

"MINI" FOLK FESTIVAL THIS WEEK-END

NEIL McCALLUM, promoter of the "folk" show which will be staged on Friday night, November 8, at the H. F. Verwoerd Theatre, told the Advertiser last week that the bill-topping star of the programme, David Marks, recent winner of the 1968 Sari Award for the best song of the year, has written some great new numbers for Springs.

Marks is today regarded as the doyen of contemporary folk music in South Africa, and he will be supported on the programme by a number of other singers who have reached the top rung of the country's folk ladder.

THE CAST

They include the popular team of "Ian and Ritchie" of "Look Across the River" fame, Clem Tholet, who recently cut "With Pen in Hand" and "On the Cold, Cold Side", and Leon of Pretoria, who together with Mike, formed one of the Republic's first great modern folk groups.

Ritchie, of Ian and Ritchie, said that the Springs show is in effect, a "mini" folk festival. "All the

stars will have just completed singing in the national folk festival, which is being staged now in Johannesburg until November 7."

Neil McCallum, who at one stage sang together with David Marks at the Troubadour, Johannesburg, is confident that the show will draw a large crowd of folk enthusiasts, and has decided to hold two performances on Friday night — at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

McCallum himself will sing on the show.

This Saturday (tomorrow), fans will have the opportunity of meeting all the stars at Melody's and getting their autographs.

Booking for the folk show is at Gerry's Radio.



Neil McCallum (left) and Ritchie, of the celebrated Ian and Ritchie folk group examine one of the latest numbers composed by David Marks especially for a "mini" folk festival which will take place at the H. F. Verwoerd Theatre next Friday night.