

# Arts & Entertainment

## Cornstock festival brings Johnny Reno into light

By Geoff McMurtry  
Staff Reporter

So you missed Woodstock. You missed LiveAid. You know FarmAid III is coming, but you can't wait that long. You want to see some bands, and you want to see them outside in this lovely spring weather. Well, have no fear, Cornstock is here!

The ever-popular Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs will headline the event. Johnny's live show has reached near-legendary proportions in these parts, what with all the mileage he's racked up while strolling down the Zoo's bar. Who knows what'll happen when they get out from the smoky confines and into the sunlight.

Opening up will be South Dakota-based band Ivory. No one seems to know much about these fellers, but rumor has it they played at Charles Lieurance's prom once. Ivory will be followed by Lincoln's own Confidentials.

This will be Cornstock's 17th year, and once again it's put on and paid for by UPC East. That's right, it's free.

All of this begins at 12:30 Friday afternoon, and winds up around 5:30 p.m. It all happens on the East Campus meadow behind Filley Hall, where the Dairy Store is. It could be a hot day, so coolers (no, of pop) are welcome. Glasses will be provided. If it's not a hot day, and it rains, go to the Nebraska Union at the same time.

## New adaptation succeeds

Howell Theatre reworks 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

By Greg Vest  
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It takes more than a bunch of people running around on stage to make a good production. The director, actors, scenic designers and lighting crew play important, interdependent roles. When all these elements mesh, the production achieves some form of success. Such is the case with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Howell Theatre.

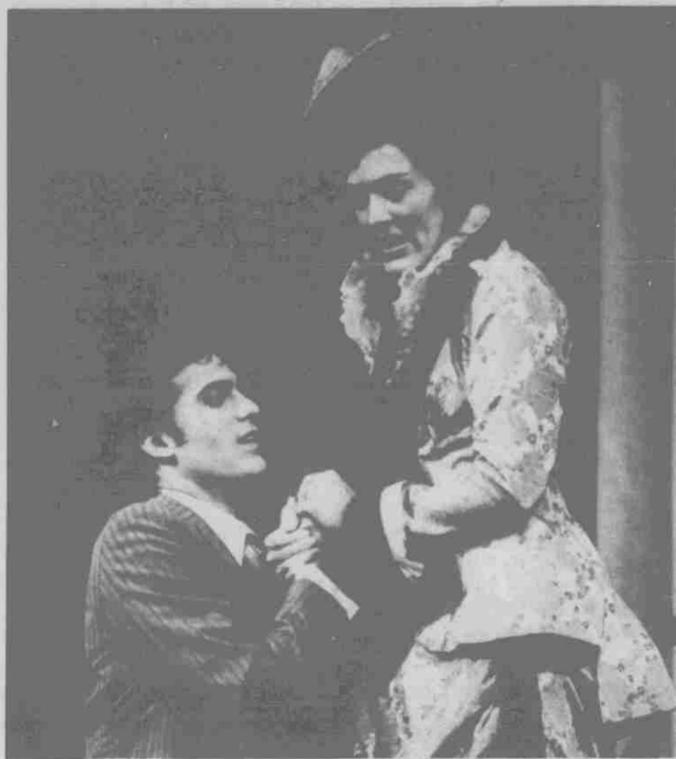
### Theater Review

Director Gavin Cameron-Webb wisely stayed away from trying to rehash this comedy using the standard formula. Instead, he produced a stylistic version of this classic using a quasi-contemporary approach. The direction of the play runs on a high energy wave that is rarely seen in a Shakespeare play.

Thomas Umfrid's scenic design remained consistent with the stylized interpretation. Intricate set devices captured the essence of the enchanted forest.

Janice Stauffer's costume designs were terrific. Oberon and Puck, the male fairies, seemed to have jumped right out of a comic book with their macho green tights.

Morten Hansen and Susan Oltmanns gave great double performances. Hansen could have done a little more to separate his two characters, but Oltmanns, through careful use of facial expressions and body movements, effectively differentiated between Hippolyta and Titania. The fairies (Joyce Welsh,



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Lysander (Kent Lindemer) expresses his love for Hermia (Roxanne McCosh) in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Lisa Strunk, Robin Falls and Kelly Nass) were so bizarrely intriguing with their hissing and strange movements that they didn't need dialogue to hold my attention. Steve Lorenzo was creepy as Puck and deserves some credit for his mobility on the steep stage. His quirky, quick movements gave Puck that persona of a mischievous imp. The

scene-stealer award goes to Jay Thornton for his humorous scene as Thisbe in the interlude.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" plays at the Howell Theatre in the Temple Building through May 2. Tickets are \$6 for students and are worth the price. For \$2 more than a movie, you can have a cultural and entertaining evening.

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## Morrill Hall in NETV documentary

The extensive fossil displays and research material of the University of Nebraska State Museum in Lincoln — one of the top 20 natural-history museums in the United States — are the focus of "The State Museum: Still Digging," airing Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. on the Nebraska ETV Network.

The 30-minute program takes viewers to displays at UNL's Morrill Hall and its hands-on encounter center for children, as well as the museum's research facilities at UNL's Nebraska Hall, which houses more than 3 1/2 million fossil specimens.

A number of NU staff are interviewed about the museum's collection, includ-

ing Hugh H. Genoways, director of the museum; Dr. Robert M. Hunt, Jr., curator of vertebrate paleontology; Dr. Michael Voorhies, curator and coordinator of vertebrate paleontology; Dr. Patricia Freeman, curator of zoology; Dr. Brett C. Ratcliffe, curator of insects; and Mary Pritchard, curator of parasitology.

"The State Museum: Still Digging" is a production of the UNL Television sports and special events unit and is funded in part by Nebraskans for Public Television, Inc. Steve Alvis is producer of the program, Barb Hanson is unit director, and John Beck is videographer.

Nebraska public TV viewers can call in questions about juveniles and school law to a panel of attorneys on "Nebraskans Ask: Ask a Lawyer" airing Thursday at 9:30 p.m. on NETV.

Moderator of the 30-minute live program is Omaha attorney John Brownrigg, who will introduce the topic and the panelists who will answer questions. The panel will be comprised of three Nebraska attorneys from around the state.

"Nebraska Ask: Ask a Lawyer" is a production of the Nebraska projects unit of UNL Television, with funding support from the Nebraska State Bar Association.

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