

Local jazz scene gets a boost

IN AN effort to stimulate the local jazz scene and give its players an outlet, the French Cultural Centre and the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society are presenting the New Orchestra Workshop creative music series.

For seven Wednesdays beginning February 18 the Centre Culturel Colombien (795 West 16th Ave.) will feature original work by local performers.

This series is part of a group of pre-festival concerts leading up to the second du Maurier International Jazz Festival (which will take place at venues throughout Vancouver from June 26 to July 5, 1987). Other upcoming concerts include Masqualero (from Norway) February 22 at the Savoy, and the Dave Holland Quintet at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre.

Coat Cook, leader of the Vancouver jazz quartet Lunar Adventures and spokesperson for the New Orchestra Workshop music series, suggests that the series was born out of frustration.

"Performers of original material rarely get an opportunity to play their material in Vancouver. This series looks to correct that," says Cook.

Some of the scheduled performers include the Vancouver Art Trio, the Paul Plimley Group, the Fraser-Ryga Quartet and the Philippe Lapointe Trio. Admission is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members.

For specific information on upcoming shows see Time Out concerts. □ *Grant Shilling*