

#### Entertaining the crowd

A dancer performs during MinMaxx's October 6 customer appreciation event at the Milton Centre for the Arts. More than 1,000 people attended the event, which was themed 'Festival of Cultures'.

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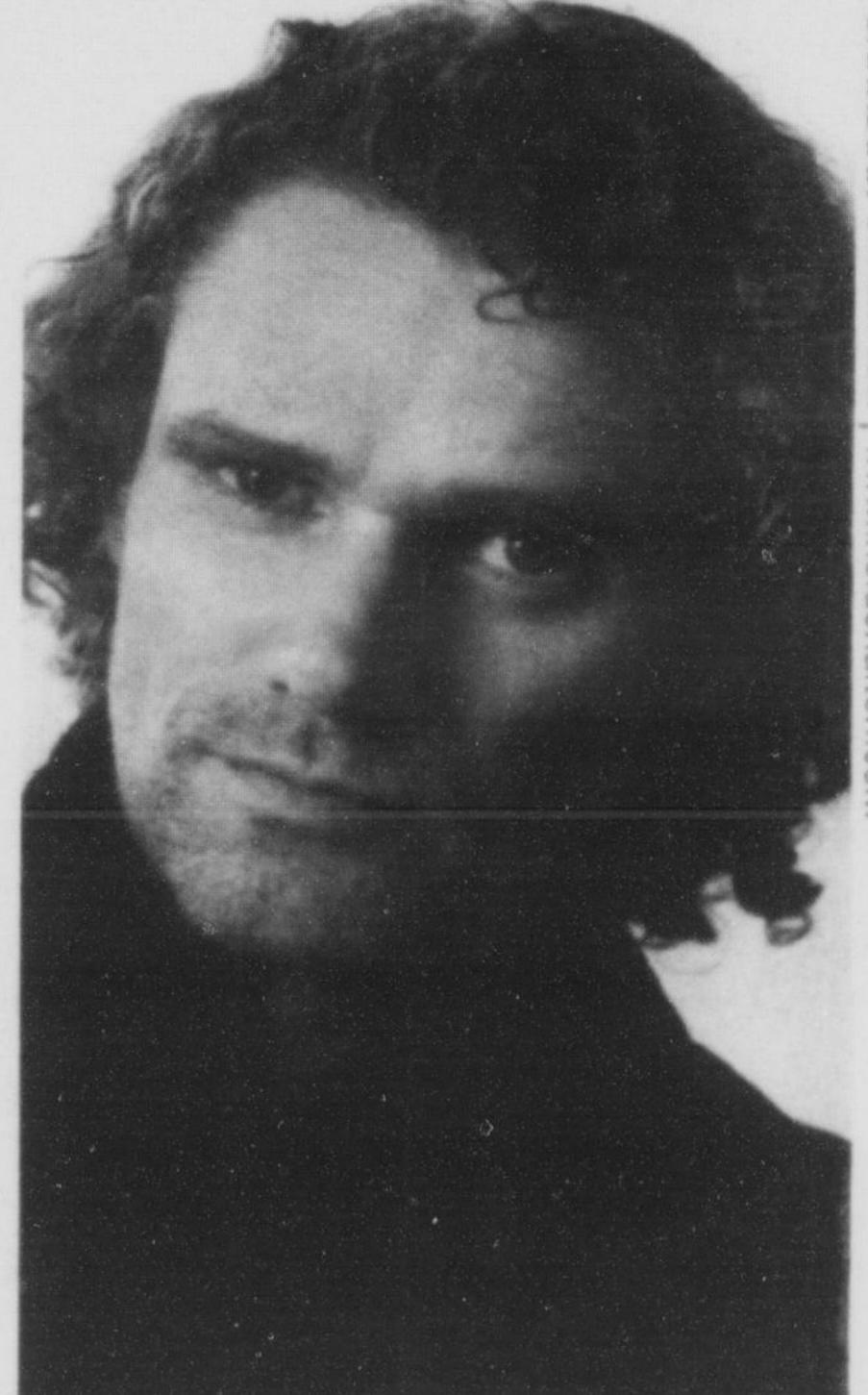
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### Cook coming to local stage

International musician and recording artist Jesse Cook will perform at the Milton Centre for the Arts on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Cook has been recording and performing music around the world for more than 17 years.

Aguitarist, composer, producer and photographer, Cook recently released his eighth studio album, The Blue Guitar Sessions. With seven studio albums in 15 years, Cook has developed a following from Singapore to Dubai to Italy to Lebanon. He has sold more than one million albums worldwide, is a JUNO Award recipient and is a three-time winner of the Canadian Smooth Jazz Award for Guitarist of the Year. His last release, The Rumba Foundation, debuted in the top spot on iTunes Canada and his DVD premiered on Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).



#### Jesse Cook

Cook's latest release — The Blue Guitar Sessions — is a major departure from his previous work. His objective was to create a 'blue mood' record. He wanted to "just let the instruments speak." The result is a 14-track album recorded on a pair of vintage microphones, which he had exhaustively searched for to replicate the mood of recordings from the Miles Davis era. Sound was of the utmost importance to him as a musician, producer, and engineer. In addition to the album release, Cook's television special — Jesse Cook -Live in Concert — was picked up by numerous PBS stations across North America and aired in major cities such as Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Seattle, Atlanta, Minneapolis, and Washington, to name a few.

Tickets cost \$48 for adults and \$44 for children, students and seniors, and are available at www.miltoncentreforthe arts.com or the centre's box office.

