

rock talk
by
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Record reviews

Harry Chapin — 'Verities & Balderdash'
(Electra TES-1012)

'Verities & Balderdash', Harry Chapin's fourth album to be released (others were 'heads and Tales', 'Sniper and Other Love Songs' and 'Short Stories'), is one of the better contemporary folk albums to come out this year, although, for competition, there really hasn't been that much offered in this category.

Without a doubt, the best cut on the album, and also one of the finest singles to be released on AM airwaves this year, is the song 'Cat's In The Hat'.

This is a touching story involving a father's parental mistakes with his son. It's a moving piece of work which goes the full-circle. It looks like it will be destined to be remembered long after its departure from the AM charts.

Other songs, among the nine contained on the album and which were satisfactory are 'What Makes America Famous?', 'Vacancy', 'She Sings Songs Without Words' and 'I Wanna Learn A Love Song'.

Harry Chapin's fourth album is among better contemporary folk

There was also two humorous numbers, '30,000 Pounds of Of Bananas' and 'Six String Orchestra' which are worth mentioning. The latter one is a bit repetitious after a few playings. It becomes boring and, after additional playings, sickening.

The other songs on the album, 'Shooting Star' and 'Halfway To Heaven' are basically mediocre in their content and style.

Some of the musicians backing Harry and his band — which consists of Ron Palmer (lead guitar, vocals), John Wallace (bass, vocals) and Michael Masters (cello), are: John Tropea, Don Payne, Ron Bacchiocchi, Paul Leka (who also produced the album), Steve and Tom Chapin (Harry's brothers) and Harry's father — Jim Chapin.

Hudson-Ford — 'Nickelodeon'
(A & M SP-3616)

Some time ago, I wrote a small article on Hudson-Ford. It was sort of an introductory on the band, while it also very briefly talked about their album — 'Nickelodeon'. After seeing the Hudson-Ford concert down at Massey Hall, in which they performed some of their material from this album, I felt it was almost a shame, in how brief the article was that I wrote about their 'Nickelodeon' album. Thus this column is to help familiarize you with their incredible talent.

Although they are gradually changing their style of music from easy rock to heavier rock, the style used on 'Nickelodeon', a cross between electric folk-rock and light rock music, makes that album one of the finest ones to come out in the seventies.

Its consistency and variation in style throughout the entire album almost puts it in the same class with some works by the Beatles.

The sweet vocals and orchestrations behind 'I Don't Understand' make this song priceless, while the way it drifts into the next number — 'Revelations' is perfect. 'Revelations', by the way, has got to be one of the greatest soft rock songs to come out of the seventies.

'Take It Back', an easy going blues-rock number, features excellent vocals, piano playing and slide guitar work. 'Burn Baby Burn' a heavy country-rock type song, is highlighted by strong harmony vocals, not to mention the flawless instrumentations. This is in evidence throughout both sides on every track.

As lyricists Hudson and Ford are equally as strong. The finest examples here can be seen in 'Revelations', 'Let Her Cry', 'Burn Baby Burn' and 'The Dark Lord'.

If their latest album — 'Free Spirit' (which has yet to be released) is anywhere near the quality of 'Nickelodeon', it'll be well worth the price they're charging for records these days.

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Four generations at baptism

When Christopher John Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton, Neal Drive, was baptized in St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, on October 20, it was more than just a baptism. It was a reunion of four generations. His great-grandmother Mrs. Dorothy Hansen of Grimsby, Lincolnshire, was here from England. So was his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Moar of Scarborough.

Godparents were Don and Norma Fulton of West Hill. Others present were Chris's big brother, Jamie, his grandfather Alex Moar, grandparents Ernie and Marg Fulton, aunts and uncles, great-aunt and uncle from Oshawa, and some cousins. Rev. David Sproule officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a buffet supper at the Fultons'.

In the picture (seated) are great-grandmother Hansen with Christopher and grandmother Moar. Standing is his proud mother, Diane Fulton.

Classes in Italian at York

Although Canada has only two official languages, it is a multi-lingual country. In many areas of Metro and surrounding community, Italian is spoken more frequently than French.

In recognition of this fact, York University's centre for continuing education will be offering classes in conversational Italian. This is for those who want to learn the language for pleasure.

As well it is for professionals and business people who need knowledge of terminologies peculiar to their occupation in order to operate more efficiently.

Evening classes
Classes will be held week-day evenings at Glendon College, Bayview and Lawrence Avenues.

News from next door
BRADFORD: West Gwillimbury has joined William Reid in an injunction to stop John Zima from completing a building on his property which was to become the new home of the Bradford Witness. In the meantime the Witness has located in a storey and a half house and factory on Holland Street.

beginning the week of January 13. A spring course is scheduled for mid-April. The fee for 39 hours of instruction is \$80.

For information contact the centre for continuing education, York University, 667-2502.

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There were 10 tables of euchre players at the community hall Friday evening of last week. Prizewinners were: Mrs. Henry Allen, Mrs. Russell Brillinger, Mrs. Harvey Collard, Arthur Wood, Roy Coffey and Russ Brillinger. Lucky draw was won by Mrs. Anna Dewsbury.

Another Euchre party will be held in the community hall November 29 at 8 pm. Explorers

At the Explorer meeting Thursday evening of last

EAST RICHVALE

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Ukrainian wedding

The Hutzul Wedding will be presented Sunday at 3 pm at the parish hall of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Church Street, Thornhill. This performance will be by the St. Demetrius performers, depicting a traditional Ukrainian wedding. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students. Children are free.

Neighborhood notes
Happy birthday to Mrs. Lynn Jones (nee Elliott) on her special day on November 24.

Happy Birthday to Timmy Muus of Duncan Road who will celebrate his first birthday on November 27. May you both have happy days.

10 tables at euchre

week, a very interesting and informative account was given by Miss Betty Sandle of her trip this past summer to England, Scotland and Wales.

Neighborhood Notes
Miss Muriel Mortson of the Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, spent the weekend at her home here. Herb Boynton has been moved from York Central

Hospital, Richmond Hill, to the Oakridge Villa Nursing Home, 2045 Finch Avenue, West, Toronto, Room 269.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Reid Brumwell, November 25, and to Mrs. Scott Richardson, November 26.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols, married 40 years, November 24.

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