

CD REVIEW

Sheik cancels concert at USC



DUNCAN SHEIK DAYLIGHT
Duncan Sheik
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

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THE GAMECOCK

Duncan Sheik canceled today's show at the Russell House as of noon yesterday. Sheik will instead be shooting a role in NBC's "American Dreams," a move his management informed the school of at last minute. Sheik has an artistic flair and

25 years of experience in writing music, and it is unfortunate that Columbia will miss his live show.

Years after the success of the single "Barely Breathing" off his self-titled debut album, Sheik has created a portfolio of work worth listening to on his fourth release.

At a time when emo is popular and it's fashionable to sing about being dumped and having your heart crushed, Sheik has written an album full of melodic tunes that are tinged with a mix of folk, rock and pop.

General critical opinion has expressed disappointment with the production — some of the songs overuse reverberation; Sheik sounds better live. But Sheik's smooth voice and guitar playing break through to generate an uplifting mood. This album could launch him back into the mainstream.

He recently finished a tour

with Ben Folds Five, and it's unfortunate that Columbia will not have the pleasure of this man's music for a night.

Raised in the Hilton Head area, Sheik attended Brown University and majored in semiotics. Sheik's interests vary widely; he has a penchant for modern classical musicians such as Steven Reich and female rockers such as Tori Amos and Bjork.

With a girlfriend to inspire him to write songs such as "On a High," Sheik has a lot of good stuff going on.

It's sad that he's not coming. Concerts Commissioner Josh Terry of Carolina Productions said the organization was disappointed in Sheik's management's flippancy. Many others will likely be disappointed as well.

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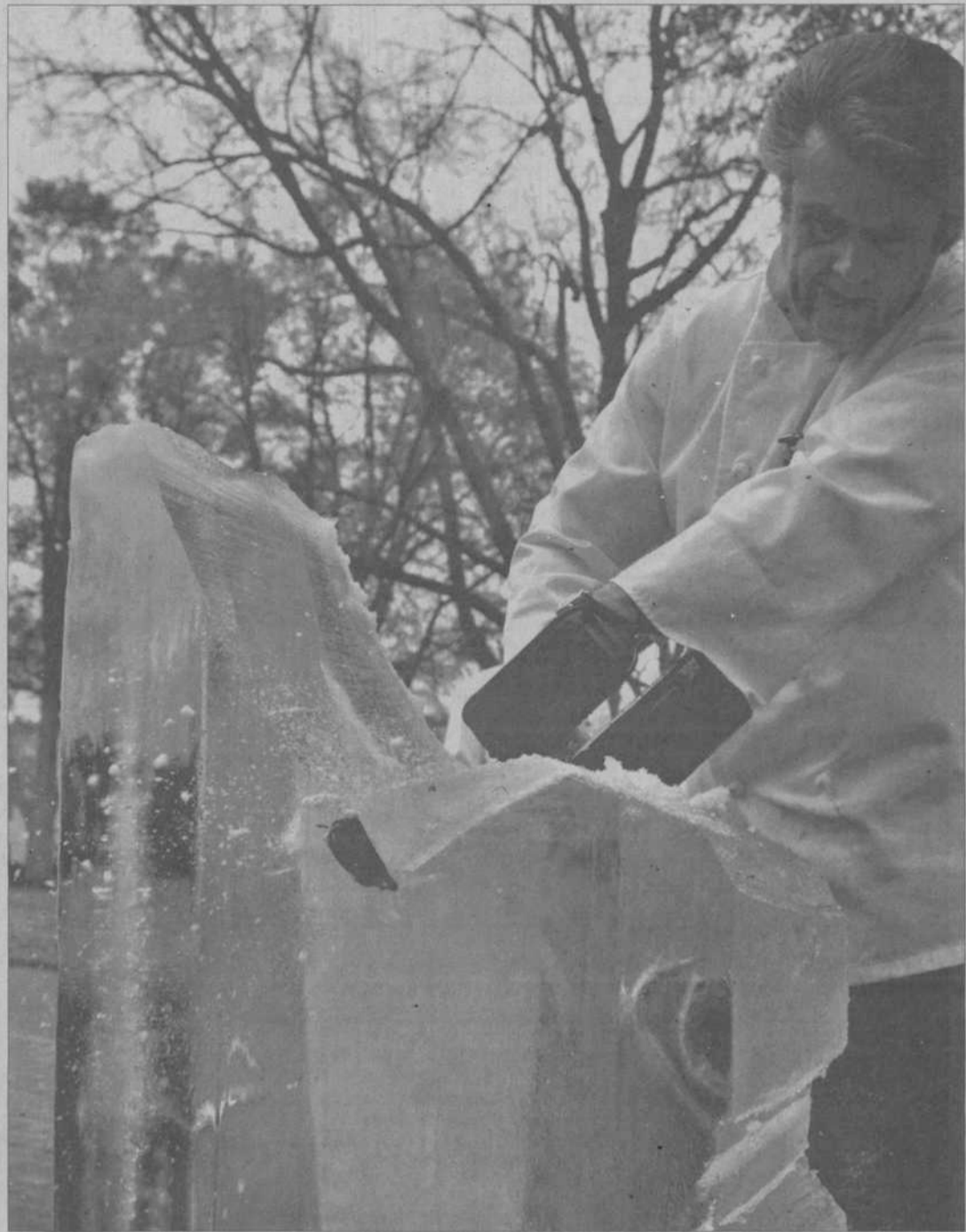


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Jimmie Jameson of Laurel Creek Retirement Home shows the staff of the McCutchen House how to sculpt ice Tuesday on the Horseshoe. Jameson spent about a half-hour sculpting a swan.

YKK

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computer-assisted design, including the first Florida-certified hurricane. A plant in Dublin, Ga., produces super-strong metals for that purpose.

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Blue Cactus

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offers an array of exotic ice cream flavors, including fresh ginger, green tea and Azuki (red bean), all of which are especially smooth and delicious.

Because the Blue Cactus doesn't advertise, Reese said, the clientele is very faithful. (Old patrons will actually call ahead and schedule their plane trips to correspond with the cafe's operating

hours.) This results in a garrulous, friendly atmosphere that's perfect for the patient diner, but definitely not for one who wants to get in, eat and get out in 30 minutes.

The restaurant is open Tuesdays through Fridays for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturdays, it is open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. It's closed Mondays and Sundays. Entrees are \$3.25 to \$8.50.

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In addition to its unique ethnic dishes, the Blue Cactus offers a variety of exotic ice cream flavors such as fresh ginger, green tea and red bean.

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