This Weekend

BO DIDDLEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

That all-time favorite, PIECES OF A DREAM, are currently in performance for a four-day engagement at Blues Alley in Georgetown, September 7 through 11, for information, call (202) 337-4141. Look for them in Baltimore's Blues Alley at month's end.

THE OHIO PLAYERS, long lost for almost eight years, have finally found their way back to the East Coast with an evening performance date at The Ibex, 5832 Georgia Ave., N.W., on September 9. Call (202) 726-1800 for details. Their new album is entitled (appropriately enough) "Back."

Jimmy McGriff

The King of Showtunes, BOBBY SHORT, can be seen on September 10 at 8 p.m., at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, Performing Arts Center, for ticket info: 279-5301.

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And a weekend of Kings it is when Club Kilamanjaro proudly presents the master of reggae music, DENNIS BROWN, in concert for one performance only on September 10. Kilamanajaro is located at 1724 California St., N.W. For other information, call (202) 328-3838.

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Night Club 9:30, 930 F St., N.W., will feature Bo Diddley on September 10 also. Call (202) 393-0930 for time and details. Look out D.C., this weekend's hot!

BALTIMORE

Baltimore's offering is the

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BALTIMORE

PHYLLIS HYMAN, a top-notch lady in our entertainment book, will once again grace the stages of Baltimore as she single-handedly kicks off the grand opening of Baltimore's own Blues Alley. After a gala VIP performance, Phyllis will entertain the public beginning September 15-18. The Club, situated at 1225 Cathedral St., will mirror most things from its D.C. parent, such as atmosphere, food, smaller tables, steeper prices and even some bookings. Call (301) 837-2288 for availability and details. The line-up through November is something to behold, so be prepared to reach down deep and reserve your special place to watch the stars go by.

Billed as the best kept secret in jazz, song stylist TERI THORNTON and FRIENDS, will be featured by the Left Bank Jazz Society on Sunday, September 25 at 5 p.m., at Coppin State College's Tawes Center Ballroom, 2500 W. North Ave. Teri, a vocalist-pianist and arranger-composer, is joined by Doug Lawrence, tenor; Reuben

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SWEET HONEY In the ROCK

PHYLLIS HYMAN

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SHOWTUNES, JAZZ, REGGAE AND POP COVER ALL THE BASES

By Penny S. Demps

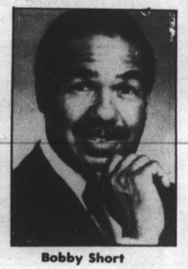
This weekend is indeed designed for any and every discriminating soul. When I say that all bases are covered, I mean exactly that. So, whatever your musical thirst requires, my guess is you may be able to quench it with one or more of this weekend's offerings.

The Ohio Players, after being 'lost in space' for almost eight years, have resurfaced and, according to reports, are hotter than ever. The legendary pop music group, with millions of record sales to their credit, have reunited to produce their newest album, "BACK."

After taking their name from their common place of residence, The Ohio Players started out as the house band for Ohio-based Compass Records. They thrived on the heat of momentary inspiration. They built on improvisation and bursts of unpremeditated emotion. The group definitely made an impact with their music. They'll be at the Ibex in D.C. this Friday, September 9.

The sound of the human, the funky and the spontaneous, that's the essence of The Ohio Players. They're back, hopefully to stay this time.

JIMMY McGRIFF and HANK CRAWFORD



Bobby Short

What to say about Bobby Short? Well, fans claim he doesn't have style, but rather, he IS style. A custodian of class, Short is the premiere cabaret performer in the U.S.! He seems to bring out the best in his audience, prompting shined shoes,

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DENNIS BROWN

THE OHIO PLAYERS, (L to R) Chet Willis, Billy Beck, "Sugar" Bonner, "Diamond" Williams, Darwin Dortch.

ALL THAT JAZZ

By Bob Matthews

Got a call from **Earl Arnett** the other day to let us know that he and his wife **Ethel Ennis** will be heading for China this weekend.

They will be representing Baltimore in a festival going on in Xiamen, which is a sister city to our town. Ethel will perform on two occasions at the fest.

The whole thing came about as a result of efforts at city hall, who cast about for a sponsor to pick up the tab for the trip, and the R. J. Reynolds Co. came through.

So, Ethel and Earl, along with a backup group consisting of **Charlie Covington**, piano, and **Drew Gress**, bass, will be heading out across the Pacific this Saturday.

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Sunday, September 11 is the date two jazz societies kickoff their seasons. In Baltimore, the Left Bank Jazz Society opens up with a moonlight cruise aboard the Lady Baltimore.

ETHEL ENNIS

JIMMY SMITH

Featured are two of LBJS favorites, organist **Jimmy McGriff**, and alto saxophonist **Hank Crawford**.

Pier 1 Pratt St. is where it all begins, and the departure is scheduled for 7 p.m. sharp. The cruise lasts about 3 hours. And, no alcoholic beverages are allowed to be brought on board.

The Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz open its season with a concert featuring organist **Jimmy Smith** at the Sheraton Harrisburg East, Sunday September 11.

Concert begins at 5 p.m., and lasts for four hours as usual. With Jimmy will be **Terry Evans**, guitar; **Herman Riley**, reeds, and **Frank Wilson**, drums.

Kinda a tough choice, especially if you are fond of organ jazz, but in our estimation it doesn't matter, just support the music, and attending live performances is the way to do it.

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Construction is winding down over at the Blues Alley Baltimore location. The grand opening is next Thursday night, but that one is a strictly invitational VIP bash.

The club opens for the public Friday, Sept. 16, and word reaching us is that you'd better get your reservations in if you want to be included in this premiere.

Opening act is vocalist **Phyllis Hyman**, and in looking at the schedule for September and October, there is close liaison between the DC and Balto. lineups.

For example, **Pieces of a Dream** are this weekend's artists at the DC Blues Alley. They will play the Baltimore location September 22 - 25.

There will be some tough choices down the road a piece, for example on the week ending October 9, DC Blues Alley will feature **Sarah Vaughan**.

At the same time, Baltimore Blues Alley will feature **Nancy Wilson**. Now what is a lover of jazz vocals to do?

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List under your futures file the Capital City Jazz Festival, which begins Thursday, September 22 - October 1.

Won't go into detail on the lineup at this point, but must say they have some really outstanding things coming up. For exam-

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