SHOWTIME

Dream comes true for contest winner

Photo by Donnie Green

Mrs. Stephanie Scott (right), winner of the "Take Me Backstage" contest held recently shows a copy of her winning entry to musician George Duke after his recent appearance at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. Looking on at the left is her husband Irvin.

By Bonnie Matthews Butler

"My dream has come true," exclaimed **Stephanie Scott** upon hearing that she had won the "Take Me Backstage" contest in conjunction with the **Philip Bailey, Patti Austin** and **George Duke** concert held Sunday at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall.

"I live on the 'outskirts' of Union Bridge, Md., which is a small town in Frederick County (born and raised) and only get the opportunity to see concerts as 'specials' on television. So, seeing three great performers like **Patti Austin, Philip Bailey** and **George Duke** would be a dream come true," Stephanie wrote in her winning letter.

And we did all that we could to ensure Stephanie and her husband Irvin a good time.

We arrived at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall just as **George Duke** was beginning his performance. **Duke** started the show with his latest hits including the tune "It's Gonna Be Special."

Patti Austin's segment included such hits as "One Loving Women," "The Heat Of Heat" and her newest single "Honey For The Bee."

Philip Bailey came on while Patti was into her last number. He then launched into songs from his album "The Chinese Wall," as well as the Earth, Wind And Fire tune "Reasons."

Then it was time to go backstage and meet the artists.

Patti Austin had left immediately after her set but **George Duke** and **Philip Bailey** graciously greeted us, signed autographs and posed for pictures with our lucky contest winner.

As we were leaving the Hall, we heard Stephanie exclaim, "Wow!" That pretty much sums up the evening.

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Philip Bailey (center) poses with Stephanie Scott (left) and Irvin Scott backstage after his recent performance.

Salute to Mickey Fields comes off without a hitch

By Bonnie Matthews Butler

The 1986 Jazz Summerfest and salute to musician **Mickey Fields** came off without a hitch last Saturday. The event, one of the largest locally produced musical and charitable festivals in the city, drew over 2,000 jazz and **Mickey Fields** lovers from around the state.

Activities got started around 12 noon when **Carlos Johnson** and a host of musicians took to the stage to begin what become one of the largest assemblies of local musicians in the city this year.

One by one, the musicians took their turn at whaling away without the slightest bit of ego. Every musician got a turn to solo on his instrument. This made for some pretty fantastic sounds.

While the crowd was getting their crabs, visiting the vendors and working their grills, vocalists came to the stage to offer their array of musical styles.

Then it was time for the guest of honor to get his due. First to present an award was **Rosa Pryor**, Coordinator of the entertainment for the Jazz Festival. Rosa had arranged for a wood clock with Mickey's picture on it as a reminder of the Summerfest.

Marie Henderson brought greetings from the City Council President and **Kweisi Mfume** came with greetings from all members of the City Council.

"I didn't know so many people cared," Mickey gushed as he received award after award for his many contributions to the community.

It was then time for another group to jam again and jam they did for it was nonstop music until it got dark.

Alot of organizations will benefit from the successful event including the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Campaign, which is held each year to help families who have a hard time making ends meet have a nice Christmas holiday.

A real treat occurred at the end of the evening when Mickey graced the piano and Shirley took the microphone. Watching this brother and sister team doing a couple of numbers was sheer fun. Shirley, always the clown on stage and Mickey pumping her up with his chords.

Those who helped make the Summerfest the success that it was are: **Dr. Lousie Johnson, Rosa Pryor, Violet Lindsey, Lloyd Henry Jones, Daisy Reeder, Dell Edwards, Ronald Warfield, Robert Lindsey, Carlos Johnson, Lenore Kelly, Amelia Peete, May Roney, Jerry Roney, Biddy Woods, Gloria Jones, Ernest Womble, Willie Scott, William Wilkerson, Brigitte Nash, Ruth Jefferies,** and Coppin State College.

Among the musicians who participated were: **John Lampkin, Johnny Polite, Lady Rebecca, Shirley Fields,** sister of the honoree, **Sir Thomas Hurley, Dave Ross, Marshall Booze, Andy Ennis, Rick Johnson, Fuzzy Kane, Earl O'Maro** and **Tiny Tim Harris,** just to name a few.

The organizers promise even more fun and music next year. We're looking forward to it.

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Fun, sun, jazz and crabs were just some of the activities on the minds of the crowd who came to the Tribute to Mickey Fields at the Jazz Summerfest '86 held recently at the Forest.

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Over 2,000 people ventured to the Forest in Glen Burnie, Maryland last Saturday to salute jazz musician Mickey Fields at the 1986 Jazz Summerfest '86.

More AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon Teams

The Jays: Bryant Chase, Melvin Butler, Troy Beckwith, Rick Ridgely, Charles Pratt, Danny Davis, Gerald Bussie, Charles Falline, Wayne Wright, and not pictured are Ben Stanley and Darrin Bullock.

Well's Jolly Jacks: Joe Merryman, Vance Tyree, Algie Harper, Wayne Manuel, Ray Simmons, Wayne Randall, Moto Matthews, Steve McNill, David Carroll, Jake Aldridge, Michael Portee, Joe Hunter, George Wilkerson, Leslie Dennis, Jerry Smith, Richard Arthur.

Local #333: Ted Taylor, kenneth Powell, Christopher Richardson, Michael Williams, Jarvis Page, Henson Rodney, Jerome Lawson, Earl Black, Paul B., James, Sr., Thorton Aubrey and Albert Lawson.

Sabers: Cynthia Hinton, Robert Smith, Michael Chisholm, Raymond Hinton, Quinnard Jones, Michael Carpenter, Boo-boo Long, John Fowler, Avery Mason, Kevin Gambrill, Calvin Whiting, Nathan Thomas, Bruce Murray, Jerry Pitt, Curtis Logan, Kevin Bowman, Oliver Stern (not pictured).

Night Hawks: Tina LaRicci, Patricia Wheeler, Teresa Mosby, Linda Butler, Jerri McDaniel, Marnetta Ray, Patricia Mincy, Glinda Conway, and Frances Gibson.

William T. Burnett: Jerry Towson, Reginald Nixon, Chip Sheppard, Jr., Eddie Johnson, Bob Preller, Wilbert Smith, Troy Harris, Frank Moore, Ken Norton, Tracy Johnson, and Fred Parker.

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