

Celine Dion

A Beauty with a beast of a voice



BY REBECCA MOORE

BEAST OF A VOICE, YOU ASK? ISN'T SHE A sappy love song singer? Well, maybe she does sing a lot of love songs that don't have any kind of beast-like theme, but WOW does she have a voice!

Most of you are familiar with Celine Dion because of her duet with Peabo Bryson, "Beauty and the Beast", sung for the Walt Disney animated movie of the same name. This and another duet, "When I Fall In Love" (from the Sleepless in Seattle soundtrack), have made her famous all across North America.

Dion has just returned from touring in the US, where every show was sold out. Last Thursday night she sang at the Moncton Coliseum and the crowd was crazy about her! The Bara-MacNeills, a family folk group from Cape Breton, opened for her and got everyone warmed up for a night full of amazing talent.

She may sing your average top forty material, but she does it with incredible talent and passion.

There was no doubt that she was loving every minute of her performance, especially since over half the crowd was francophone. Celine has only been speaking English for six years, and she does it quite well.

Celine comes from Quebec and has been singing since she was a child. She was very friendly with the audience and joked around in both French and English. "I come from a family of fourteen children, and I am the youngest - did you know I was an accident?" I was thankful that I am bilingual or I wouldn't have caught a lot of what she said. She was a very warm and appreciative performer and obviously has a lot of love in her heart-- maybe that's why she sings about love so much!

She was able to sing both "Beauty and the Beast" and "When I Fall In Love" with the help of Terry Bradford, one of her three great backup singers. This man is going places. He has a beautiful and rich voice that sent shivers down my spine. After the exposure that he is getting from this tour he should have many opportunities to succeed in the music business. He definitely has what it takes.

When people ask me why I like singers like Celine Dion or Whitney Houston all I can say is to listen closely to their voices. They have a gift that very few of us have. They may choose to sing songs that you don't like, but I can guarantee you that their voices will knock you out.

Hearing this woman sing "The Power of Love" as an encore made me even more firmly convinced that she deserves every reward that she gets. She definitely works hard for her career. I am very proud to say that she is a fellow Canadian and that after many years of hard work her talent is being recognised around the globe.

Coffee...sure whatever...to go.

BY ALEX KEAVENY

Once upon a time in a place not unlike where we're living, there lived a couple of students. These people were happy students. They would get up every morning and go to class, study, smile, and generally knew what they wanted out of life. They wanted to be happy.

One of these students, Susan, wanted to be a sports broadcaster. Susan wanted to be a part of the action-- a mover and a shaker, involved in that sport she so loved, baseball. Susan wanted to attend a school of broadcasting, work her way into the industry, and one day work and play with the folks on CBC sports, or even TSN. Yes Susan knew what she wanted and how to get it.

Steve, a friend of Susan's, also had a dream. Steve wanted to be a writer. Steve wanted to capture his thoughts and emotions and portray them for all the world to read and enjoy. Steve loved writing and language. A degree in creative writing was Steve's ticket to ride.

As the days passed, freshman turned to sophomore, and then to junior. Steve continued to write, long hours alone, over coffee at Caesar's. Susan never missed a game, covering University athletics like the dew, with passion and energy, honing her skills.

Today Susan is a lawyer, she has three children, a nice house, a BMW, success. After receiving her B.A. in Business she applied and was accepted into law school.

Upon graduation she secured a job in the law firm where she continues to work. Her skill as a lawyer ensures her not only prestige among her peers, but also a partnership in the firm. Everything seems to have worked out just as she had planned it.

Steve is a bank manager. After his B.A. in english he went back to school to get his B.B.A., because after all it's your best bet. After his B.B.A. he got a

job as a bank teller and worked his way up. An excellent example of the benefits of hard work and determination. Just goes to show you what you can do when you put your mind to it.

What happened to becoming a sportscaster and a writer, you ask?

Susan finally saw the light in her senior year.

After quite a bit of explaining, she finally was able to be realistic. You see, there are only so many

broadcasting jobs out there, and who's to say that if you do go to broadcasting school, and work hard at realizing the goal you set for yourself, that you'll even succeed? So you see, you need to see it our way, to be realistic. Reluctantly, Susan agreed. Lucky for her, because who knows what could have happened had she tried to follow her dream? Steve

finished his B.A. in english and worked as a waiter for a while to earn some money. Then he went to Europe for a couple of months. He had a great time. When he arrived home he decided to apply for a Creative writing program. His father, thinking the whole idea a joke, insisted that Steve also apply for a B.B.A. program just to be safe. Steve reluctantly agreed.

Steve was accepted to both programs without a problem. Steve was preparing to decide what to choose when his father took him aside and told him the facts of life. Steve's dad told him all about the real world and how writers don't make any money,

and how no son of his would ever do something so foolish as to throw away the opportunity of a B.B.A.. How he already had a job lined up for Steve at the bank where he worked, and how it was obvious that it was too good an opportunity to pass up. Naturally, the sheer force of his father's argument convinced Steve to

abandon his silly thoughts of writing.

Today, Steve and Susan are content with their lives. Steve still writes when he can, and Susan is happy with using her mute button during the game, and was even able to attend a couple of Games in person, at the Skydome, in the Centre of the Known Universe, Toronto.

The moral of the story is simple: dreams are great in the ivory tower, but in the real world the bottom line is, what I mean to say is that realistically speaking, in the real world, I mean that's life. So forget thoughts of what you want to be when you grow up, and accept the fact that you will satisfy yourself with what society wants you to

have. Give up! We've got you surrounded.

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What really matters

BY FAITH HUNTER

LAST WEEK, I TRIED TO GIVE YOU SOME encouragement. This week, I thought I would concentrate on something a little less frustrating and a lot more complicated: True Love

I'm sure that there are many of you out there who are (or think you are) involved in a long-term, loving relationship (suckers!). You may be one of the few, however, who aren't sure if you're in love or just hopelessly infatuated (or, if you're really lucky, both!).

Well, someone has to help you figure it out, so here I am. I have compiled six questions for you to ask yourself:

1. Does your heart go faster than your sweetheart's car when you're together?
2. Have you ever said "I love you" to him/her and felt like you actually meant it?
3. If he/she were to move to another province, would you still want to maintain the relationship?
4. Do you find yourself thinking about him/her when you're supposed to be

listening to a friend's account of a bad day?

5. Would you still be seen with this person if he/she had green hair?

6. Think of your favourite movie/television star. Would you agree to break up with your caring companion in exchange for a night with your dream date?

Give yourself one point for each "yes" answer from question 1-5. If you scored five points, you just might be in love. If you scored between three and four, you care a lot but should be careful about your true intentions. If you scored two points, you are probably just infatuated.

As for #6, if you answered "yes", then you are definitely not in love (if you answered "no", you're crazy!).

Well, gotta go. The deadline is slowly (well, like a hurricane actually) approaching. 'Til next time, remember that those who are successful are those who remember to laugh.

Take care and dream big.