This Weekend

BALTIMORE

The third presentation in Summer Season '35 at the **Arena Playhouse,** 801 McCulloh Street, will be Barbara Molette's **Perfect Fifth,** the third prize winner in WMAR's 1988 Black Drama Contest.

The script which has been adapted for the stage by Mrs. Molette, speaks to the explosive situation caused by the South African government policy of apartheid.

The play will be presented on weekends, Thursday through Sunday, August 4-7.

The play runs Aug. 11-14 as well.

Curtain is at 8:30 on Thursday and Friday and 7:30 on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are available. Call 728-6500 or 728-9303.

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The **Budweiser Superfest** comes to the **Baltimore Arena** on Sunday, August 7th. The show is scheduled to include Freddie Jackson, The Deele, Stephanie Mills, Tena Marie, and the Force M.D.'s. For more information, call (301) 481-6000.

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On August 5, 6, and 7, the **Northwest Superfest** takes place between Reisterstown Road and Woodland Avenue,

Grover Washington, Jr.

Stacy Lattisaw

at the **Lucille Playfield.** It is a free outdoor event.

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Perfect Combination" — a local group, will be performing at the Inner Harbor's Amphitheatre Friday. August 5, 1988 from 4-6 p.m. It is located between the two pavilions. They also perform August 11 and 20 from 5-8 p.m. at the same location.

WASHINGTON

The new gospel musical, **"Abyssinia,"** based on a novel by **Joyce Carol Thomas** and directed by **Tazewell Thompson** will begin August 5 and runs through September 14 at Arena Stage.

For tickets and information, call the box office at 202-488-3300. Arena Stage is located at 6th and Maine Avenue, S.W.

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The **National Theater** presents evenings full of enjoyment for the summer.

Dianne Reeves
AFRAM Sunday

The musical. **"Ain't Misbehavin,' " with performances by Nell Carter** and **Andre DeShields** will run through August 6.

For ticket and showtime information, call (202) 628-6161. National Theatre is located at 1321 Pennsylvania Ave., North, N.W.

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The **Carter Barron Amphitheater,** located at 4520 Colorado Avenue, N.W., continues its 36th season with a festive lineup.

On August 6th, jazz artist **Stanley Clarke** performs along with the group **Bridges.**

August 7th features an evening of enjoyment with **Miki Howard** and the group **Ovations.**

LANDOVER

George Michael will perform to sold-out crowds August 6th and 7th at the **Capital Centre** in Landover. This is the first stop in America

The Force M.D.'s are scheduled to appear at the Bud Superfest, Aug. 7.

of his "Faith" tour which will feature songs from the "Faith" album.

BALTIMORE — A free outdoor festival is scheduled to happen August 5 through the 7. The Northwest Superfest will occur everyday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

The superfest will take place at Lucille Playfield at Reisterstown and Woodlawn Roads. The festival will feature special guest, **Gil Scott-Heron.**

The festivities will include a gospel music contest, arts and crafts, jazz, reggae, and great food.

Call (301) 532-9158 for more information about Gil Scott-Heron.

Gil Scott Heron

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Coming Soon

BALTIMORE, MD

On August 12th, **WJZ-TV 13 Harborlights Music Festival** presents a **"Quiet Storm"** featuring sultry songstress **Phyllis Hyman,** jazz trio **Pieces of a Dream, Bill Withers (Lean On Me)** and saxophonist **Gerald Albright** for two shows at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The legendary **Ray Charles** makes a special appearance on Friday, August 19th at 8 p.m.

Call the Pier Six Box Office at (301) 727-5580.

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The **Arena Players'** 35th summer schedule is underway. The Playhouse is located at 801 McCulloh St. Curtain is 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sundays.

"Living Fast," a comedy classic is being presented August 28th through August 31st.

For tickets call (301) 728-6500.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fort Dupont Park, located at Minnesota Avenue and Randle Circle, S.E., offers many free concerts this summer on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. Call 202-426-7723 for more information.

Roy Ayers (Ubiquity) and the **Persuasions** appear on August 5th and 6th.

On August 12th and 13th, **Hank Crawford, Jimmy McGriff, Henry Butler,** and **Shirley Horn** perform.

Donald Byrd brings his **Quintet** along with **Richie Cole** and **Alto Madness** on August 19th and 20th.

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Vocalist **Billy Eckstine** will sing Thursday, August 11th through Sunday, August 14th.

For reservations, call Blues Alley, Wisconsin Ave. below M Street, at (202) 337-4141.

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Jazz singer **Diane Schuur** will dazzle her audience with her three-and-one-half octave range on August 26th along with the **Count Basie Orchestra.**

For more information, call the center at (202) 254-3776.

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On Aug. 23rd, the vocal group **The Orioles,** celebrate their 40th year together. They will be held at the **John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.** Proceeds are given to Washington for the redevelopment of the **Howard Theater.**

For more information, call (703) 237-9500 or (202) 667-2401.

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AFRAM: Baltimore ethnic festival begins

BALTIMORE — Afram, the exciting annual African - American Festival whose diverse activities lure, 80,000 visitors to Festival Hall and adjoining grounds, will add its magnetic charm to the Inner Harbor again on Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7.

Among the festival highlights are a twilight parade, 10-K Race, family fitness run, colorful exhibits, special children's activities, national and local entertainment, gospel music, and a galaxy of vendors selling arts, crafts and ethnic foods.

The festival officially opens at noon on Friday at Festival Hall. Scheduled to participate in the ceremony are members of the City Council, civic leaders and members of the Afram Committee. Opening day visitors will be treated to a preview performance by Baltimore's talented youth.

The traditional Afram Luncheon, preceding the opening, takes place on Thursday, August 4 at the Sheraton-Harbor Hotel. Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and hundreds of distinguished guests are expected to attend.

As this year's Afram theme focuses on blacks in medicine, outstanding Baltimore physicians will be recognized.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, the internationally acclaimed pediatric neurosurgeon from Johns Hopkins Hospital, will deliver the main address. Three Baltimore City high school students will receive AT&T academic scholarships.

Popular trio LeVert will perform its latest hits on the Miller High Life Sound Express, Saturday, August 6, at the AFRAM Festival, on Pratt and Howard Streets.

There's a hot sound coming to the **AFRAM** Festival in Baltimore — the Miller High Life Sound Express, with top national artists, **LeVert, Miki Howard,** and **Stacy Lattisaw.**

For the second year, the Miller High Life Sound Express, will roll into the AFRAM festival, on Pratt and Howard Streets, Saturday, August 6, from noon to 8 p.m.

"People will again be able to enjoy some of the hottest national perform artists at live concerts in their own neighborhoods this summer," said Jacqueline Holloway, marketing coordinator for Miller.

Headlining the Baltimore concert will be the popular trio **LeVert.** The group's single, "Sweet Sensation," reached No. 4 in April after only 11 weeks on Billboard's black charts.

LeVert's latest album, "The Big Throwdown," was a No. 1 hit on the black charts in 1987 and has been in the rankings for more than 43 weeks.

The groups's hit single, "Cassanova," from "The Big Throwdown," reached No. 1 on the black charts in August, 1987.

Popular rhythm-and-blues vocalist **Miki Howard** also will perform at the concert. "That's What Love Is," Howard's popular duet with Gerald Levert of LeVert, has been on the charts for 15 weeks.

"Love Confessions," another popular single, reached No. 15 in June on the black charts and has been in the rankings for 31 weeks.

"Come Share My Love" is her 1987 album with hit singles "Imagination" and "Come Back To Me Lover."

Also appearing at the concert will be popular **R&B** vocalist **Stacy Lattisaw.** "Let Me Take You Down," Lattisaw's popular love ballard from her second album, rose to No. 19 in June after only nine weeks on the black charts.

"Personal Attention," her popular second album, climbed to No. 47 in June after 18 weeks on the black charts.

Holloway said proceeds from

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AFRAM 10-K RACE

On Sunday, August 7, 1988, the Annual African-American Festival (AFRAM) 10-K race will be held.

This year the 10-K run will be bigger and better than ever with over $2,000 in money and prizes being awarded and over seven (7) catagories of potential winners.

The 6.2 mile race will begin at Festival Hall at 7:30 a.m. winds, through scenic Inner Harbor to Fort McHenry and back.

Each registered participant will receive a free T-shirt. Special prizes will be given to the first 200 persons to sign up.

This year, the 10-K run has added something special for the beginning runner or persons wishing to test their running skills—The Seven-Up, one mile fitness run.

This race will begin at 7:45 a.m. from Festival Hall to Key Highway and back.

Bring your friends, family and running shoes for some good exercise and fun at the 10-K run where everyone is a winner.

Register now. Applications are available at all running goods stores or by calling 396-4320. There are entry and registration fees.

Activities for children

Afram, one of the largest ethnic festivals, will be held at Festival Hall, at the Inner Harbor Friday, August 5th through Sunday, August 7th. This year's theme is "Afram Salutes Blacks in Medicine."

The focus of the Children's Activity Booth this year will be to stimulate creativity, self expression, and learning through developmental activities. Saturday is children's day.

Special activities include a spectacular magic production, a creative dance specialist, and an African folklorist.

However, a children's booth will be maintained throughout the festival. Activities within the booth will include computers with challenging software, science experiments, arts and crafts, a safety worksheet/coloring page.

The booth will be supervised by trained and experienced day care staff and will operate from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. throughout the three-day weekend.

Schedule of AFRAM EVENTS

Friday, August 5th
12:00 Noon
Stage 1
Main Stage
Opening Ceremony
1:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Classic Revue
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Cultural Arts Dancers
3:00
Stage 2
Sound Express
DELILAH
3:45
Stage 1
Main Stage
AXYS
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Christy Coleman
4:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
Relative Theory
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Youth Dev. Fashions
5:15
Stage 1
Main Stage
Dating Games - Sandy Mallory
Stage 2
Sound Express
Dating Games - Sandy Mallory
6:15
Stage 1
Main Stage
Chazz
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Cynthia Audrey & Trio
7:00
Stage 2
Sound Express
Mainstream
7:45
Stage 1
Main Stage
Little Benny & the Masters
8:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
Tracey Hamlin & the Urban League Project
Saturday, August 6, 1988
12:00 Noon
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Mary Carter Smith
1:00
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Olu Fumalayo Jomo-Johnson
2:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Tilt
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Amazing Josini
2:45
Stage 1
Main Stage
Cynthia Audrey
3:00
Stage 1
Main Stage
Iron Gents
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Montego Magic Production
3:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
Karen Brown
4:45
Stage 1
Main Stage
Velvet Anderson Fashions
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
ComminTime
5:30
Stage 2
Sound Express
Vernon Jones
6:15
Stage 1
Main Stage
Stratus
Stage 3
Inside Festival Hall
Do-Dat-Drama Troop
7:00
Stage 2
Sound Express
Stacy Lattisaw

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