Best Bets

THEATRE

Living Stage

Once a year, Living Stage, the outreach theatre company of Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., offers performances for the general public. This year the company will present two weekends of performances, May 30 and 31, and June 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Living Stage Theatre. The plays are entitled "Images" and "Longstreet." For further information, call (202) 554-9066.

"The Mikado"

Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" will be presented by the Hilton Musical Company on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. The performance will be held in the Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Catonsville Community College. For further information, please call 455-4508.

"Beyond Therapy"

The Spotlighters Theatre will be presenting Christopher Durang's comedy, "Beyond Therapy." It will open on June 6 and will run through June 29. For information, call 752-1225.

EXHIBITS

The Waters Art Gallery

Renaissance To Rococo: Italian Paintings from the Walters Collection will be on display until August 17. The exhibit includes more than 40 masterworks from the permanent collection of Italian works.

Silver Treasure From Early Byzantium: This exhibition will be on display until August 17. For further information about special exhibits call 547-9000.

"Blacks in the U.S. Congress"

An exhibit presented by the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum will be on display through June 15. The exhibit, entitled "Blacks in the U.S. Congress," consists of lithographs which date from 1870 through 1983. For further information, call 523-1208.

Visual Artist Alliance

The Visual Artist Alliance of Howard County will hold its annual Spring Show at Slayton Rouse Gallery in Columbia, MD. The exhibit will be on display at the Rouse Gallery through June 16. For further information, call 543-3636.

"Enoch Pratt's World"

Photographs, memorabilia, documents, and newspaper articles recreate the life and times of the founder of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. "Enoch Pratt's World: A centennial Exhibition," will be on display at the Central branch through December of 1986. For further information, call 396-5494.

Montpelier Sculpture Exhibition

Ralph Baney is the featured artist of the Seventh Annual Montpelier Invitational Sculpture Exhibition. The exhibition will be on display in the Main Gallery of the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center from June 9-August 22. The public is invited to meet with the artist at a reception on June 13 at 7 p.m. For further information, call 953-1993.

CONCERTS

BSO Concert Series

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on Saturday, May 31 at 8:15 p.m. "Pops" Series with Catherine Comer, conducting, will feature the music chosen in the audience poll which was taken on March 29. For more information, call 727-7300.

"Music of the Black American Composer"

"Music of the Black American Composer" will be the topic of a concert to be held on June 7 at the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institute. The historical review is conducted by Eilleen Southern, Professor of Music, Harvard University. Different performing artist will be included in this concert which begins at 3 p.m. One of the featured groups is The Morgan University Singers, with Nathan Carter directing. For further information, casll (202) 357-4176.

O'Jays and Jerry Butler

P.B.S. Promotions will present "The Black Family Reunion Show and Dance" featuring the sounds of the O'Jays and Jerry Butler, on Friday, May 30 at the Fifth Regiment Armory. For further information please call 366-1400.

Capitol City Jazz Festival

The second annual Capitol City Jazz Festival will mount three days of music and special events in the nation's capitol on June 5, 6 and 7. Performing artists include Shirley Horn, McCoy Tyner, Tito Puente, Little Jimmy Scott and a host of others. Please contact Festival Information centers by calling (202) 832-4274 to inquire about times and specific events as well as locations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Adopt-A-House" Day

Adopt-A-House, Inc., will hold its annual "Adopt-A-House Day" at Pimlico Race Course on Saturday, May 31. The day will begin with a luncheon in the Triple Crown Room. With the luncheon, patrons will receive admission to the race course. For further information, call 235-6721.

Bed and Breakfast Inns

The Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA) will host the last of the "Bawlamer Walks" series on Saturday, May 31 with a walking tour of Bed and Breakfast Inns. Included in the walking will be Shirley House, Governing House, Society Hill Hotel and Amanda's Bed and Breakfast Inn. For further information, call 539-1369.

Lexington Market

Lexington Market will mark its 204 years of operation with a celebration of living history. "Lexington Market: Taste of the Past; Flavor of the Future" will get underway on June 2 and will run through June 7 with a series of different events occurring throughout the week. For further information, call 837-4636.

"All Nations Festival"

Baltimore's "All Nations Festival" will be held on Friday, May 30, Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1 at Festival Hall. Three day event will mark the kick-off of weekend ethnic festivals held throughout the summer. The event is seeking specialty entertainment and vendors, symbolic of the native countries, to participate in the festivities. Interested participants may call 396-3174 for additional information.

School No.33 - Art Center

School No.33 Art Center is now accepting applications for exhibition for the 1986-87 gallery season. Artists may apply in one of two ways: As an individual or as a group. Applications must be received at School No. 33 no later than June 15. For more details, call 396-4641.

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Charles Stewart (center) directs the Reach Ensemble in "Mama, I Want To Sing," opening June 3 and running thru June 15 at the Lyric Opera House. Call 625-4230 for more information.

O'Jays headline the Black Family Reunion Show

PBS promotions will be presenting "The Black Family Reunion Show And Dance" featuring the soulful sounds of the O'Jays and Jerry Butler on Friday, May 30.

On vinyl or on stage, the O'Jays have energy to spare. They have been putting the "Message In The Music" for almost 30 years. The O'Jays list of hits reads like an all-time R&B Top 40. Such hits include: "One Night Affair," "Back Stabbers," "For The Love Of Money," and "Love Train" just to name a few.

Also appearing with the O'Jays will be the "Ice Man," Jerry Butler. His cool refreshing sound can be remembered by such hits as "Your Precious Love" which he recorded with the Impressions. Song like "Only the Strong Survive," "Never Gonna Give You Up," "Moon River," and "Ain't Understanding Mellow" have made Jerry Butler a legend in music history.

An extra added attraction will include appearances by Baltimore's own Softones, Curtis "How Can I Tell Her" Anderson, and Pamela Jones.

Part of the proceeds from the Black Family Reunion will be donated to The Black Family Plan, founded by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, the Men's Resources Center of Bethel A.M.E. Church and the NAACP.

Tickets for the Black Family Reunion Show and Dance are on sale now. Prices are $15.50 in advance, and $17.50 at the door. Group sales and table reservations are also available. For additional information call 366-1400.

Noontime Concert Features West African Music and Dance

Djimo Kouyate together with Akua Femi Kouyate and Djiby Traore will perform West African music and dance for the third free noontime concert of the American Folklife Center's Outdoor Concert Series at the Library of Congress on Thursday, June 5.

The Concert will be held from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the Library's Neptune Plaza. The 1986 Outdoor Concert Series marks the 10th Anniversary of the American Folklife Center's free noontime concerts on the Neptune Plaza.

Djimo Kouyate, born in Dianna, Senegal, is descended from the Kouyate family of **griots,** oral historians. He maintains the verbal art of his ancestors while playing the **kora,** a 21-string bridged harp, **balafon** similar to the xylophone), and drums. Mr. Kouyate will sing and tell stories of his people. His wife, Akua Femi Kouyate, and Djiby Traore will accompany the program with dances.

For more than 20 years Djimo Kouyate has delighted audiences in Eruope, North and South America, Australia, and Africa with his talents as a performer of traditional African music and dance. As one of the original members of the National Ballet of Senegal, Djimo Kouyate served the company diligently as principal dancer, musician, stage manager, and lighting designer.

Presently Djimo Kouyate makes his residence in Washington, D.C., where he directs the Memory of African Culture Performing Dance Company. Djimo Kouyate's rich performances convey the history, music, and lore of West Africa.



Bonnie Matthews Butler
Meanderings and Meditation

The contest held recently to win the chance to "Rap" with The **Fat Boys, The Force M.D.'s, Kurtis Blow** and **The Jets,** has come to a close and as promised, it is now time to reveal the winners.

Before we do that, however, we would like to congratulate each and everyone of you who responded.

Your entries were creative and intelligently written.

Unfortunately, everyone couldn't be a winner, but, keep your eyes glued to these pages this summer, for we plan more contests and more prizes in the days and months ahead.

So, without further delay, listed below are the lucky winners.

One thing though, the winner of the chance to meet **The Jets,** didn't make his/her name legible but since the letter was the best, the judges awarded him/her the prize. Only the address will be listed so get in touch with us as soon as you read this.

In fact, all of the lucky winners must contact our office no later than Wednesday, June 4 so we can tell you how to claim your prizes.

So, once more, here are the winners:

The **Fat Boys** winner is:
Stacey Carter
2932 Fairview Rd.

The **Kurtis Blow** winner is:
Thomas Pointer
1310 E. 35th St.

The **Jets** winner is:
2435 W. North Ave.

Runners-up and winners of two tickets each are:
Darlene Sims
2647 Rayner Ave.

Tonya Batty
2121 W. Lexington St.

Marlene Johnson
2616 Pierpont St.

Leonard Lyles
900 Appleton St.

Our spies tell us that the Larry Dean Memorial Fund benefit held recently was a qualified success even though there were some problems. I'll get to that in a minute. But first, the good news.

The Fund awarded a $500 scholarship to Phyllis Hyman, the communications' student at Morgan State University who also can be heard on WEAA Radio. Phyllis is planning to continue her education at Howard University.

Also, according to Greer Dean, Executive Director of the Fund, all of the entertainment appeared gratis which enabled the Fund to meet all of its expenses.

Now for the not so good news. The air conditioner at Godfrey's Famous Ballroom was broken and the place was h-o-t! It was so uncomfortable, according to Mrs. Dean, most of the people left.

But those who stayed to hear Mary Wilson got a real treat for this lady really put on a show the audience won't forget for a long time.

Mrs. Dean also informed us that the Fund was gearing up to award a scholarship to a deserving high school student around September or October.

We'll keep you posted.

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The Budweiser Superfest, which opens at RFK Stadium on Saturday, June 14 will be minus **Freddie Jackson** as previously announced.

Jackson, who was slated to perform on the show, will be in the studio and will not appear on any of the Superfest dates.

Still scheduled to appear are **Patti LaBelle, Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly, New Edition, Ashford And Simpson, Colonel Abrams, Cherrelle** and **Alexander O'Neal.**

Tickets for the show are $25, $22 and $20 and are available at the usual concert locations around Baltimore, Annapolis and D.C.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and the concert begins at 1 p.m.

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Don't forget to make your calendars for the Big Father's Day Gospel Salute being hosted by WEBB Charities on Sunday, June 15 at the Baltimore Civic Center.

Shirley Caesar and the **Caesar Singers** will headline the show along with **Willie Neal Johnson** and the **Gospel Keynotes, Paul Peasley** plus **The Sensational Nightingales** and **The King Choral Ensemble.**

For more information call 358-9661 or 566-9200.

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Children who do well in school this June may get something more than just a good mark on their report card.

They may win a chance to be **Lionel Richie's** guest at one of his upcoming summer concerts.

According to the Howard Bloom Organization, Richie's public relations' firm, in communities on Lionel's tour route, students at schools that are part of the Cities in Schools program will be eligible.

Those who achieve a B average or better, who have a perfect attendance record from May 1 to the end of the school year, and who avoid any disciplinary problems with school or juvenile authorities will be eligible to win free tickets, a tour jacket, backstage passes to his show and a chance to meet and have a picture taken with Lionel.

More information on this as soon as it becomes available.

"Theatre of Nations" Festival

Volunteers are now being recruited to work for the twentieth biennial "Theatre of Nations," a world event being hosted in the City of Baltimore from June 15 through June 29 at several locations. Volunteers will sell tickets, usher at the performances, act as house managers, etc. Persons interested in becoming involved in this event as a volunteer should call 625-4270.

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