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ment and quick-cutting style establishes the brisk pace of the film within the first few minutes. A lot of information is revealed with the use of montage sequences of the technical and make-up preparations. The viewer is not allowed a chance to get bored. The pace of the film sympathetically reveals the hectic tempo of the production.

The primary concentration of the camera focuses on director Betts. He is seen briefing performers backstage, holding auditions, guiding workshops and supervising the band rehearsals. These events are not ordered chronologically. The various elements are not isolated but are presented as a whole. The inter-cutting of the performance with the various stages of preparations gives the viewer a visual representation similar to that of memory. The film reminded me of my own past experiences with theatrical presentations. Producer, Peter Thomson said such a reaction is quite common with viewers.

Although it is evident that the cast and crew worked very hard, their smiles and laughter pervaded. Jim Betts comes across as a director who was pleasant to work with. **The Show: A Night of Starlight** is an enjoyable film experience, that left this viewer convinced that it was fun to be a part of the musical's production.

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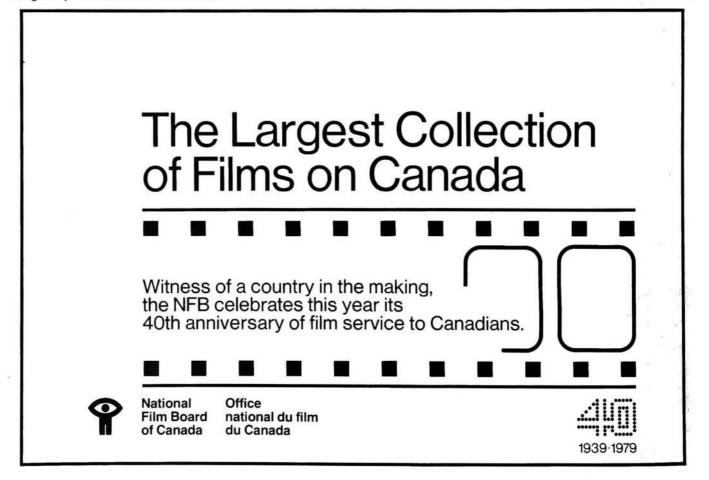
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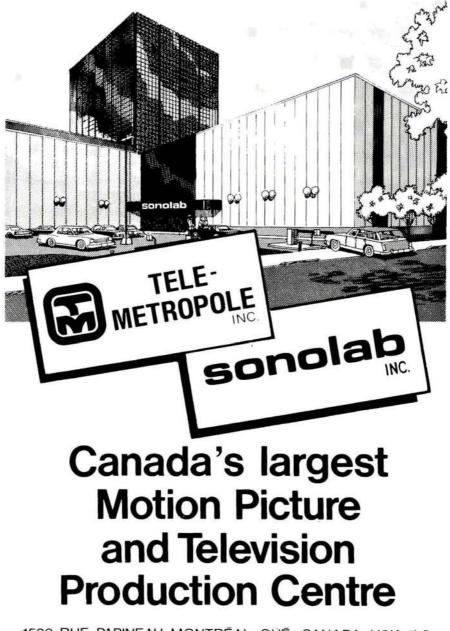
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