

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
GUILD OF UNDERGRADUATES

*(By arrangement with International Light
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presents

FRANCOISE HARDY

also

STEVE BENBOW

and

THE REG WEBB QUARTET

at

BIRMINGHAM TOWN HALL

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1968

8 p.m.

FRANÇOISE HARDY

Françoise was born on January 17th, 1944, in the 9th Arrondissement of Paris. A strict upbringing ensured that she devoted a large amount of time to her studies. She was a brilliant pupil, passing her two baccalaureats with honours, and then going on to take a degree course in German.

In her spare time Françoise learned the guitar and began composing songs. When she was 18, she went to an audition, armed with enough of her own songs to make an entire album. Jacques Wolfsohn, her present Artistic Director, who had heard her sing earlier at the Golf Drouot, a Paris beat club which had given many young singers their first chance, signed her up on the spot.

From that moment, the life of Françoise Hardy was transformed. She abandoned her studies and embarked on a singing career. She was a success almost immediately, but it was the T.V. programme in which she sang her celebrated 'Tous les garçons et les filles,' which really saw her firmly established on the ladder of success.

That was in 1962, and since then not a year has passed without Françoise topping the hit parades of France, America and even Russia. Her recent big successes, 'Autumn Rendez-vous,' like her earlier hits, are songs of great quality with poetic and imaginative lyrics.

Françoise is very much a girl of the sixties. Slim, elegant in mini skirt or white Courreges trouser suit, she drives her Lancia at 120 m.p.h. and has rejuvenated the atmosphere of St. Germain des Prés.

Amiable, natural, cultured and amusing, Françoise Hardy is all of these. Add to this her unique talents as a songwriter and singer, and it is easy to see why she has become France's top international girl singer, sought after by film producers all over the world.

STEVE BENBOW

Steve Benbow is currently enjoying great success as a humorous folk singer, and his recent L.P., 'Steve, of Situations and Predicaments, Benbow,' is selling well.



THE REG WEBB QUARTET

Reg Webb is a member of Birmingham University, at present in the second year of a Social Study course. Only two of the group are at University, the others, Graham Reed and Laurie Scott are professional musicians. The group has played at University functions and in the City, with deserved success.