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Best Bets

Rockin' the Armory with Prince and Friends

Prince

Coming to the D.C. Armory, Sunday, Feb. 13, it's the incomparable, insatiable Prince! Along with special guests Vanity 6 and The Time, Prince will take control of the stage in all his controversial glory, bombarding the audience with his personal brand of musical entertainment.

At only 22 years of age, Prince already has three gold albums to his credit on which he has played every instrument, sung every lead vocal, written every song, art-directed his own photographs, and acted as his own producer. Called "one of the most potentially important catalysts in rock since David Bowie" by **The Los Angeles Times**, and, "The most exciting new star in pop music today," by **Newsweek**, Prince has meshed the soothing ballad with the most sexually blatant subjects and lyrics ever recorded.

Vanity 6, a protegee' group of Prince, will be sharing the bill at the Armory Sunday night: A group of women that have forever shattered radio's sex barrier, the three ladies–Brenda, Vanity and Susan–have tackled a musical turf formerly dominated by men by following the lead of their mentor and issuing some daring and explicit sexual references themselves. Their first release, "Nasty Girls" is an attestment to the fact that the public must be ready.

The Time

And closing out the dynamic trio of performers is **The Time.** With hits like, "Get It Up", "Cool", "777-9311" and "Gigolos Get Lonely Too", The Time have proved that as a headlining rock band, they are here to stay.

Don't miss this musical combination of cool, funk, rock, pop, soul and above all, sensuality when Prince, Vanity 6 and The Time show D.C. how to party, at the Armory, Sunday, Feb. 13. Showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets are $12.

Vanity 6

Celebrate Black History with Mary Carter Smith

Mary Carter Smith

Try mixing your entertainment with a little education as you spend an afternoon and/or evening with Baltimore's own **Mary Carter Smith,** Sunday, Feb. 13 at the **Arena Playhouse,** 801 McCulloh Street.

In celebration of Black History Month, Mary Carter Smith will perform her **"One Woman Show"** featuring a repertoire of folktales, songs, gospel, vaudeville comedy and dance, enlightening us all to the way things were.

This performance is sponsored by New Era Education, Inc., and will also feature the Children of New Era in performance. Mary Carter Smith will take to the stage at 3 PM and 7 PM, while the Children of New Era will perform at the 3 PM matinee only. Donations for the show are $3.50 for children and $7.50 for adults.

It Looks Like Snow in D.C.

Although the groundhog predicted a shortened winter, the D.C. area is in for snow, **Phoebe Snow,** who will be performing for one show only at **The Wax Museum** on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m.

With a style somewhat reminiscient of early Joni Mitchell, Phoebe Snow has a unique vocal elegance that has brought her much deserved recognition and popularity. She first entered the music scene several years ago with the lilting melody of "Poetry Man", which brought her defiantly to the public's eye. Following up with the always beautiful, "Never Letting Go", Phoebe Snow proved her talent was as consistent as her quality. Presently, she has been on the road fighting for the social cause of human rights for children suffering from serious birth defects. Her status as an entertainer has undoubtedly helped the strenuous fight.

Appearing with Phoebe Snow at The Wax Museum will be the favorites of the 60's, **The Persuasions.** Giving up a little of that old street corner harmony for the evening, The Persuasions will complete this special performance.

Try not to miss the tranquility of Phoebe Snow, Thursday, Feb. 17.

Valentine Loving

Photographs by Valerie Smith-Madden
Poetry by Kahlil Gibran, "The Prophet"

Your friend is your need answered.
He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.

Photo by P.A. Greene

...And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.
For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed

...your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.
...And stand together yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

For Men Only: A Guide of Don'ts For Valentine's Day

DON'T: forget that Monday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. Husbands, boyfriends, lovers and good friends, after arriving with gifts in hand on the 16th, 17th or 24th, have been known to receive very little affection on this lover's holiday.

DON'T: forget to buy her something, anything. The wise man began shopping the last week of January instead of rushing out to Rite Aid Sunday night for that last half-opened box of chocolates.

DON'T: send her the same card you sent her last year, or the same one you sent your mother, or the same one you sent your last girlfriend. Somehow, someway, she will know.

DON'T: confuse the tastes of the various women you are seeing. Don't buy that peek-a-boo nighty for bible school teacher Ruth and give a dozen long-stemmed roses to delirious discoing Delilah.

DON'T: try that "Back to Basics" man approach, claiming not to be into society's rituals of Valentine's Day. She won't go for it.

DON'T: forget that practicality has absolutely nothing to do with Valentine's Day. You are expected to spare no expense and/or creativity to show the woman you love that you really do. Regardless if you are unemployed, uninspired or temporarily unconscious.