



ZON, one of Canada's top groups, will appear at the Richmond Hill Theatre for two concerts Sunday, December 30. Being billed as "The

Last Concert of a Decade", the show will be seen at 1 and 4 p.m. Also appearing will be another Canadian group called "The Crunch".

Raffi cares about kids

By BRUCE MacNEIL

It was a brisk, snowy Saturday afternoon — December 1 to be exact. My family, along with my brother's family, were the proud and possessive ticketholders for the Raffi concert, held at Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill. (Listen — it was a long hard battle to get those tickets, they were very scarce — King Tut move over!)

We went into the school to be seated and confronted with a gymnasium flowing with kids and parents, just like us!

There we were, to actually see and hear Raffi — that man possessed with a guitar and voice projecting mystical music, jovial tunes, laughable lyrical phrases, bouncing rhythms and soothing sounds.

All of these things were heard, until this moment, coming from our stereo in the safe and comforting surroundings of home. Now we were going to see that man Raffi — in person.

The expectation of what this concert would be like was quite unusual. Raffi can make my kids dance and giggle with the strum of a chord.

Raffi can make my children sing with their high wispy soprano voices, softly, trying hard to understand his lyrics — but this is all in the confines of home.

Raffi Cavoukian WAS a struggling folk singer from North York. In 1975 he decided to stop struggling, stop knocking

on unopened doors and start opening a few doors of his own. Raffi formed his own company Troubadour Records. The results were more than pleasing.

The album "Singable Songs for the Very Young", released in 1975, has gone platinum — that means it has sold 100,000 plus copies. A second album, "More Singable Songs" has sold more than 50,000 copies. A recent third release "The Corner Grocery Store" album promises even greater expectations.

Raffi treats his music and audience very seriously. For example the recording of his albums is done in a very professional manner and that is very important to his success — so many children's albums aren't recorded properly.

His music and his responsibilities to his young, impressionable listeners are also not taken lightly.

At the Bayview Secondary School concert Raffi was accompanied by a very competent and talented sidesman who played guitar, banjo, harpsichord and piano adding many interesting and enjoyable background sounds to a live concert.

A few ballads were sung during this concert. Those ballads seemed to indicate a broadening of Raffi's entertaining ambitions and his continual challenge to reach his whole audience — children and adults alike. I enjoyed the Raffi concert. By the way, so did my children.

Aurora Bridge Club Results

Following is a list of results from recent Aurora Bridge Club play: Wednesday, December 5 — North-South: Cleta Dieken and Mavis Ball; Pat Rawlinson and Jean

Honan; Billye and Jack Maver.

East-West: Myrtle Oram and Bobbie Bub; Jean Goodwin and Marg Melnichuk; Mabel Howe

and Edythe Windsor.

Monday, December 10 — Winner of the Individual Championship was Billye Maver. John Hunter and P. Wolfendale

and Edythe Windsor. tied for second while Heather Burling and Bob Dunn were deadlocked in third place.

For partners and further information, call 884-1689 or 727-2580.

Orchestra has treat for pianist

Centre scene for 'Mirage' teen dance this Friday

In keeping with its objectives of providing classical music to the residents of York Region, the York Symphony Orchestra has announced the introduction of a new award to be presented at the Newmarket Lions Festival.

The winner in the Piano Concerto Class will receive \$100 and the opportunity to play twice with the orchestra during the 1980-81 season.

The final date for entry is January 31 and anyone in Ontario may compete.

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The Thornhill Community Centre will be the scene this Friday night for a teen dance featuring "Mirage".

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All junior high and high school students are invited to attend.

Admittance is \$3 per person and the event begins at 8 p.m.

The next dance is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 1980.

For further information, call Betty Mikucki, Community Centre Co-ordinator at 881-3313.

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