War at Baltimore Civic Center July 3

MONUMENTAL Music Hall

by Connie E. Brown

Just a word to a few brothers and sisters before going into creakdown of all the things happening in good old B'more.

Have you ever dreamed of singing with a symphony orchestra? If you have and never had the chance or the courage, then get it together for here is yours. . . the Baltimore Symphony Chorus will be conducting auditions for sopranos, altos, tenors and basses (highly experienced and semi-experienced alike) through July 22. Audition appointments can be made by calling Mrs. Marylynn Roberts at 821-0850. Don't forget to call today.

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N.Y. JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Newport Jazz Festival of New York rundown includes July 1, The Life and Times of Ray Charles at Carnegie Hall with a concert presentation by the Hallelujah Chorus . . . James Baldwin, Ray Charles and Cicely Tyson.

On Tuesday July 3 it will be Stevie Wonder, Staple Singers and Billy Paul at Shea Stadium. On Wednesday, July 4 at 1 p.m. there's a Jazz Jamboree "A Tribute to Louis Armstrong" at Singer Bowl (Louis Armstrong Stadium) July 4 at 8 p.m. There's War, Roberta Flack, Freddie Hubbard, Jimmy Witherspoon, Rahsaan Roland Kirk and the Vibration Society.

On Sunday, July 8, at Nassau Coliseum there will be Duke Ellington, Ray Charles, Donny Hathaway, Tito Puente and Aretha Franklin.

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HAMPTON JAZZ FESTIVAL

Hampton Institute and the city of Hampton, in cooperation with the Newport Jazz Festival, presents its 6th annual jazz festival at the Hampton Roads Coliseum, Hampton, Virginia. Three big days of super star entertainment: June 29, Staple Singers, Donny Hathaway, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, and Freddie Hubbard. Saturday, June 30: a salute to Duke Ellington, featuring The Duke, Stevie Wonder, B. B. King, and Charles Mingus. Sunday, July 1: War and Jimmy Witherspoon.

WAR A Success Story

A dynamic group of young men who take pride in their name, have puzzled people as to why they chose WAR.

A hint of War's meaning and the intent behind its choice is found in the lyrics to one of the group's songs, "War Dums" — "We have the answers to all of your hangups, but we won't tell you. We'll give you a clue — war."

One of the group's members, Charles William Miller, offers a more easily understood explanation. "It's easy to think of the stereotyped connotations of the word 'war,'" says Miller. "But what we had in mind when we chose that as a name for our group was the fact that war had deeper, more universally pertinent meanings — the personal and exterior forms of violence we have all felt; the emotional wars raging within us; wars of mental and spiritual nature which are personal and idealistic."

An interesting definition for an equally interesting group of musicians: Thomas Sylvester "Papa Dee" Allen on congas, bongos and other percussion instruments; Harold Ray Brown, drums; Morris De-Wayne "B.B." Dickerson, bass; Lonnie Leroy Jordan, organ and piano; Miller, saxes and flute; Howard Scott, lead guitar, and Lee Oskar, harmonica and the only white member of the group.

Equally as impressive as the definition of their names is the string of successful records they've stacked up, "WAR", "All Day Music", "The World is a Ghetto", "The Cisco Kid" and many others.

War has compiled an amazing success story with five gold records in nine months. And, after having spent over half their lives as members of this group, they still look collectively forward to more decades of WAR.

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

The Municipal Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Leigh Martinet will continue its daily series of 18 outdoor summer band concerts on Monday, July 2 at Patterson Park, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This series of programs encompasses all musical categories, has been geared to popular tastes, and will culminate the Festival of Music at Memorial Stadium on Tuesday, July 12, 1973.

The popular "Sing Along" of old and current favorites will be led by Marvin Clark.

The program will be repeated from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.:

Tuesday, July 3 — Dell-Charles and 31st Streets.

Wednesday, July 4 — Irvin Luckman Memorial Playground-Glen and Key Aves.

Thursday, July 5 — Mt. Vernon Place

Friday, July 6 — Good Samaritan Hospital-5601 Loch Raven Blvd.

There is **no admission charge** for these concerts and audience seating is provided.

UPCOMING FILMS

UMBC — University of Maryland Baltimore County, June 27 — "The Golden Age of Comedy", Lecture Hall Three 8 p.m.—Free; July 2 — "The Philadelphia Story", Lecture Hall Three, 8 P.M., Free

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I, along with the staff of the Community Information Division of the Model Cities Agency, congratulate and extend to her our best wishes as she enters into this new phase of her career.

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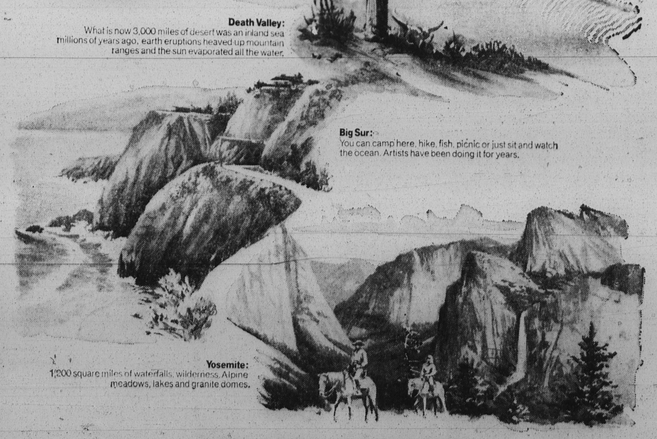

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