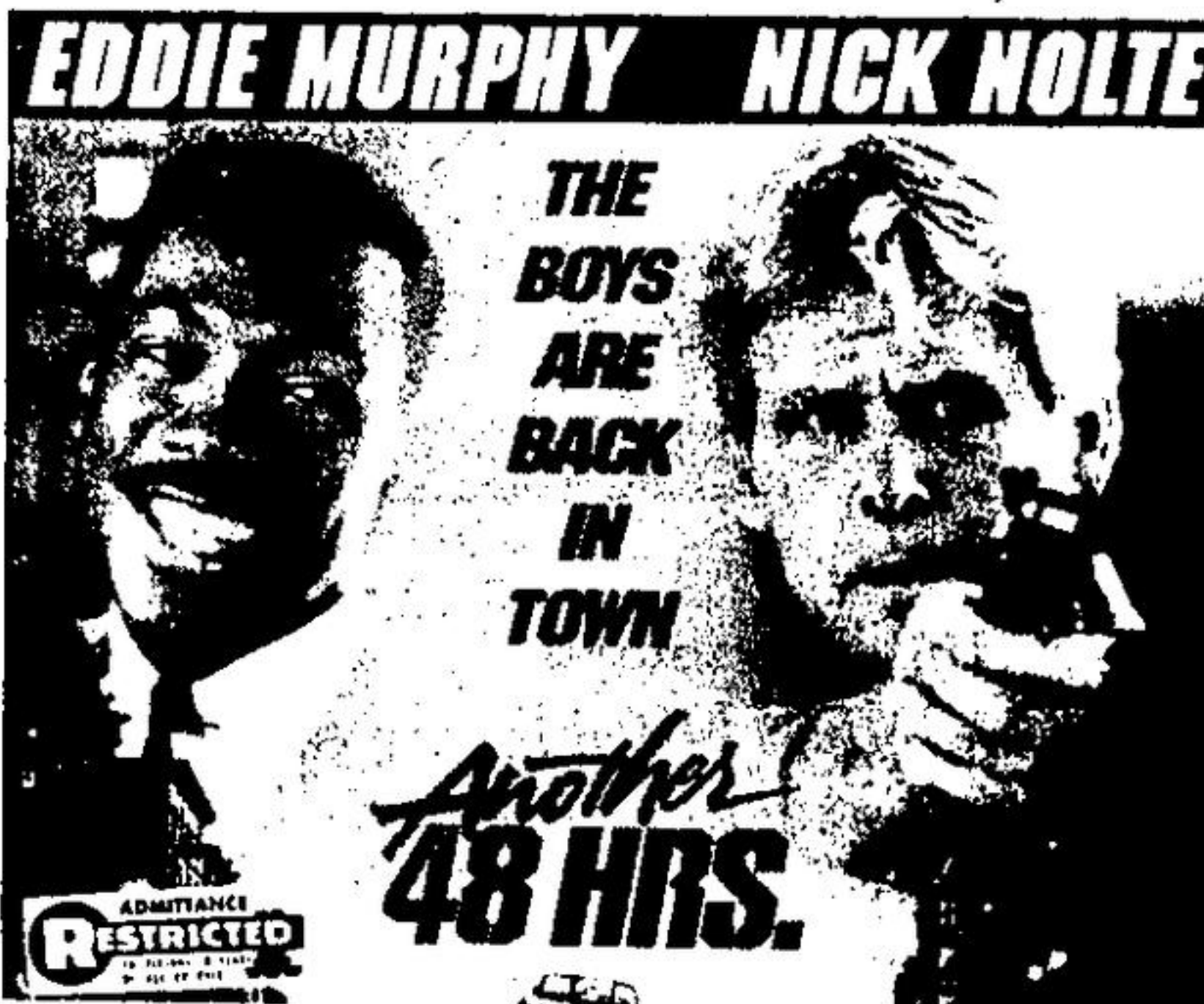
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