This Weekend

BALTIMORE

Songstress **Jean Carne** is currently performing through Saturday, November 26 at Blues Alley, 1225 Cathedral St. For more information and ticket prices, call (301) 837-2288.

To help alleviate the problem of hunger in Maryland, a gala event **"Food For All"** will be held on Sunday, November 27 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Stouffer Harborplace Hotel. Proceeds will benefit the Md. Food Bank and the Md. Food Committee. The culinary specialties of 20 of Maryland's finest chefs will be showcased along with a cash bar, prizes and a big band. For tickets, call (301) 947-1853.

You can catch **Ethel Ennis** at Eubie's, one of the new clubs in the recently opened Baltimore Fish Market in the Marketplace, two blocks from Harborplace at the Inner Harbor. Ennis will croon her tunes from November 29 through December 4. For details, call (301) 385-4949.

Comedian **Sinbad** will be featured in the episode "Stepping Stone" of NBC's sitcom "A Different World" that will air Thursday, December 1. So tune in for a good time.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Velvet-voiced **Freddie Jackson** will charm the masses with his R&B stylings at Constitution Hall on Friday, November 25 at both 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Since both shows have sold out, an additional show scheduled for December 1 has been added with an 8 p.m. showtime. The opening act is "Loose Ends." Call (301) 481-6000 for tickets now.

JEFFREY OSBORNE

TRACEY CHAPMAN

Kassav, the West Indian "Zouk" party group will perform at the Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW, on Friday, November 25 at 8 p.m. Call (800) 233-4050 for tickets and info.

LENA HORNE

Tracey Chapman and her revolutionary folk/blues stylings will appear at Constitution Hall on Saturday, November 26 at 8 p.m.

Jeffrey Osborne will play the Warner Theatre on Sunday, November 27 at 8 p.m. His opening act is none other than Shirley "A Woman's Point View" Murdock. Call (800) 233-4050 for tickets.

Jazz great **Dizzy Gillespie** will entertain at Blues Alley, Georgetown, 1073 Wisconsin Ave., NW, through Sunday, November 27. But, Baltimoreans shouldn't worry, be happy 'cause he'll be here from Nov. 29 through Dec. 14.

Legendary performance **Lena Horne** takes center stage this Sunday, November 27 on Ebony/Jet Showcase on WJLA-TV in Washington, celebrating the longevity of her impressive career as an acclaimed actress, full-spirited singer and all-around performer. Check local listings.

OUT OF TOWN

Long-time stand-up comic **George Kirby** debuts at Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino's Bay Cabaret through December 5. Showtimes are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday at both 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, p.m. and midnight. Call (800) 2 - HARRAH for ticket prices and details.

A SCENE from "A Musical Scrooge"

Arena Players' Youtheatre presents holiday production

The Arena Players Youtheatre Incorp., a performing arts program for youths, ages 5-20 and founded through the efforts of national, state and local governments and the Arena Players Incorp., has provided a unique vehicle for artistic and personal growth and development in our community since 1978.

This year-round program, composed of two performing groups, is highlighted by a Summer Showcase with individual efforts by each group and a winter holiday production which unites all participants.

The holiday production this year includes two short musical plays performed on weekends throughout December. Susan Kein's **"THE ANYTHING TOY,"** and Janet Gardner's **"THE NORTH POLE GOES ROCK AND ROLE"** will be directed by Hugh Carey with choreography by John "Kinderman" Taylor.

Friday performances have an 8:30 p.m. curtain. On Saturdays and Sundays, the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, contact The Arena Players, Inc., 801 McCulloh Street, (301) 728-6500.

Coming Soon

BALTIMORE

The New Covenant Ensemble (formerly The Ebony Players) will perform the Baltimore premiere performance of "I Object Your Honor," written and directed by playwright George Diggs, at Northwestern High School Auditorium, 6900 Park Heights Ave. For more info and ticket prices, call (301) 466-4942.

The Amazing Josini, one of "Baltimore's Best," will appear on national television "Live At The Apollo," on Saturday, December 3 at 1 a.m. (early Sunday morning) on Channel 11. A comedian, ventriloquist and magician, Josini is now going national. Stay up and root for the home team!

NEW COVENANT PLAYERS

Of course, Grammy Award-winning R & B artists **Luther Vandross and Anita Baker** are coming to Baltimore's Arena on Baltimore St., Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. To you have your seat reserved call (301) 481-6000.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The long-awaited performance of Fela Kuta will finally be recognized on Sunday, December 3 at the Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. Call (301) 481-6000 for details and tickets.

LUTHER VANDROSS

The 19th annual Christmas Carols at Wolf Trap will be held at the Filene Center on Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m. Free Metro Bus service to the Center will be available from the West Falls Church Metro Station beginning at 2:45 p.m. Admission is free, but patrons are asked to bring two non-perishable food items for WJLA-TV's traditional "Neediest Kids" food drive, a program to provide food for area families. Special appearances by Santa and Frosty the Snowman will delight any child. Be advised

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Freddie 'Silk-Man' Jackson takes new tour nationwide

He is known to thousands of women across the country and overseas as "SILK" as the man with the Satin-smooth voice who can push the right buttons and send your heart panting.

Freddie Jackson has been quietly gathering momentum. His following has grown into millions — and the ladies have been attracted to this unlikely romantic hero by the throngs.

Freddie Jackson's first single "Nice 'n' Slow," from his current album, "Don't Let Love Slip Away", become his seventh number one single on the charts and his album, his third number one LP. The second single from the album, "Hey Lover", is now out and is expected to join his other chart toppers.

FREDDIE JACKSON

Freddie Jackson spent most of the summer touring Across the U.S. headlining this year's "Budfest," along with musical great, Gladys Knight. He also traveled to London where he played four sold out concert dates at the Hammersmith Odeon.

He was most recently invited to Japan where he performed in Tokyo and Osaka to eager and enthusiastic audiences. And the beat went on as Freddie lit up the strip in Atlantic City with a three day sold-out appearance at "Tropworld."

After hop-Scotching across the globe, Freddie now has begun his own U.S. Theatre Tour which kicked off with his appearance in Milwaukee at the Riverdale Theatre in early November and will take him to following locations: Washington, D.C. on November 25th; Columbus, Ohio on November 26th; Detroit, Michigan on November 27th; Atlanta, Georgia on December 2nd; Hampton, Virginia on December 3rd; Devon, Pennsylvania on December 4th.

Freddie will return home to appear at the Apollo Theatre beginning December 29th-January 1st, culminating his long journey in the neighborhood of his birth.

ALL THAT JAZZ

By Bob Matthews

It's about that time when planning for future concerts is the order of the day.

Upcoming Sunday, December 11, the Left Bank Jazz Society is presenting Brother Jack McDuff in concert at Coppin State College, Tawes Center Ballroom.

Now Jack has appeared in Baltimore on numerous occasions, mainly with a trio or quartet, but this time, he has a 7-piece band with him.

The group will consist of John Hart, guitar; Burgess Gadner, trumpet; Tom Brisbane, drums; Steve Berry, trombone; Andrew Beal, alto sax; Pete O'Neil, tenor, and John Lambert, vocalist.

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The Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz is also holding a concert date on Dec. 11, although it takes the form of a Christmas party.

On hand will be Houston Person and Etta Jones, with the session being held at the Sheraton Harrisburg East.

It is a benefit, with the retarded citizens as recipients. The Capital area Sertoma Club is sponsoring the session in cooperation with CPFOJ.

This time, the set begins at 7 p.m. Further information (717) 275-5441.

Looking down the road a piece, The annual Hershey, PA weekend will happen Jan. 20-21, at the Hotel Hershey. Friday night will feature the Jackie Cain, Roy Kraal quartet.

Saturday night, Jimmy Heath will head up a group consisting of Slide Hampton, trombone, Arthur Taylor, drums, and other musicians to be named.

In essence, this is the group which appeared at UMBC for the Jazz Heritage Foundation a few weeks ago, although there are some changes in personnel.

DIZZY GILLESPIE

Jimmy Heath

HOUSTON PERSON AND ETTA JONES

SLIDE HAMPTON

Instead of Hank Jones on piano, it is expected that either Barry Harris or Tommy Flanagan will be in that slot.

Happy to get a chance to hear master drummer Art Taylor once again. Was really impressed with his work at the UMBC set.

The February concert will feature the Kenny Barron Quintet. It happens on Feb. 12.

With Kenny will be Rufus Reid, bass; Victor Lewis, drums, John Stubblefield, reeds, and Dr. Eddie Henderson, trumpet.

March 19, it will be the Phil Woods Quintet, featuring Tom Harrell on trumpet.

April's concert presents the group Oregon, with Paul McCandless, Ralh Towner, Glen Moore and Trilok Curtis.

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At the Left Bank Jazz Society set Sunday with Nat Adderley, pianist Doug Carne sat in for a couple of tunes.

This weekend at Blues Alley Baltimore, his ex-wife Jean Carne will be featured through Saturday night, November 26.

Sunday, guitarist John Scofield will be the headliner, and Nov. 29 - Dec. 4, Dizzy Gillespie is in place.

At the Georgetown Blues Alley, Dizzy is there through Sunday night, and John Scofield does the Monday night set.

For the weekend, Nov. 29 - Dec. 4, Phyllis Hyman will be featured. Of course, Phyllis was the opening act at the Balto. club a month or so back.

Forgot to mention that with John Scofield are two Baltimoreans, Gary Grainger on electric bass, and Dennis Chambers on drums.

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Remember those fantastic jazz New Year's Eve session which were telecast from the late lamented Ethel's Place?

Well, they are a thing of the past. The two outings were under the auspices of Maryland Public Television, and this year, they have shifted focus.

Mel Torme will head up the presentation on "Happy New Year USA" but it will not be from a jazz club.

Instead, the lineup of Mel, Rosemary Clooney, the Glenn Miller orchestra, American Ballroom Theatre and ice skating champions John Curry and JOJO Starbuck will be telecast from the Omni Hotel and a skating rink in the Inner Harbor.

Just thought you'd like to know, in case you were looking forward to a jazz celebration.

—Coming soon

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to dress warmly and bring a candle and a bell for the festivity. For info, call (703) 255-1900.

Dionne Warwick comes to the Baltimore Fish Market on Tuesday, December 6. For details, showtimes and ticket prices, call (301) 385-4949.

The Arena Stage, at 6th and Maine Ave. SW, will open **"Playboy of The West Indies"** on Friday, December 9. A comedy filled with laughter and looniness, "Playboy" is actually a classic Irish play ("Playboy of the Western World") transplanted into a Caribbean climate and school of thought. Written by an English, but Trinidadian-born playwright, Mustapha Matura, he has successfully included the lilting, musical patois speech of his native. Trinidad. Call (202) 554-9066 for ticket prices and show information.

The Wynton Marsalis Quintet will jazz the night away at Blues Alley in Georgetown 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW, from Wednesday, December 7 through December 19. Call (202) 337-4141 for details.

Former New Edition member Bobby Brown, whose super hits "Don't Be Cruel" and "It's My Prerogative" have climbed the charts will rock the house at Constitution Hall on Friday, December 30 at 8 p.m. **The O'Jays** will then close out the old year and ring in the new Saturday, December 31 at 8 p.m. For tickets and info. call (301) 481-6000.