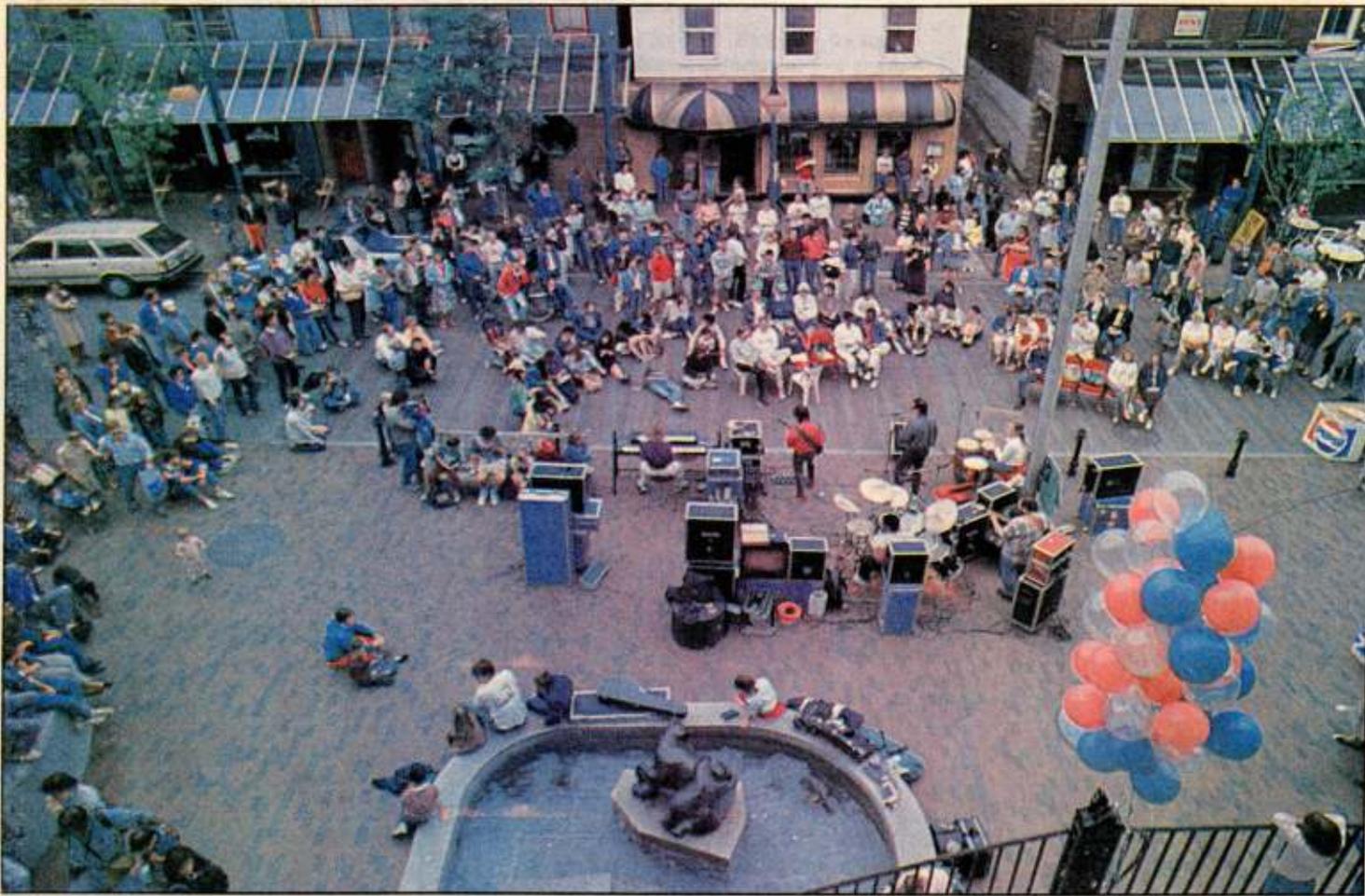


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ALL THAT JAZZ: Arts events, such as last weekend's Discover Jazz Festival, contribute to Burlington's livable environment.

Application for 'best city' award was stacked with city programs

The following are some of the city departments and specific programs which were highlighted in an application submitted by Burlington for an award recognizing the country's most "livable" city with a population under 100,000. Frederick, Md., tied with Burlington for the award.

• **The Mayor's Arts Council:** Cited for its support of festivals and fairs, including the Northgate Festival, North Street Heritage Days, the Riverside Neighborhood Festival, the South End Picnic, the Discover Jazz Festival.

Among the performance and exhibition places mentioned were Contois Auditorium at City Hall, Memorial Auditorium and The Loft, a subsidized rehearsal

space, Battery Park and its Thursday evening concerts.

• **Community and Economic Development:** Noted for its role in the revitalization of the Old North End, the Waterfront Access Study, which was the "basis for improvements to the Burlington waterfront," according to Burlington's application for the award. The Burlington Urban Design Study, which explored "design possibilities for the waterfront," also was included.

• **The Church Street Marketplace Commission:** "The Marketplace often hires both local and out-of-town performers to entertain on the (pedestrian) mall, offering music, comedy, and dance — even poetry readings," Burlington's appli-

cation said.

The Marketplace also sponsors the Church Street Festival of the Arts, a regional crafts show, and some performances of the Discover Jazz Festival.

Other city departments cited for their contributions were: The Mayor's Youth Office for its "City Kids" program; the Burlington Women's Council for its presentation of arts for women; the Department of Arts and Recreation for Summerfun, an arts day camp for children at the Lawrence Barnes Elementary School offered in 1987; and the Fletcher Free Library for its exhibitions of the visual arts as well as its films, videos, slide shows and lectures.