

'Love and Magic' at Centennial Park

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Sleight of hand is not their forté but romance is in the air when Love and Magic performs their diverse musical routines.

Although the popular trio is in the midst of a cross-country tour, the group took time out recently to stage a show at Centennial Park on Mackle Rd. and Einstein in Côte Saint Luc.

This particular outdoor gig was sponsored by the City of Côte Saint Luc's Recreation department. In addition, there is a host of other free outdoor shows at the Côte Saint Luc Public Library every Thursday evening. Chief Librarian

Eleanor London has arranged for top name bands and vocal groups to stage concerts in the beautiful gardens in back of the facility which is situated on Cavendish Blvd.

Residents of all ages tote deck chairs or blankets and enjoy the bands and vocal groups. In case of rain, library shows are held indoors. Admission is free.

Love and Magic's chemistry really works. The trio is composed of husband and wife Linda and Richie Pollock and Linda's brother-in-law Alan Friedman. The couple currently live on the West Island and Alan resides in Ville Saint Laurent, but at one time they were all residents of



Linda and Richie Pollock, two-thirds of the popular trio Love and Magic. Linda's brother Alan Friedman adds a third dimension to the vocals and guitar playing.

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While they all sing, Richie and Alan also compose songs and play guitar as well. They will add keyboard accompaniment in the fall.

Their repertoire includes Broadway, Irish, Hebrew, and French melodies, folk songs, stan-

"I knew right away that was the man I wanted to marry," relates the gregarious performer, who has been married to Richie for over 16 years. Although Alan had composed songs for Screen Gems and commercial jingles, his sister had very little musical training, albeit piano lessons as a child.

Nevertheless, Richie's musical talent was infectious and before long Linda was entertaining receptive audiences. Love and Magic entertains everywhere from posh clubs to community centres, hospitals, and street festivals. They made it to the top 10 in the recent Buskers International Festival.

"We just returned from the Maritimes and we're off to more street festivals in August," Linda enthuses. In addition to their musical gigs, Richie and Linda have appeared as

guests on TV talk shows. "We discuss marriage and happy relationships." Since their marriage, the couple has resided in New York, Colorado, and Florida. They have performed throughout North America and Europe. Wherever they go, Love and Magic encourages audience participation.

dards, soft rock, and original compositions. Their Broadway medley is especially entertaining. Moreover, the trio has an excellent rapport with the audience. Discussing their career, Linda notes it all started in Copenhagen, where she met Richie, a native of Brooklyn.