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Left to Right: Juan Carlos
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IN AND AROUND THE CITY

Cinema Brazil

A major cultural exchange will be underway when "Cinema Brazil Week" opens at the Castro theatre, June 10th through the 16th. A celebration of new Brazilian films. For information call 864-7755.

Polo Brothers Hit The Road

Implausible adventures for George Quick as young Marco Polo, right, his bumbling Uncle, David Mandella, left and his avaricious father, Michael Proudfoot, center. The new Kenneth Vega musical MARCO POLO is set for June 18 at the Savoy Tivoli.



Some Sound

David Kelsey & Pure Trash - Dixieland Jazz with a keyboard twist, June 19 & 20, 8 and 11 PM, \$5, The Boarding House, 901 Columbus Ave, 441-4333.



Street Fair

Come to the traditional upper Grant Avenue Street Fair for its twenty-eighth annual exhibit to be held on Father's Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, 1981. Take advantage of the opportunity to indulge in nostalgia and contemporary design at the same time in this all fresco exhibit that has blossomed at the foot of world famed telegraph hill for three decades. There is no admission charge. For information: 982-2229.

Around the City

CEASAR'S PALACE – Features some of the best international Latin bands. Large dance floor. Cover \$3-10. 3140 Mission Street, 826-1179.

CLUB ELEGANTE – Latin sounds. Cover \$2. 3395 Mission Street, 282-6116.

FAIRMONT HOTEL – Big-name entertainment nightly in the turn of the century Venetian Room. Nob Hill. 772-5613.

FINOCCHIO CLUB – A San Francisco institution on Broadway, this North Beach cabaret features female impersonators in revue. Closed Monday and Thursday. Tickets \$4. 506 Broadway. 982-9388.

GREAT AMERICAN MUSIC HALL – This plush hall with marble pillars, red carpets and chandeliers has been a showcase for big-name rock, jazz, folk and come acts. Cover \$5-15. 859 O'Farrell Street, 885-0750.

HOLY CITY ZOO – Zany comedians go out of their way to illicit a chuckle at one of the City's original comedy spots. Alumni include Robin Williams. Shows nightly. Cover \$3.50. 408 Clement Street. 752-2846.

LAST DAY SALOON – Anything from country to new wave is featured by live acts in this large dance hall. Antique photos of San Francisco grace the walls. Cover \$1-4. 406 Clement Street. 387-6343.

MABUHAY GARDENS – Pierced earrings, pink hair and leather are the staples in one of the City's original punk rock clubs. Cover \$3-5. 443 Broadway. 956-3315.

MR. HYDE'S – A popular Nob Hill club featuring mostly easy-rock, jazz and country. Small and cozy. Cover \$1-5. 1390 California Street. 775-7574.

OLD WALDORF – Big-name entertainment in a casual atmosphere. Cover varies. 444 Battery Street. 397-3884.

PAUL'S SALOON – Mostly bluegrass music in a Victorian setting. No cover. 3251 Scott Street. 922-2456.

THE PUNCH LINE – Comedy club featuring local and popular comics. Cover varies Battery Street. 397-4337.

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SOUND OF MUSIC – Located in the heart of the Tenderloin, this club is a haven for punk, but attracts a diverse crowd. Cover \$2-3. 162 Turk Street. 885-9616.

TROCADERO TRANSFER – Appealing to a predominately male clientele, this warehouse disco is noted for changing its decor every few weeks. Cover varies. 520 Fourth Street, 495-6620.

THE BOARDING HOUSE – Local and big-name headliners play in the intimate quarters of this North Beach Club. Allen's Alley features comedy. The Screaming Memes perform satire, music and improvisation each weekend. Cover \$5-10. 901 Columbus, 441-4333.

Music

ART BLAKEY & THE JAZZ MESSENGERS – One of the first drummers to develop a hard bop sound, Blakey set the mold for his colleagues for several decades. Appears with trumpeter Woody Shaw's quintet and with the All Stars. June 9 through June 14 at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.; and June 12-13 at 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Keystone Korner, 750 Vallejo Street.

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL – The San Francisco Symphony sponsors a variety of works from the master of classical music. Begins June 18 at Davies Hall with Leonard Slatkin conducting the Eroica Symphony and other works. June 25, 26, 28 at Herbst Theater. Through July 4th at Davies Hall. 432-5400.

NEW MUSIC AMERICA '81 – This is the third of a series of contemporary festivals with the emphasis on experimental and avant-garde music. June 7 through 13. Call the City Box Office (392-4400) for program and ticket information.

LEE PERRY – A legend in Jamaica, Perry brings his modern reggae sound to the City for a one night stand June 20. The Stone. 412 Broadway.

Arts & Museums

MEXICAN MUSEUM – Manuel Neri shows sculpture and drawings, through July 5. Permanent exhibition includes ceramics, folk art, laquerware and masks from the state of Guerrero and colonial art period. Open noon to 5, Tuesday through Saturday, 1855 Folsom Street.

S.F. MUSEUM OF MODERN ART – "The Art Fabric; Mainstream," works range from small yarn sculptures to monuments in both natural synthetic materials, by more than 50 artists; through July 5, "The Markers," works by 11 artists who mark, paint or cut negatives and prints; through July 26. Open 10 to 6, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 9 to 10 Thursday, 10 to 5 Saturday and Sunday. Van Ness and McAllister.

WINE MUSEUM – "Wit and Wine," is an exhibition of 18th and 19th century French and English caricatures and 20th century American cartoons. Permanent exhibition, all inspired by or depicting a celebration of wine, include paintings sculptures, goblets, lithographs and other works. Open 11 to 5, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to Sunday, 633 Beach Street.

ARMANDO AMAYA – Recent Sculptures. Through June 20, Pasquale Inannetti Gallery, 575 Sutter Street.

FRANCES BUTLER – Wood, paper and fabric constructions, Through June 20. Meyer Brier Weiss, Building A, Fort Mason.

JULIE CONNELL – Tapestries. Through June 26. Van Doren 10 Gold Street.

LIA COOK – Recent work. Through June 20. Allrich, 251 Post Street.

MICHAEL KENNA, GEORGE MIYASAKI – Photographs; works on paper. Through June 27 Stephen Wirtz, 345 Sutter Street.

JOHN FRANKLIN KOENIG – Collage, paintings, tapestries. Through June 20. John Pence, 500 Sutter Street.

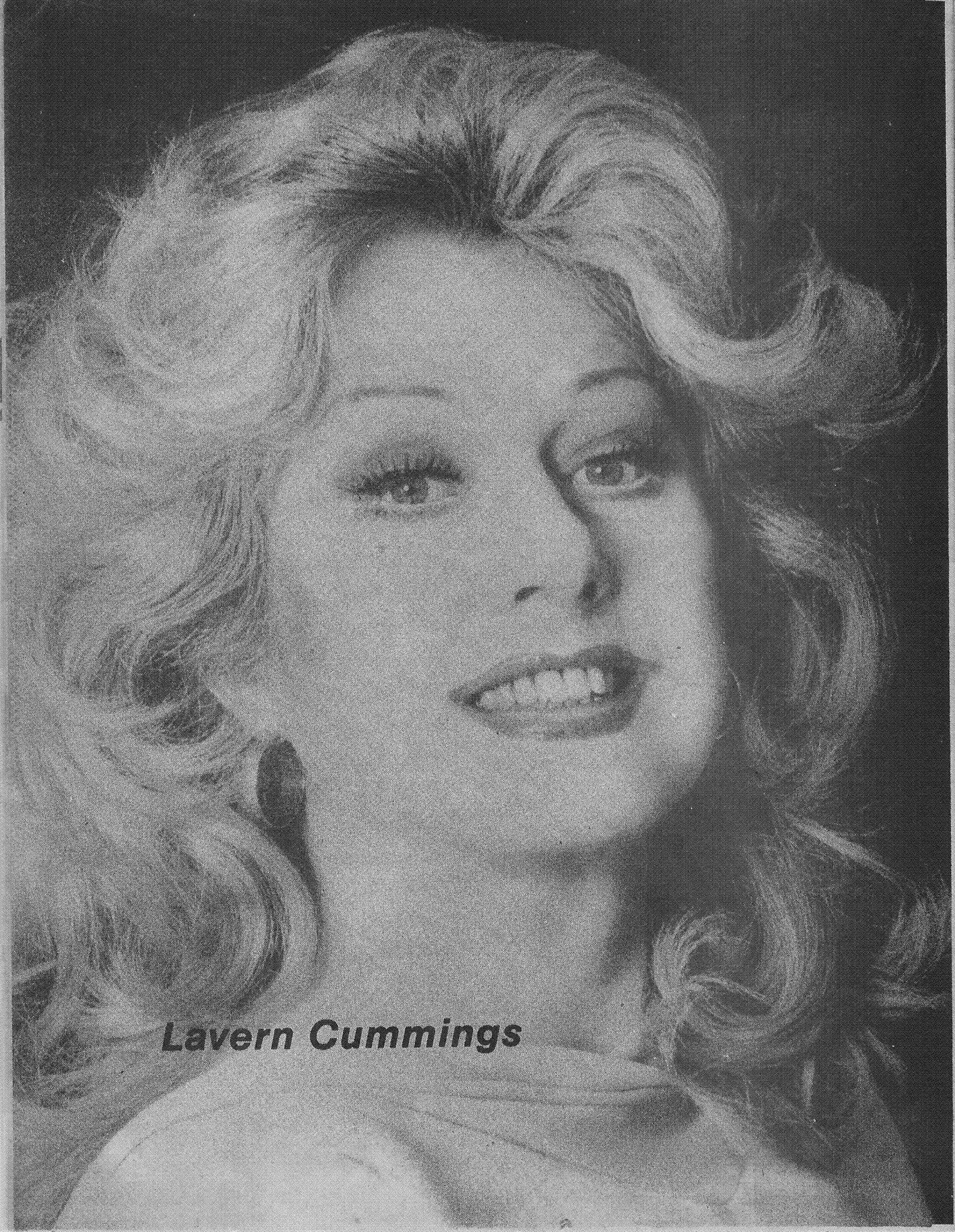
SHERRY SCHRUT – Recent colages and watercolors. Through July 3. Han Baum, 2140, Bush Street.



A Look at the Boys at

finocchio

Outrageous. Zany. Delightful. Choose any adjective and it would apply to this city's institution of more than 45 years: Finocchio. Female impersonation as a craft is ageless. As a form of entertainment the finest of comedy and pathos can be had, note *Some Like It Hot* and *Le Cage de Folle*. In the following page meet the artist of Finocchio's.



Lavern Cummings



Carroll Wallace



Lori Shanon





Florencio De Los Santos