

Chieftains skip cliché music

"We don't play no Mother Machree and all that sort of garbage," is one way lead-er Paddy Moloney describes the tradi-tional Irish music performed by The Chieftains, new recording stars who will present a concert at Music Hall, Monday at 8:30 p.m.

Indeed, it is definitely not the likes of John McCormack's lullabies or the beery ballads of the Clancy Brothers that have caused the Chieftains to be named Eng-land's pop music group of the year by Lon-don's influential Melody Maker magazine. What they do play is a lineup of reels, jigs, slides and Kerry polkas on a col-lection of authentic Irish instruments that in-

cludes tin whistles, human bones and goat skin drums.

In describing the Chieftains' show, Time Magazine wrote, "Sheer, unabashed vir-tuosity is the Chieftains' strongest selling point, whether they are piping hot or cool. When they take off together on a madcap reel or jig, the effect is electrifying. Simi-larly, a tin whistle solo by Patsy or a me-lancholy lament on the pipes by Moloney can create the tenderness of moments."

"UP ON STAGE, the Chieftains look less like a band than a group of old friends tak-ing some Saturday night relaxation in a Dublin pub, which indeed they used to do in

their early years. They wander out hap-hazardly in sweaters, odd jackets and tweed pants, sit in a big semicircle, tap their feet and boast to the audience that Irish music is the best in the world.

It's been a little over a year since the Chieftains signed with the rock-oriented Is-land Records, ending 15 years as a part-time group. And it's been quite a year.

They have been to America four times, playing major venues like Carnegie Hall and drawing rave reviews from coast to coast. They have toured Britain, Ireland, France, Germany and Australia. They write and performed part of the

musical soundtrack for Stanley Kubrick's film, "Barry Lyndon." They have written the music for the first production at Lon-don's new National Theatre—"The Play-boy of the Western World."

They appeared alongside Eric Clapton at Crystal Palace. Paddy Moloney appeared on Mike Oldfield's best-selling album "Omni-musium." And their own albums—includ-ing their latest "Bonaparte's Retreat"—sold approximately half a million copies around the world.

Tickets can be obtained at the Music Hall box office at 324 Madison at Irish or by phoning 962-7660. In person or by phone, ticket buyers may use their Hanks-American, Master Charge or J.L. Hudson charge cards.



Freshmen in song

The Four Freshmen will sing at the annual Cabaret Night of Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 4 in the synagogue in Oak Park. The Freshmen have been performing together, around the world, since the 1950s. They frequently appear in Las Vegas. At Cabaret Night, music for dancing will be provided by the Andy Amato Band. A dairy buffet dinner will be served. Ticket information is available by calling 541-8895 after 6 p.m.

Opryland sets auditions

Opryland USA, the country's only music entertainment theme park, will hold audi-tions and interviews in Ann Arbor during December to fill positions in the 11 live mu-sical shows planned for the park's 1979 sea-son.

Auditions will be held in Ann Arbor on Dec. 2 from noon 5 p.m. in Michigan Union Assembly Hall at the University of Michi-gan.

According to John Haywood, production manager, the music theme park will need 300 singers, musicians, dancers, actors, clowns and specialty acts to appear in the shows and approximately 35 technicians in-cluding stage managers, lighting special-ists, sound engineers, stage hands and fol-low spot operators to fill technical posi-tions.

A piano accompanist, record player, gar-gle amplifier, cassette and tape recorder will be available for performers, and all audi-tions should bring their own mat-erial. Persons interviewing for technical positions should bring a typed resume.

"WE'RE LOOKING for versatile young talent that can perform in a variety of styles and settings—Broadway-styled mus-icals, jazz, pop, ballet, rock and specialty routines," said Bob Whitaker, director of the park's Live Entertainment Depart-ment. "We've got all kinds of music in all

kinds of shows and if a performer can cross over from Broadway to country, we want to hear it at the audition."

This is the first time that our talent scouts have come to Michigan, but the fine theater and music departments in this area were sending us so many of our top performers that we decided we might just bring our department to the talent source and see if we couldn't interest a lot more young Michigan entertainers in a summer of professional theater experience at Opry-land.

Opryland is also a major television pro-duction center and talent showcase. Last year, over 50 shows from over 50 talent shows and conventions across the country, including the national Discover America Travel Organization in Pittsburgh and to Washington for the White House Corre-spondents' Dinner for the President.

Opryland talent appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, the CWB World Show, the Por-ter Wagner Show and the NBC special "The Christmas Eve." Twelve of our Opry-land singers and dancers will be seen every week this season in 15 television markets, reaching 90 per cent of the TV households in the country, as regulars on the new hour-long syndicated musical variety show "Main Hall, America." So in addition to their regular Opryland performances and road shows, our entertain-

ers receive additional exposure and money from television performances and road shows. We will be covering 22 cities in the next three months, and I hope that our young entertainers who are interested in a show business career will come to one of our auditions and try out for a season at the Home of American Music.

Screenings at Cinema

Screen Cinema will present "Women in Love," directed by Ken Russell, adapted from the D.H. Lawrence novel, on Dec. 4. "Killing Joke" is also on the program, a cruel performance by Alan Bates, John Lunden and Oliver equal for intensity in recreating the highly charged atmosphere of Vietnam, England.

Shows are at 8 and 10 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church on Cass and Fort St. at Wayne State University. Call the red-dit entrance on Fort St. There is an ad-mis-sion charge.

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