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Previous attempts to transplant music festivals to New Zealand have either failed financially or artistically; Ngaruawahia lost thousands for its promoters and the rest now seem largely insignificant and disorganised. The Nambassa Fesival, planned for January 28 to 30, seems however to stand apart from these earlier struggling efforts. The organisers working out of the Mother Earth Centre in Waihi, call Nambassa a 'Music, Crafts and Alternatives Festival'. The emphasis, as with previous festivals, falls heavily on music, and in particular on rock music, but it is hoped that the festival audience will become involved with the alternative lifestyles exemplified by the organisers themselves.

It will be possible however to go to Golden Valley, the festival site just

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east of Waihi, and do nothing but listen to music - for a total of fifteen hours a day. Those appearing include Living Force, Alister Riddell and the Wonder Ones, Citizen Band, Tattiebogle, Ragnarok, Rockinghorse, Schlung, Country Flyers and Beaver, Cohesion, Lea Maalfrid, Pauline Woods and at least a dozen others. The Nambassa organisers are also negotiating with several international rock bands from overseas, one of which will be the highlight of the weekend. A complete list of bands appearing will be included in the festival programme to be released in mid-December and available from outlets handling pre-sold tickets for the festi-

Music acts will dominate the main stage, a 90' by 25' structure using a

6,000 watt sound system. A smaller stage will be used for children's shows, plays, puppets, magicians and poetry readings. Among those appearing will be Limbs, Red Mole, Ratz Theatrix, poets Garry McCormick, Jon Adams, John Benson and others.

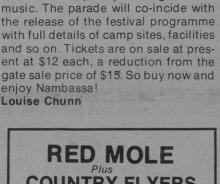
The 200 acre festival site provides enormous scope for the remaining 'Crafts and Alternatives' aspect of the festival. There will be a Village Market of about 90 stalls. Food, mostly vegetarian, will be available but the market will primarily be a show case for crafts of all kinds. There will be between 50 and 60 stalls with artisans from all over New Zealand selling their wares and promoting craft work as an alternative to machine made products.

The market will complement many of the workshops to be held during the three days of the festival. Those concerning crafts will be run as practival demonstrations and will include Maori wood-carving, instrument-making with Aucklander Peter Madill, pottery, herbal ointment and cosmetic making and many others. There will also be lectures and discussions groups on energy, alternative education, organic gardenting and many other facets of alternative living.

As part of a television documentary on alternative lifestyles in New Zealand parts of the festival will be filmed by Michael Firth of "Off the Edge" fame. The entire musical show will also be taped by Harlequin Studios with the possibility of releasing an album of the highlights.

To advertise Nambassa and also to involve those already interested the organisers will be staging a parade in Queen Street on December 16. Complete with floats, costumes and music the parade will leave the C.P.O. at about 7.30 pm featuring Living Force, Ratz Theatrix, poetry-reading and folk music. The parade will co-incide with the release of the festival programme and so on. Tickets are on sale at presgate sale price of \$15. So buy now and enjoy Nambassa!

Louise Chunn





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FRI & SAT 11PM, SUN 8PM

Island Saturdays Dec-Jan, Waiheke Island. Hello Sailor Dec 5 & 6, Sundown Park Hotel, Gisborne. Dec 9, Rock & Roll Party, Rotorua Racecourse. Dec 10, Outdoor Concert and Timberlands Hotel, Tokoroa. Dec 11, Lady Hamilton Nightclub. Dec 21, Auckland Town Hall. Dec 22-24, Ponsonby Club Hotel.

Fly By Night (Dave Marshall's band), Dec 11, Island of Real, Airedale St. Urban Road Dec 6, Island of Real. Rick Steele & Friends, Dec 11, Island of

Country Flyers Dec 8-10 and 19-25, Windsor Tavern. Dec 19, Football Park, Hamilton

Iceberg Dec 8, Top Cat Disco, Birkenhead, Dec 10-11 Showgrounds, Auckland. Dec 24, Pukekohe Hotel. Jan 2-14 Awapuni Hotel, Palmerston North.

Tama's Band Dec 16, Island of Real Cinema Dec 18, Island of Real Citizen Band Dec 15-17 & 22-24, Globe Hotel. Dec 23, 11 pm Island of Real Fragments of Time Dec 6-10 & 13-17, New Plymouth. Dec 19-24, Hillcrest Tavern, Hamilton. Dec 26-31 Sandown, Gisborne. Jan 2-14, Te Mata, Havelock North, Jan 16-28, Wellington.

Pooh Bear Lake Tavern, Rotorua from Nov

Rough Justice Dec 5-17, Lion Tavern, Wellington. Dec 21-24, Broderick Inn,

Rocking Horse Dec 9-11, Milford Marina. Dec 12-17, Windsor Castle.

Cohesion Sat. afternoon at Windsor Castle and Sun. evening at Alladins.

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