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BLOSSOM

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SATURDAY

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8 PM

Blossom Dearie

Blossom Dearie, singer, composer, all-round musician and business woman, is impossible to pigeon-hole. The name may sound cute but it is her real name. Her voice is pure and fragile; used with the consummate professionalism of seasoned musicianship. Though she has been compared with various other greats in the field of popular song and jazz, all comparisons break down. Her style, both in her performances and in her compositions, is her own; unmistakable.

She began playing classical music at the age of ten, collected Art Tatum and Teddy Wilson records in her teens and, after finishing high school, headed for New York where she was soon playing piano in a Greenwich Village nitery. She spent most of the 50's and 60'a in Europe and now has a dedicated following throughout the world.

Her repertoire includes many jazz standards and many of her own songs written with lyricists such as Johnny Mercer, Len Saltzburg and Joan Tewksbury. She directs her own record company, Daffodil Records, with 5 albums in the catalogue thus far. As Roger Whitaker of the New Yorker magazine put it: her range " is from the ridiculous to the sublime".

Blossom Dearie will be performing a solo concert, Saturday, June 20 at 8 pm in the Centennial Library Theatre (7 Sir Winston Churchill Square). Tickets will be available at the door only. Ticket prices: \$5.50 for Edmonton Jazz Society members, \$7.00 all others. For further information call 458-0404.

We are pleased to report that we have received substantial funding from the City of Edmonton under the auspices of Summerfest '81 to help finance this year's JAZZ CITY festival. In the years to come, we hope to diminish our dependence on government funding, turning instead to the business community and the general public for financial support. Our first step in this direction was taken in late April with the mailing, to those of you on our mailing list, a brochure describing the JAZZ CITY festival and asking for financial assistance. We would like to thank all of you who have been so generous in your response. Each contribution brings us closer to our goal of a self-supporting JAZZ CITY festival.

If you are considering a donation, our mailing address is as follows:

Edmonton Jazz Society
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Please print your name, address and phone number and let us know if you require a tax receipt. All donations are tax deductible as the EJS is a non-profit society registered with Revenue Canada.

JAZZ CALGARY PRESENTS---JAZZ TWO! FESTIVAL '81, CALGARY, JUNE13-21, 1981.

CONCERT JAZZ - June 20, Pleiades Theatre, EDDIE HARRIS and the Willie Joosen Trio.

Two shows, 7 & 9 p.m.

June 21, Pleiades Theatre, DENNY ZEITLIN (solo Piano). One show, 7 p.m.

Tickets now on sale at BASS, Swampbird Jazz Records in Calgary. \$9 general, \$7 Jazz Calgary members, students and seniors.

ISLAND JAZZ - June 20 and 21, Prince's Island. Various Calgary and Edmonton jazz artists.

MALL JAZZ - June 13 to 20, 8th Avenue Mall.

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CLUB JAZZ - June 14 to 21, various clubs.

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For more information contact: John Reid (co-ordinator) 270-3609.



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