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—Inauguration

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and canapes as it is ruffles and flourishes — and the four-day gala to celebrate the star of Richard Nixon's second term will prove it.

The 1973 inaugural committee has rounded up a host of movie stars, soul singers, ethnic cooks and just plain folks to get things going in style.

A few thousand select friends and party faithful from all over the country have been invited to the flurry of social functions, which will begin on Thursday, Jan. 18, and conclude with a special White House worship service Sunday morning.

For those who can afford it — ticket prices range from $10 to $1,00. for various events — the weekend will be crammed with parties, concerts and balls.

Why would anyone shell out that kind of money to come to Washington for a cold weekend in January?

"It seems people feel a need to celebrate the occasion," said Art Aolsch, deputy press director for the committee. "I look on it as a celebration of Democracy . . . that the system we have devised works and works well. It's survived nearly 200 years and we're celebrating that."

The offical celebration began Thursday evening before inauguration day with a reception for Vice President and Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew at the Smithsonian Museum of History and Technology, at $10 a head.

Following that, there will be a salute to the states — in past inaugural years usually called the governor's reception — at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on the banks of the Potomac River. For tickets ranging in price from $25 to $100 each, guests will hear country-and-western singer Lynn Anderson; the Pat Boone family; the Les Brown Orchestra; singer Vicki Carr; the Mike Curb Congregation; Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass; and Bob Hope, Ray Stevens and Hank Williams Jr.

Things get going earlier today Firday, with a 2 p.m. 6 p.m. salute to America's heritage at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. New to the inaugural lineup this year, the party will have Sammy Davis Jr., Zsa Zsa Gabor and Lionel Hampton mingling with the guests as "celebrity co-hosts."

Weather prophets predict mild weather will continue with some rain possible the weekend but not enough to spoil the history-making. $3 to 4 million second inauguration gala of President Nixon now in its third day.

The AFRO will record the event in photos and story and detail what transpires but most Baltimoreans will be absent.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell states he will be with Peace groups at the D.C. Lincoln Memorial vigil and rally and the rally at the Washington monument both on Saturday.

This afternoon (Friday) he will be in Baltimore at the Peace Action rally at 1 p.m. at Charles Center and at 3 p.m. at the rally at the War Memorial Plaza.

For entertainment, there will be roving acts ranging from Scottish bagpipers and gospel singers to a Russian gypsy ensemble, as well as music by Dixieland, Greek, Mexican Mariachi, polka, Swiss Alpine, Cuban and Indian bands.

Underlining the ethnic theme, food and drink will be drawn from 18 different nations — incluing Chinese lobster rolls and Turkish "beurecks." Art work of American Indian tribes and from 20 countries will be displayed.

Tickets for the salute are $10, with children under 12 admitted for $5.

Three inaugural concerts are on tap at the Kennedy Center Friday evening — an American music concert with Frank Sinatra as emcee and starring Sammy Davis Jr., the Les Brown Orchestra and Laurie Lee Schaefer, Miss America 1972; a youth concert with soul singer James Brown and other rock stars; and the symphonic concert with pianist Van Cliburn, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Los Angeles Master Chorale and the Valley Forge (Pa.) military academy band.

Youngsters can go to the youth concert for $10 each, while their parents will be paying $20 — compared to $500 each for the other two musicales. Holders of $250 and $500 tickets, though, will be treated to drinks and candlelight dinner.

After the inauguration and parade on Saturday, bands will tune up for the inaugural ball, to be held this year at three different sites. For the first time since Calvin Coolidge, the balls will not be held at local hotels, but at the Kennedy Center and two Smithsonian museums—Natural History and History and Technology.

The first family, according to tradition, is expected to drop in at each one.

The Ray Block, Les Brown, Don Costa, Lionel Hampton, Lester Lanin, Guy Lombardo orchestras are lined up to play, as well as two local bands. Tickets are $40 each. For the under-30 set, there is an inaugural youth ball at $15 per person.

Amolsch dismissed gripes heard around town that the events are too expensive.

"A young person can go to an inaugural ball and a concert for $25," he said. "That's two solid evenings of entertainment which is really not a whole lot of money. I've taken my wife out to dinner for a whole lot more than that."

—Clara Ward

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at the 1957 Newport Jazz Festival. The group then took engagements in the Catskills, at Carnegie Hall and tours to Europe and the Far East.

Miss Ward and her singers sang twice for President Johnson and, after an apprehensive 1966 opening at New York's Village Gate appeared for 40 weeks at a Las Vegas hotel.

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Miss Ward had been leary of her reception at a liquor dispensary, but the audience at New York emporium was spellbound by the performance and this paved the way for later such appearances.

Miss Ward was a firm believer in her music.

"I know the Lord," she said recently, "and I never have a lonely moment. I really kind of think, as far as my personal life is concerned, I got it made."

She performed with Mahalia Jackson at Carnegie Hall and directed the music for a Broadway play.

During recent years, she expressed surprise at her success:

"We've been packing them in at the biggest night clubs and concert halls in the world, have been on every major TV show and we're still singing straight Gospel."

—Pardons

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Robert L. Dalton (D., 2nd) will submit a bill in the legislature to recover these and his attorney's fees from the state."

Mr. McIntosh also told the AFRO that he would "probably file a suit against Anne Arundel County for an amount around $200,000" for what he calls "the suppression of evidence."

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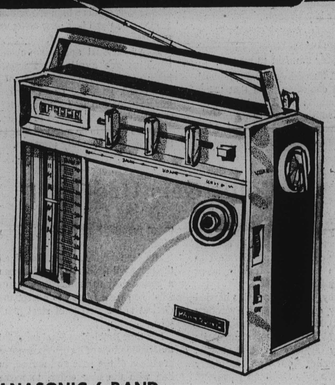

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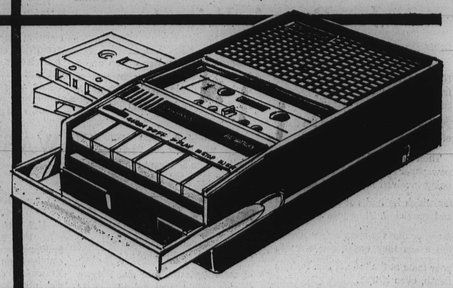

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