NOW'S THE TIME

ARCHIVE ON THE MOVE

**BIG PRIZES** are up for grabs in The National Big Band Competition organised by BBC Radio 2. There are prizes for Senior and Junior Bands, Soloists, Composers and Arrangers. Compositions must be original and the winning bands and soloists will be invited to record a broadcast for transmission on Radio 2 next year. Closing date for entries is November 30th and further details can be obtained from Ray Harvey, Producer Radio 2 Music Dept, Rm 405 Western House, London W1A 1AA.

**THE 29TH Belfast Festival at Queen's** has all the regular attractions of an arts festival with a huge selection of opera, dance, film and drama. To accompany Mozart's 200th anniversary there's the best of the German classical tradition with music from Bach to Brahms and jazz from Barbara Dennerlein's Munich-based trio (14). Other jazz attractions include Bobby Watson (12); The Bill Frisell Band (13); Peanuts Hucko and the Anglo American All Stars (15); Sheila Jordan/Claudio Roditi and The Bill Mays Trio (16). The Festival runs from 2–23 November and details can be obtained from Festival Booking Office, 25 College Gardens, Belfast BT9 6BS.

**The First International Film and Television Operas** has awarded Judith Weir's "Heaven Ablaze In His Breast" top prize of $22,500. Both music and libretto were written by Scottish composer Weir around a story based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's complex and disturbing tale "The Sandman."

**African Bluesman** Ali Farka Toure has recently received offers to record with Ry Cooder and to make a film with Taj Mahal. For the moment he's content to finish his UK tour playing Cambridge Exchange (1); Manchester Royton Assembly Hall (2) and Hull The Tower (3).

**Brighton JAZZ Bop '91** features live performances from US vibesman Johnny Lytle and soloists Dianna Brown and Barrie K Sharpe. With guest DJ's The Young Disciples, it's all happenin' on Friday November 22nd. Details from Bax Fe Jazz: 071 644 7552.

**The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** is exposed! Fiona Hawthorne, their first painter-in-residence, exhibits her impressions of the conductors, soloists and players at the Royal Festival Hall till November 17th. The exhibition is open daily from 10am–10pm, admission free.

**Guitarist John McLaughlin** joins Indian percussionist Trilok Gurtu and bassist Dominique Di Piazza to form an acoustic trio. Their only UK appearance is on November 13th at the Royal Festival Hall. Details: 071 928 8800.

**WINNERS!**

**The Winner of our Point Blank Competition** (issue 90) was Sanjiv Sachdev of London SE12. As well as his set of five blues CDs from the Point Blank catalogue he receives a T-shirt and a Point Blank hip flask. The runners-up are too numerous to list but we hope you've all enjoyed your sampler!

The response to our Wild Turkey competition (issue 91) was phenomenal. Despite formidable efforts from many who came up with totals in the high hundreds, there were just a few who managed to break through the one thousand barrier, including John Morton of Lewisham (1,525) and Clive Burrows of Whitchurch (1,160). But one man beat all the competition. We are pleased to announce that the lucky recipient of the superb Wild Turkey leather jacket is Graham Watson of Nottingham. He came up with a staggering 1,737 avian references. For all that effort, you deserve first prize. We wish you well to wear it!