



The Nylons from Toronto will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. The Laredos, Detroit doo-wop stars, share the bill.

Nylons sing rockappella at concert recalling '50s

Think of doo-wop. Four guys sporting D.A.'s, harmonizing on a street corner. It's a scene straight out of a time when a convertible with fins was the height of cool and groups like the Belmonts and the Spinners were hot.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, that scene comes alive again when the Toronto-based group, the Nylons, shares billing with Detroit's own doo-wop survivors, the Laredos. The Nylons will present a cappella

versions of such pop classics as "Silhouettes," "Town Without Pity" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." The four-some isn't a rock revival group, however. Critics have dubbed its style of delivering classic and original pop tunes as rockappella.

Initially, the Nylons was truly a cappella, without any percussion instruments. But tamborines, congas and electric drums have been introduced to the act.

Great Britain. It has released two albums on Open Air/Windham Hill Records, "Seamless" and "One Size Fits All."

Pavilion tickets are \$17; lawn tickets, \$11. For ticket information, call the Meadow Brook box office on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills at 377-2010.

Energetic costars do lively show

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Returning to the stage, her throaty voice picking up volume, she belted out "Come Rain or Come Shine" in honor of Judy Garland, then did impersonations of Kate Hepburn, Mae West, Bette Davis and Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

THE IMPERSONATION of Barbra Streisand seemed out of keeping with the general good nature of the show. Remarks about Streisand's refusal to have her nose bobbed, her one-woman production of "Yentl" and her diction seemed mean-spirited (since Streisand has perfect

phrasing and can blow Reynolds off-stage with one sustained note).

Neither did O'Connor need his anti-rock number. (I happen to like Buddy Holly, Elvis, all those guys who worked a rich American vein.) O'Connor was wonderful tap-dancing to "Yes for Two," and "Make Someone Happy" and singing Henry Cartachael songs and tunes from "Guys and Dolls."

This is rich enough stuff to work with, and the audience was content with the timeless music. O'Connor's pleasant baritone spread joy when he sang "Walkin' My Baby Back Home."

Both displayed easy, perfect timing and the ability to hold the stage alone.

When O'Connor in his tux and Reynolds in a pink prom dress climbed a ladder for a duo finale, they sent the crowds back to their buses and cars singing in the sweet summer night.

Tim Fowler, conductor, and

backups were excellent.

Heleen Zucker has many years experience reviewing pop performers for newspapers and magazines in Michigan, New York and Massachusetts.

upcoming things to do

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