

PREVIEWS



The Tragically Hip October 20 & 21 86 Street Music Hall

The Tragically Hip are local heroes in their hometown of Kingston, Ontario and are fast becoming Canada's pride and joy.

The band has just come off a 37 city U.S. tour and have received the recognition they so deserve south of the border. Critics have raved about their drive and the energy of their live performances, and were mesmerized by lead singer, Gord Downie's stage presence.

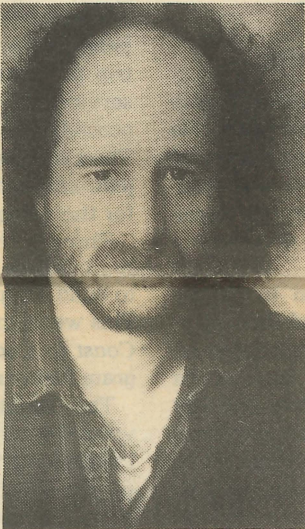
"We don't use any special effects, keyboards or even foot pedals," says Rob Baker, "I guess you could say we're a standard rock and roll band, we like the straight ahead approach; plug it in, turn it up and go." This formula has proven to be a successful one, as The Tragically Hip have developed into one of the most popular touring acts in the country.

The Waterboys October 31, 1989 The Commodore

The Waterboys were formed in London by Scottish singer/songwriter Mike Scott. In early 1983 the first Waterboys record was released and the second release, *A Pagan Place*, released in 1984 sparked the first American tour.

The band began writing and recording in Dublin, expanding their repertoire to include country, gospel and folk in addition to their customary rock and roll. They've had hugely successful tours of Britain, Ireland and Europe.

Now five years later on the heels of *Fisherman's Blues*, The Waterboys will be playing in Vancouver for the first time.



Steven Wright October 24, 1989 Orpheum Theatre

Comedian Steven Wright—the man with the monotone—will be appearing with his stoic manner at the Orpheum Theatre for one night only.

You may have seen his face on such programs as *Saturday Night Live*, *Late Night With David Letterman* or frequently on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*. His comedic genius has won him an Academy Award for his writing and acting in the 1989 short film, *The Appointments of Dennis Jennings*.

Although Steven Wright's success is now assured with the numerous challenges awaiting him, the dry comedian keeps a modest outlook on his ability. As quoted in the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, article, Wright claims, "My whole act is just a funny pack of lies." With hilarity of this calibre, no one will mind being lied to.

Lunar Adventures

October 6
Italian Cultural Center

Lunar Adventures returned from a cross Canada tour this summer, just in time to play at the DuMaurier Jazz Festival. Coit Cooke; reeds and flute, Ron Samworth; guitar, Clyde Reed; Oregon bass and Gregg Simpson; drums will be providing the musical interlude for authors Allen Ginsberg and Gregory Corso at the Italian Cultural Center (3075 Slocan).

The group plays original music which reflects influences from jazz and harmelodic funk to Celtic and other World Music. Their recently recorded tape *Alive in Seattle* is available at local alternative outlets and will soon be released on compact disc for international distribution by the L.A. label Nine Winds. Their improvisational work is expanded during live performances, featuring exciting solo work, influenced by 'free' jazz and the blues. The next opportunity to hear Lunar Adventures in concert will be opening for the Oliver Lake Quartet, as part of this year's Time Flies Series.

Steve Stevens Atomic Playboys October 11, 1989 Club Soda

With the release of his 1989 record debut, this world class guitarist and songwriter fronts a whole new kind of group, with music that detonates a dangerous chain reac-



The Happening Thang October 25, 1989 Boone County October 26 Town Pump October 27 & 28 Gabby's

The Happening Thang, are about to become the INXS of Australia's country music scene.

They are impressive. In fact, at an Australian country music festival they impressed WEA representative, Phil Deamer, so much that he quickly negotiated a 3 year, international deal that made The Happening Thang the first and only country band on WEA's Australian roster.

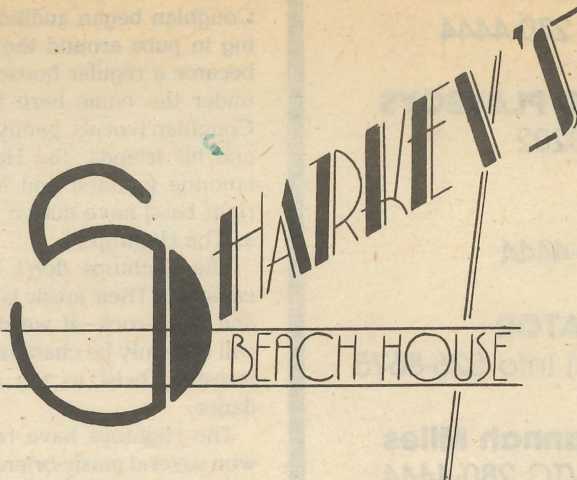
Their self-titled debut album will be released in Canada this month.

It was produced by Hoodo Guru's vocalist Dave Faulkner and is full of true country ditties that will keep toes-a-tappin and hands-a-clappin.

Painters & Players Production October 22, 1989 Commodore

Sensational live art performance and auction with an extraordinary cast of over 100 players, including 20 painters in action. There will be avant-garde sculptures and continuous entertainment from Opera to Salsa.

Curtain time is 8:00 pm with art auction at 10:45 pm, tickets available at VTC Tixmaster.

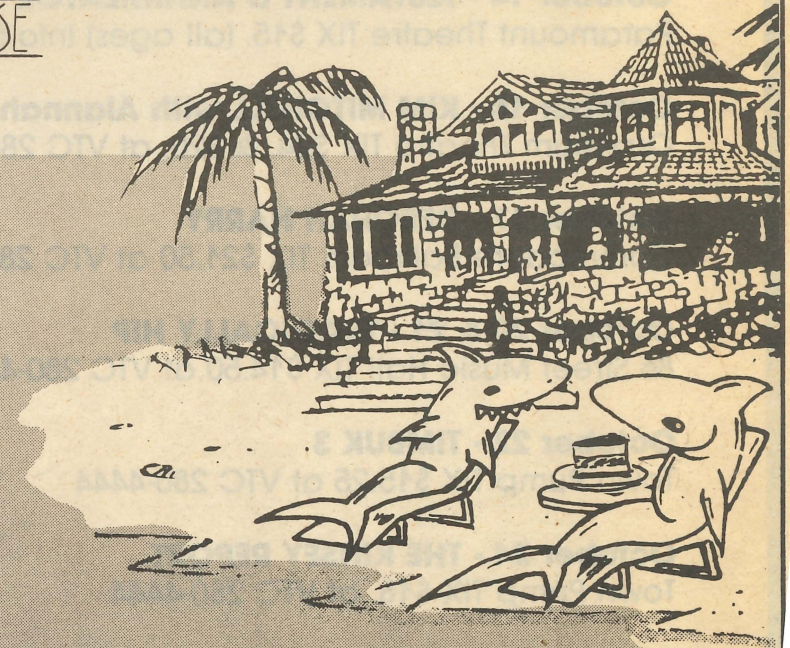


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