U. of Michigan's Standifer explores artists and aging

He did research on 'Jumpstreet'

ANN ARBOR — A black butler posed on the cover of the first album made by one of the greatest jazz pianists, who is also black.

The incongruity of that racist stereotype and the artistry of the pianist, Eubie Blake, puzzled University of Michigan music Prof. James A. Standifer. So he asked Blake why he'd consented to the photo's use.

"For two reasons," Blake replied. "First, because I had to eat; and second, because I knew it would pave the way for you, Jim. You wouldn't have to put up with it."

Haunted by fragments of conversations with Blake, who is 97 years old, and other elderly black musicians, Standifer decided "it would be great to interview them and to add the dimension of video."

Little such documentation exists, as Standifer was aware in his position as director of U-M's Eva Jessye Afro-American Music Collection.

In addition to hearing the elderly musicians, people should have the opportunity to see them in informal contexts, Standifer concluded. "Elderly black musicians," he points out, "enrich their speech patterns with various gestures and tonal inflections. Also, as one might expect of performers, the musicians became particularly animated when they knew they were being filmed."

Armed with a videotape-pack that he can sling over his shoulder, Standifer set out, at his own expense, to interview such jazz personalities as Andy Kirk, Mary Lou Williams, Eva Jessye, Dizzy Gillespie, Charles Handy, Blake, Count Basie, Urbie Green, Alberta Hunter, Eureal Montgomery, Undine Moore, Jester Hairston, and Roy Elderidge—all over 60 years of age.

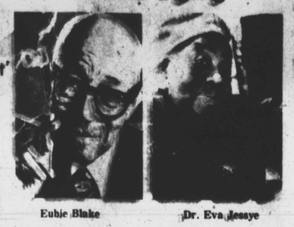
Standifer would sandwich interviews in between music conventions, bookings on "Jumpstreet: A Story of Black Music," a WETA-26 (Washington education television) show which he helped create, and celebrities' visits to the U-M campus.

His project has been so successful that it has attracted funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Gerontology at U-M, a faculty research grant from the U-M School of Graduate Studies, and support from the University's Center for Research on Learning and Teaching.

Standifer's project has three main objectives: "to make available the results of research in selected areas of music and history in a format that is readily accessible for use and comparative study; make explicit a definition of a music and musical behavior; and to provide insight into black experience in American society."

One of Standifer's insights resulting from his work is that black music, as an expression of the black experience, is rooted in American Society. "Society has always had some direct influence on the creative juices. With blacks, hardships and problems perhaps made them better blues singers.

"They sing about life; it's a very personal art, very personal experience."


Eubie Blake

Dr. Eva Jessye

Dizzy Gillespie

Sippie Wallace will bring the blues up to date.

TV Watching

New "Sunday Live!" hosts are Georgia Goslee, Whitley Phipps, and Bob Smith (r. to l).

New hosts!

WJZ-TV's "Sunday Live!" a weekly minority public affair show, has three new hosts: Georgia Goslee a Baltimore attorney; Pastor Wintley Phipps; and Bob Smith of "Evening Magazine."

"Sunday Live!" has expanded its show to include features, entertainment, issues of relevance to the black community, and profiles of prominent black community citizens. The program also includes a job bank and a community clearinar. The program is filmed in front of a live audience and accepts phone calls from viewers during the show.

Halloween at the Pratt

Halloween events are on the schedule at many Pratt Library branches as the scary day nears.

Children aged six to twelve are invited to a Halloween party at the Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St., at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Festivities will include the screening of "Ghosts and Ghoulies," a taste of a witch's brew, and the telling of spooky stories. Children may wear costumes if they wish.

Following the screening of these special films, "Ghosts and Ghoulies," "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein," and "Band Concert," a Halloween costume contest will take place on Friday, Oct. 31, at the Patterson Park Branch, 158 N. Linwood Ave. The movies begin at 3:15 p.m. and the contest at 4 p.m.

Those brave enough to listen to ghost stories and visit a haunted house, are invited to the Halloween party at the Canton Center, 606 S. Ellwood Ave. at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

Pumpkin carving, ghost stories, and face painting will be among the activities planned for the Halloween party to be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31, at the Reservoir Hill Center, 2001 Park Avenue. Costumes may be worn.

Children are also invited to wear costumes to the festivities at the Edmondson Avenue Branch, 4330 Edmondson Avenue, beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29. A costume parade will be followed by Halloween films, a haunted house, and tricks and treats for all.

Free Events for children

Mon., Oct. 27

Canton Center: Films — "Ghosts and Ghoulies," "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein," 4 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 28

Highlandtown Center: Films — "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "Ghosts and Ghoulies," "Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and "Winter of the Witch," 3:30 p.m.

Eerie 'Headless Horseman' rides again

I-thin schoolmaster, until he is pursued one night by the galloping goblin, in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," a World Premiere adventure based on the spooky Washington Irving classic.

NBC-TV star Gary Coleman (of "Diff'rent Strokes") hosts the special family-oriented Halloween Night presentation of the film, Oct. 31.

Jeff Goldblum (star of the recent series "Tenspeed and Brownshoe") portrays the angular Ichabod. Dick Butkus, former all-pro middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears co-stars with John Sylvester White, Paul Sand, Meg Foster, Laura Campbelland Michael Ruud.

When the courteous but clumsy Ichabod arrives in Sleepy Hollow, a small town in Upstate New York, during the 1800s, he pays little heed to the superstitious residents and their spooky yarns about fearsome and peculiar apparitions.

Despite warnings of the sad fate that four of his predecessors met at the hands of the "Headless Horseman'," the pedagogue woos lovely Katrina Van Tassel, daughter of a rich farmer, thereby angering her perpetually jealous suitor, the vengeful and brawny Brom Bones.

After witnessing several unusual events, Ichabod begins to wonder if the foreboding legend of the dreaded Hessian soldier—decapitated in a battle by a cannonball—is really true. Then, one dark and gloomy night, he is confronted by a saber-waving, black-caped horseman in a frantic chase.

Free films

Admission to all film programs is free.

Two horror films based on Edgar Allan Poe: "The Fever Called Living," at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Highlights from classic horror films, including "Frankenstein," "Dracula," and "The Wolf-man," are featured in "Famous Movie Monsters," to be screened at 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, at the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch, 1531 W. North Ave.

'The Power Game'

Play hard, play fair with nobody's hurt' at the New Games Festival sponsored by the New Games Foundation and Catonsville Community College. An afternoon of fun and activity will begin at 2 p.m. in the multi-purpose field at the college, 800 South Rolling Road, on Sunday, Oct. 28. The public is invited; there is no charge.

CCC Student Activities advisor John Grabowski asks, "Are you ready for Prul, Hug Tag, Frisbee Golf, Hunker Hauser, The Lap Game or Blob? A New Games Festival is a way for everybody in our community to have fun and get to know each other better, by playing together. There are games for everybody, no matter if they're two or 92. In New Games everybody plays, everyone wins, and nobody keeps score."

Top Soul Hits

Spiritual

1. Tramaine — Tramaine Hawkins
2. Rejoice — Shirley Caesar
3. Please Be Patient With Me — Albertine Walker and James Cleveland
4. Love Alive II Walter Hawkins
5. I'll Be Thinking of You — Andrae Crouch

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Gilman at Southwestern
Northern at Douglass
Mervo at Carver
City at Severn

Cross-country

Southern at Gilmore
City vs. NW., Druid Hill

Soccer Poly at McDonogh

Edmondson JV at McDonogh JV
Edmondson at Patterson
Forest Park at Friends
Curley vs. Mervo, Herring Run
Walbrook at McDonogh
Lake Clifton at Southwestern
St. Paul vs. Douglas, Druid Hill

JV Cross-country

Northern at Boys Latin
Calvert Hall vs. Eastern, Herring Run
Edmondson at Patterson
Forest Park at Friends
Curley vs. Mervo, Herring Run
Walbrook at McDonogh
Edmondson at McDonogh

Girls Swimming

Lake Clifton at Southern
Poly at Northern
Mervo at Western
City College at Southwestern
Edmondson at Dunbar
Forest Park at Douglass

Girls Cross-country

Mervo, Western, Carver, Lake Clifton at Herring Run

Girls Volleyball

Patterson at City
Dunbar at Lake Clifton
Forest Park at Southern
Southwestern at Northwestern
Carver at Northern
Mervo at Walbrook
Eastern at Douglass
Patterson at City

Girls Tennis

Dunbar at Lake Clifton
Forest Park vs. Southern, Carroll Park
Southwestern at Northwestern
Carver at Poly
Patterson at City
Edmondson at Western
Mervo at Walbrook
Eastern at Douglass
Patterson at City

Morgan takes off

A well deserved and much appreciated break occurs in the Morgan State football schedule this weekend. The Bears have Saturday off.

For several of the players who are nursing minor injuries, the rest comes at an opportune time. For others, there will be respite to take care of the non-physical bruises, such as the loss to South Carolina State at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford last weekend.

It is only temporary, however, for coach Clarence Thomas and his charges must re-enter the wars next Saturday at Greensboro, N.C., where they meet an improving A and T rival which is fresh from trampling Delaware State.

Following the Aggies' assignment comes another equally as tough. Virginia Union, a post-season tournament participant last year and a team currently waging an assault toward a second consecutive CIAA championship.

REMEMBER!
VOTE NOV. 4

YEAH, I'M WITH YOU — Muhammad Ali was in Brooklyn Monday, ostensibly to talk of plans to set up an anti-drug campaign among inner-city residents. When he was joined by President Carter however, it appeared this was the White House alternative to Ronald Reagan's support by the Rev. Ralph Abernathy.

Leonard-Duran OK'd

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — The World Boxing Council Tuesday officially sanctioned a rematch between welterweight champion Roberto Duran of Panama and American Sugar Ray Leonard, slated for Nov. 25 in New Orleans.

WBC president Jose Sulaiman is making arrangements with WBC's representative in New Orleans, Emile Brauns, for the final details regarding judging for the rematch, a spokesman for the boxing council said.

Fifteen members of the 18-man WBC approved the fight, two were opposed and one abstained, the spokesman said.

The hard-hitting Duran stripped the WBC welterweight title from Leonard in a unanimous decision in a 15-round bout in Montreal June 20.

Bits o' briefs

Kept 'scalps'

The lucrative business of scalping tickets to Philadelphia Phillies games evaporated to almost nothing at Tuesday night's final World Series game according to the city's chief of license issuance.

Louis Mensa said that fewer and fewer people were willing to sell their tickets as the Phillies drew closer to the end of the series. For Tuesday night's game, he said, "it was probably going to be the last, so anyone who had a ticket used it himself."

Rated!

Four teams from predominately black colleges are ranked in the top ten of their divisions in this week's UPI college football ratings.

South Carolina State (6-0) is rated second and Alcorn and Grambling are tied for 10th place in Division 1-AA of the NCAA.

Virginia Union, defending CIAA Champion, shows a 5-1 record, worth 6th place among the NCAA's Division II teams.

Playin' in pain

Despite being slowed down (by his own admission) by an ankle sprain, running back Herschel Walker scampered for 283 yards in unbeaten Georgia's 41-0 demolition of Vanderbilt last weekend. For his performance, Walker was named Southeast offensive player of the week by UPI.

Bullets set salute to O's

LANDOVER, Md. — Washington Bullets' fans can go Bird watching tomorrow (Saturday) night at Capital Centre when Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics visit for an 8:05 contest on "Orioles Appreciation Night."

Several of the "Birds" will be on hand, including Ken Singleton, Rich Dauer, Terry Crowley, Al Bumbry, Mark Belanger and Pat Kelly, for the halftime festivities. The Bullets will present the Orioles with a plaque in honor of their 1980 season, in which they won 100 games, the second most in baseball this season.

Tickets are going quickly, but good seats are still available.

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