



DONOVAN: set to groove

Winnipeg folk festival gets two great acts

By JOHN MACKIE

The lineup for the Winnipeg Folk Festival has been firmed up, and it looks just as promising as the Vancouver Fest. Where Vancouver pulled off a coup with Billy Bragg, Winnipeg has pulled off a pair with fabulous country singer-songwriter Lyle Lovett (one of the bright lights of the New Nashville) and Ladysmith Black Mambazo (the African vocal group who helped make Paul Simon's Graceland last year's surprise smasheroo).

Other performers who'll have the Birds Hill Park site groovin' include Donovan, David Lindley and El-Rayo X, Murray McLaughlan, Maria Mauldaur, Guy Clark,

Tom Chapin (Harry's brother — remember Make a Wish?), Ferron, Amos Garrett, Terry Garthwaite, Colin Linden, Ellen McIlwaine, Katy Moffatt, Holly Near, Tracy Nelson, Doug Sahm, Spirit of the West, Gene Taylor, Uncle Bonzai, Vally and Townes Van Zandt.

The Winnipeg Fest runs from July 9 to 12; for more info, write to the Winnipeg Folk Festival, #6-222 Osborne St., South Winnipeg, R3L 1Z3 (phone 204-453-2985).

● The flip side of every radio station in the world playing oldies is that record companies continue to re-release old classics. Polygram has added ten more volumes to its "Baby Boomer Classics"

series, bringing the total up to 38 (plus three CD compilations of the compilations).

Rockin' Seventies is real wide-legged jeans material, with such unforgettable '70s rockers as Argent's Hold Your Head Up, Aerosmith's Dream On, BTO's You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet and Derek and the Dominoes' Layla.

You'll be breaking out the old multi-colored headband for More Electric Sixties, which takes you on a trip to the land inside of your mind with the Yardbirds (Heart Full of Soul), Eric Burdon and the Animals (When I Was Young), the Velvet Underground (Waiting For The Man) and Cream (Badge).

My personal favorite is Country Pop Sixties, with Johnny Horton's Battle of New Orleans, Marty Robbins' El Paso, Ned Miller's From a Jack to a King, the Statler Brothers' Flowers on the Wall and Roger Miller's King of the Road. The entire series is bargain priced.

For you jazzers who like to groove to a Walkman whilst jogging down by the False Creek seawall, Polygram has also released the 15-volume Walkman Jazz collection, featuring digitally remastered classics from the likes of Count Basie, Bill Evans, Ella Fitzgerald, Erroll Garner, Billie Holiday, Oscar Peterson and Sarah Vaughan, among others.