

Their distinctive sound is tighter and even more commercial, with Marty Kristian and Paul Layton being joined by Brian Engel, Caitriona Walsh and Nicola Kerr. The success of the New Seekers is history — the future is assured.

MARTY KRISTIAN

Born May 27 of Latvian parents, Marty's life began in Leipzig, Germany, but his family emigrated to Australia when he was three. There he studied art and architecture before becoming a semi-professional solo artist at the age of 18, having sung with local bands in his spare time. On signing a recording contract and achieving a local hit record, Marty turned professional. Soon afterwards he worked his passage to England, entertaining the passengers on board ship, and was about to join the cast of "Hair" when he auditioned and was accepted as a founder member of the New Seekers.

PAUL LATYTON

Born August 4 in England, Paul appeared in many amateur drama-



tic productions at school, but his professional life as an actor began when he was 13 and appeared in such TV series as "Dixon of Dock Green" and "Emergency Ward 10", and several films including "Beckett" and "I Could Go On Singing". From stage school Paul signed a recording contract as a solo artist, but later moved into the production side of the music business. It was during this time that he was invited to audition for and subsequently join the New Seekers.

BRIAN ENGEL

Another Englishman, Brian was born January 10. From school he went to art college, but although his painting is of great importance

to him, he always wanted to sing. On leaving college, Brian was lead vocalist with several bands, including, in 1969, Mandrake. It was during this period that he began writing songs, and now considers himself primarily as a songwriter. In 1978 Brian joined the New Seekers.

CAITRIONA WALSH

Born March 7, Caitriona is one of Ireland's top session singers. She is also the girl who recently reached number one in the Irish charts with a song recorded to celebrate the Pope's visit to Ireland. Having gained qualifications for teaching music at university, Caitriona worked in cabaret before becoming a session singer. She has represented Ireland several times, the most recent being this year's Eurovision Song Contest when she was part of the Irish team. She is the most recent addition to the New Seekers.

NICOLA KERR

Well known in Ireland for her many appearances in musical stage plays and session work, Nicola was born on April 22. She was lead singer with Chips, then later joined the Swarbriggs plus 2, to represent Ireland in the 1977 Eurovision Song Contest. Before joining the New Seekers earlier this year she was a member of the jazz-based band Stacc, where she met and worked with Caitriona.



Limerick based group, Ravengale, who will be playing at St. John's Pavilion on this Friday: Rory Marshall, Tom McLoughlin, Bryan Healy, Martin Egan and Ger Costelloe.

REFORM, one of Ireland's top groups and whose album, "One For All," was a huge success, will be appearing "live" at St. John's Pavilion on this Friday.

This is Reform's first Limerick gig for some time and they are really looking forward to it. Also appearing on the same bill will be

"Ravengale," who are currently creating ripples in the Irish record industry. They were recently described as the Irish band with the most potential.

The Verbs, an exciting R. and R. band, will complete the night's line-up. A capacity crowd is anticipated for this exciting three band

extravaganza. Doors open at 8.30 and there will be no admission after 10.30 p.m. Helping in the promoting of this gig is Jackie Costelloe, formerly of Grannies Intentions.

Mr. Costelloe informs us that they hope to have regular gigs at St. John's Pavilion. "It will be well run and well organised," he promised.

Greetings

MRS. Dinah Sheehan of the Quarry Players has asked that we convey seasonal greetings on their behalf to their many friends and supporters.

The Quarry Players presented two productions in 1979, both of which proved highly successful at the box-office.

All in all, it was a good year for local groups, with the College Players and Cecilia Musical Society also meeting with a degree of success.

We can look forward to some exciting productions from the above trio in 1980.

Disco

MR. PAT RYAN, of the Two Mile Inn, informs us that they had a big turnout for the opening of their Monday night disco at Poldarks.

"We have a crowded programme over the Christmas — in fact, well into the New Year", said Pat.

John Likely, general manager Royal George, is delighted with the response to Fernando's Night Club, and there will be no let-up at this venue either over the festive period. Mike 'Rave' McNamara has some surprises in store for patrons.

Meanwhile, Che's Night Spot, at the Glentworth, continues to pack them in and is one of the most popular night spots in the region