International Theatre Festival opens

The Baltimore International Theatre Festival nears. On Saturday, June 6, the first performance of this prestigious theatrical event will begin, and theatregoers and critics from Baltimore and around the world will view the finest in international theatre fare.

The Habimah National Theatre of Israel, making its first appearance in the United States in 25 years, opens the Festival with "A Simple Tale" at the Baltimore School for the Arts. "A Simple Tale" presents a picture of life in the Jewish ghettos of Eastern Europe at the turn of the century. It is the story of a young man, forced by his family to abandon both his religious studies and the woman he loves, and how he deals with the discomfort and disillusionment it causes. "A Simple Tale" opens at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 and is repeated Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 at 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 10 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday, June 11 at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 13 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. The Habimah is appearing exclusively in the United States at the Baltimore International Theatre Festival.

LaClaca Barcelona, Spain

Also scheduled for Week I of the Festival are the premiere performances of both La Claca from Barcelona, Spain and The National Theatre of Great Britain. La Claca, in "Antologia", brings to life the creatures that inhabit the paintings of legendary artist Joan Miro. La Claca, coming directly from its celebrated debut at The Spoleto Festival, can be seen at The Baltimore School for the Arts on Sunday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

For children, special weekend programs have been planned. Opening weekend brings Cvoci, a Czechoslavakian company of clowns to the Boyd Theatre at the Maryland Science Center on Saturday, June 6 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday, June 7 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Mimi Jim Moore will make appearances there on June 6 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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Bill Lane in Hollywood

Comes Christmas, or thereabouts, Mac Davis' Christmas Special will air on NBC-TV. It was filmed the other day in Pasadena, partly, at the First United Methodist Church, featuring Davis, Ronnie Milsap, the Commodores, Andrae Crouch and the Pointer Sisters...Singer Helen Humes sang at Disneyland, even though she's recovering from recent major surgery...Donna Summer called in the moving vans and moved lock, stock and barrel to New York City...Smokey Robinson, whose newest "Being With You" is selling everywhere, even in Spanish, readying to trek out June 13 on a 25-city concert tour. All a part of Motown's big year-long observance of Robinson's Silver Anniversary Salute...When Michael Jackson was part of The Jackson 5, and with Motown, he recorded a song, "One Day In Your Life", which became popular. Now, years later, with the Jacksons on another label, Motown has reissued the song, and it has become a solid hit, internationally.

Jim Brown, along with Joe DiMaggio, is heading up what looms to be a big hit—the first annual $250,000 Rivera Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. It's set for Las Vegas beginning August 26. The affair is being groomed to bring together a giant array of sports stars, including Parnelli Jones, Ernie Banks, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Jerry West, Tom Harmon, Bobby Layne, Elroy Hirsch, Otto Graham, Johnny Unitas, Eddie Arcare, Don Budge, Pancho Gonsales and many others yet to be announced. Should be quite a winning affair—if most of those guys can still lift a golf club. Where's Billie Jean King? A heftier hoist of a haft you'd never find. And it will be televised.

Ossie Davis and Don Cornelius will be main emcees of the big Black Music Association all-day concert set for the Pasadena Rose Bowl comes August 15, with Quincy Jones and Barry White announcing already that it will be an affair to remember, with music stars galore. Loretta Glickman, Pasadena's black vice-mayor, says the event will be a welcome summer extravaganza for her city. Is it true that the program will have only black performers? If so, why did BMA go and hire a white publicity firm to handle promotion of the affair? Please correct me if I'm wrong.

When the MGM opened initially it had Dean Martin as show star. This time, when the big MGM show room reopens in Las Vegas on July 30, it will again spotlight Dean Martin, but this time with Mac Davis, with Martin holding forth for the dinner show and Davis spotlighted for the mid-night show.

Lou Gossett, seen recently in the TV story about Satchel Paige, is now filming a new role in Paramount's "Officer And a Gentleman", with Gossett cast as the Mean Joe Greene of the Army, a drill sergeant with no slack for any shavetail.

A lot of plans being formulated for a giant Rose Bowl show festival in August, with some of the biggest entertainment names around set to decorate the lineup... And from Houston, Texas comes news from singer Johnny Nash, who lays claims to discovering the late reggae star Bob Marley in Kingston in the 1960's. Nash, who attended the Marley funeral, said: "There was no finer practitioner of reggae music than Bob, and black people around the world have lost a major contemporary prophet".

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'Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams'

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"Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams" is the third outrageous outing for the duo who've emerged as the screen's most popular comedy team in a quarter of a century, the successors to the tradition of Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, and Martin and Lewis. Their first two movies grossed over $160 million at the box office, and "Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams" looms as the film that will bring still more fans to movie theatres everywhere.

Directed by Tommy Chong from a screenplay he wrote with partner "Cheech" Marin, "Nice Dreams" (it rhymes with ice creams) was produced by Howard Brown. The C. & C. Brown Production is a Columbia release.

"In our first film, we were so close to ground zero that the ghetto was a step up. In the next movie, at least one of us had a paying job.

"This time, we wondered what would happened if we finally struck it rich".

Adds Cheech Marin: "The answer is that these guys ...these characters we play...are like monks. Or samurai. They shouldn't have material possessions because that only screws up their karma or gets them ripped off".

Oella Festival

The Sixth Annual Oella Festival will be held, rain or shine, Saturday, June 13, in Oella, Md. Located on the banks of the Patapsco River, just east of Ellicott City, Oella is a 19th century mill town on the National Register of Historic Places.

Festival activities begin at 9:30 a.m. when the "Fourth Annual Great Oella Foot Race" begins. The very hilly 2.5 mile certified one-loop course is described as tough and challenging. The entry fee is fifty cents per runner. Awards will be given to men and women in seven different age categories.

Following the race, festival goers can enjoy a day of entertainment. Games, arts, and crafts exhibits, walking tours, a flea market, displays, refreshments, story telling and live music are among festival offerings.

The rock and roll band "Route 1" and the "Daniels Band", a local group of oldtimers from the Daniels Mill, up the river from Oella, will be among several musical groups performing throughout the day.

Proceeds from the festival, sponsored by the Oella Community Association, go to support various community projects including, a community newspaper, a children's Christmas Party, summer camps for children, and efforts to bring water and sewer to the community. For more information call Nick Sheridan at 461-9142.

Free films

"The Weapons of Gordon Parks", a biography of the famous Life photographer and author, and "Beyond These Roots", an exploration of the Harlem cultural renaissance of the 1920's, will be screened at 5:30 p.m. on Mon., June 8, at the Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St.

Buck Rogers fights the terrible Zogg Men of Saturn and is imprisoned inside the council chamber of the warlord Killer-Kane in two chapters of the sci-fi series which will be screened at 12:30 p.m. on Wed., June 10, at the Reisterstown Road Branch, 6310 Reisterstown Rd.

"... c problems of inner-city teenagers, will be screened at 4 p.m. on Wed., June 10, at the Waverlock Branch, 3203 W. North Ave.

"In This House of Brede", a based on Rumer Godden's novel about a sophisticated Londoner who becomes a nun, will be screened at 6 p.m. on Wed., June 10, at the St. Paul Street Center, 2521 St. Paul St.

"The Ladykillers", black comedy at its best with Alec Guinness leading a band of thieves eventually foiled by a guileless boardinghouse keeper, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., June 10, at the Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St.

Top Hits

R & B Singles

1. What Cha' Gonna Do For Me — Chaka
2. A Woman Needs Love — Ray Parker Jr. & Raydio
3. Being With You — Smokey Robinson
4. Yearning for Your Love — The Gap Band
5. Make That Move — Shalamar

R & B Albums

1. A Woman Needs Love — Ray Parker Jr. & Raydio
2. Street Songs — Rick James
3. Being With You — Smokey Robinson
4. The Dude — Quincy Jones
5. What Cha' Gonna Do For Me — Chaka Khan

Jazz Albums

1. Winelight — Grover Washington Jr.
2. Voyeur — David Sanborn
3. The Clarke/Duke Project — Stanley Clarke & George Duke
4. The Dude — Quincy Jones
5. Galaxian — Jeff Lorber Fusion

Spirituals

The Hawkins Family Live — Walter Hawkins 2. Chuckles & the Majestics Live — Jay The Love Will Make A Way — Vinson Green
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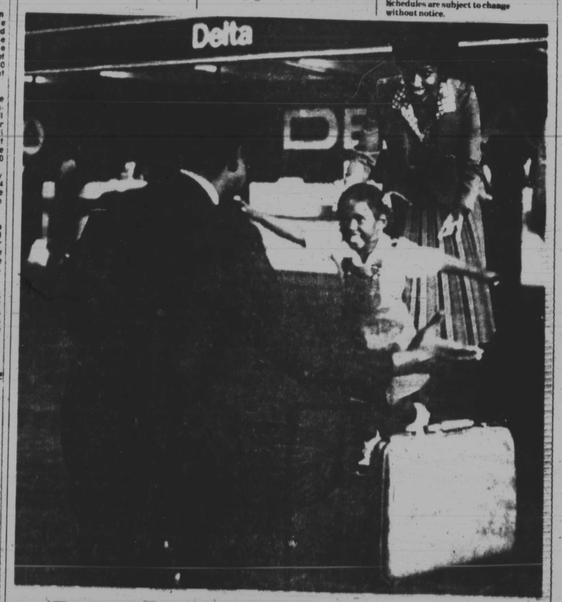

Night scene seen

By Bob Matthews

Another new idea has cropped up in live music presentation, and it seems to us that it may take hold.

Thomas Hurley, who is a topflight jazz organist as well as owner of a hairstyling salon out Liberty Rd. way, tells us that this Sunday, a musical event will occur at his salon.

He has picked 5 to 9 p.m. for the session, which will be held at the Liberty Rd. location, and a limited group of patrons will eat a catered dinner and listen to music.

Hurley lists Ruby Glover, Damita Jo, Carlos Johnson, Marvin Cabell, Joy Delight, Ralph Fisher, Jim Bethea and others as participants in the bash.

For what we consider a reasonable fee, people will get a chance to inspect the premises, hear the music and eat the food during the 4 hour session.

Kindar puts you in the mind of the kind of things done at Music Liberated, which provided music while letting auditors see the facilities.

The Left Bank Jazz Society has a different sort of presentation this week with the Widespread Depression Orchestra featured.

Have only heard this group on records, and it has that big band sound and arrangements. Was particularly interested in some of their things, because they are playing the music of the black big bands.

If you notice, a lot of the big band music heard today on stations such as WITH-AM, or some other stations of its ilk, you heard music of the Glenn Millers, Benny Goodman's, Artie Shaws, Tommy Dorseys, etc.

Forgotten are the bands of Jimmie Lunceford, Andy Kirk, Lucky Millinder, Erskine Hawkins, Jay McShann, Buddy Johnson, and some of the other big bands of the era.

The Widespread Depression Orchestra has acquired some of the arrangements of these bands, and this is what they play. At least this is what we have heard on the recordings of the group.

In a countdown to finality, The Bandstand is presenting what could be called a preview of the Central Pennsylvania Jazz Festival this weekend.

We call it a countdown, because it is now firmly established that Mike Binsky, who has been producing shows for the club since its inception, will bow out after the Ira Sullivan concert the weekend of June 20.

There have been many threats in the past, but this time, it is for real. Mike, who is a merchant seaman, plans to get a ship, and go back to sea for at least six months.

So, this may be one of the last times in a while to hear one of the swingingest groups around. Drummer Louis Hayes heads up the quartet, which includes Buck Hill, tenor sax Reuben Brown, iano, and Tommy Cecil, bass.

The group will also be intact at the Harrisburg, Pa. fest.

The Sportsmen's Lounge is presenting Rhonda Melton with her trio this weekend. Rhonda is the vocalist who made the recording dedicated to the tradegies in Atlanta which you have probably heard being played on the various radio stations.

The Saturday afternoon jazz jam, according to Ruby Glover, will be a dedication to tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins, with Harold Adams, Donald Lamb, and David Smith joining in the festivities.

TV Watching

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

Benson: Miss Kraus learns that she stands to inherit a Bavarian hostelry, but only if she returns to Germany. Starring Robert Guillaume. 8:00-8:30 p.m. Ch. 13.

Sanford: Delirious with fever, Fred thinks Cal is trying to murder him. Starring Redd Foxx. 8:30-9:30 p.m. Ch. 11.

Snack Previews: "Bustin' Loose", a romantic farce with Richard Pryor and Cicely Tyson. 9:00-9:30 p.m. Ch. 22 & 67.

Movie: "The Comeback Kid", a down and out minor-league ballplayer who's offered a new career, coaching disadvantaged kids in track and field. 9:00-11:00 p.m. Ch. 13.

Baseball: The Baltimore Orioles vs the Angels at Anaheim, Cal. 10:30-1:00 a.m.-Ch. 2.

Saturday

Fat Albert: A story about a boy who has Hodgkin's disease. Hosted by Bill Cosby. 12:00-12:30 p.m. Ch. 2.

Soul Train: Performances by Bill Withers and Side Effect. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Ch. 11.

Movie: "The Bedford Incident", an American destroyer tracks a Soviet submarine. Starring Sidney Poitier. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Ch. 13.

Spoleto '81: This 10-part series features the Charleston, S.C. performing arts festival. Features dance, chamber music, opera, mime, symphonies, jazz and much more. 1:30-2:00 p.m. Ch. 22 & 67.

Southbound: A show on black Southern music includes B.B. King. 2:30-3:00 p.m. Ch. 22 & 67.

The Belmont Stakes: The last leg of Pleasant Colony's Bid to become Thoroughbred racing's 12th Triple Crown winner. 5:00-6:00 p.m. Ch. 13.

Portrait of a Legend: Biographical series on musical artists that uses interviews and taped performances to highlight their outstanding achievements. Smokey Robinson is presented on the first show. 7:00-7:30 p.m. Ch. 7.

Enos: An undercover drug pushers, Enos and Turk are slowed down by soft shoulders and dangerous curves when the trail to a roadside cafe and truck operation run by women. Starring Samuel E. Wright. 8:00-9:00 p.m. Ch. 11.

Barbara Mandrell: Guests tonight include country-western singer Charley Pride. 8:00-9:00 p.m. Ch. 11.

Baryshnikov: Russian-born ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov hosts, spoofs and harmonizes in a tribute to the American musical theatre. First ladies of Broadway include Nell Carter with selections from "Ain't Misbehavin'". 8:00-9:00 p.m. Ch. 13.

Movie: "Black Orpheus", Academy Award winner for best foreign film, grand prize in the Cannes Film Festival. A fascinating modern interpretation of the Orpheus-Eurydice legend set in Rio's carnival time. Hosted by Billy Dee Williams. 9:00-11:00 p.m. Ch. 45.

Baseball: The Baltimore Orioles vs the Angels at Anaheim, Cal. 10:00-12:30 a.m.-Ch. 2.

Sunday

Return to Freedom: Jazz guitarist Tom Whitfield talks about his 11 years as a member of the Hebrew Israelites, a group of black Americans that settled in Israel following the Chicago race riots in the '60s. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Ch. 4.

Tony Brown's Journal: "Ronald Reagan and Black America" features an interview with White House Chief of Staff Edwin Meese. 2:00-2:30 p.m. Ch. 4.

Roots: The Next Generations: Part 2. Love blooms between headstrong Cynthia and ambitious Will Tom Harvey is denied the right to vote; Will's friend LEE IS FRAMED FOR THEFT. Starring Stan Shaw, Georg Stanford Brown, Roger Mosley and many others. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ch. 13.

Tony Awards: The program is slated to feature performances by Nell Carter, Lena Horne, Billy Dee Williams, Ben Vereen and many others. 9:00-11:00 p.m. Ch. 2.

Movie: A bus takes a "Detour to Terror" when it's hijacked by hoodlums who want ransom for one of the passengers. Starring O.J. Simpson. 9:00-11:00 p.m. Ch. 11.

Comedy Theatre: Flip Wilson plays "The Cheap Detective" in a sendup of cut-rate gumshoe types. 11:45-1:15 a.m. Ch. 4.

Monday

John Davidson: Guests include singer Johnny Mathis. 4:30-6:00 p.m. Ch. 13.

Tonight: Guests include jazz-songster Sarah Vaughan. 11:30-12:30 a.m. Ch. 11.

Tomorrow: Agent Orange, a controversial defoliant used during the Vietnam War, is scheduled topic. 12:30-2:00 a.m. Ch. 11.

Harry O: A ghetto youth could be killed if he identifies the car that he was with in a fatal accident. 12:40-1:50 a.m. Ch. 2.

A grim future awaits Simon Haley (Dorian Harewood) in "Roots: The Next Generation," Sunday, June 7.

Fred fears 'mercy killing'

Fred is afraid that his partner, Cal, is going to kill him, in "Gaslight", on NBC-TV's "Sanford" Friday, June 5, 8:30 p.m.

Redd Foxx, Dennis Burkley, LaWanda Page, Clinton Derricks-Carroll, Howard Platt, Hall Williams and Howard Morton star in this episode.

When Fred is sick and hears Cal talking to a doctor about "putting him out of his misery", he frantically seeks help from cops Smitty and Hoppy and even from his longtime antagonist, Esther.

Free children's festival

Parades, clowns, puppets, gymnastics, magic shows and tractor rides will be just some of the fun for children and parents when the Maryland Committee for Children sponsors the Children's Creative Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7. The entire Market Place area from Market Place to Water and Gay will be closed off for the outdoor festival.

The festival will be an annual event to celebrate the creative projects that are provided for children and their families in art, social, health and education throughout the state. The children will be able to participate in mural painting, dancing, mask making, dress ups, brass rubbings, face paintings, cake decorating, hand printing, and many more hands-on activities.

Trapezoid from West Virginia will perform an old time concert followed by a square dance called by Bob Dalsemer. A parade from the Inner Harbor led by Blackbird Theatre and The All American Mini Circus will entertain with puppets, mime juggling, and fire eating.

For sports fans there will be appearances by the Colts and the Blast. Other performing groups are Le Grande Puppet Theatre; Imagimime; Jazz by the Jimmi Johnsun Ensemble; Andy Cooper with children songs; Maryland Hall Folk Tales; and the Showcase Players with a musical for the entire family, Polock Johnny's 14th Annual Polish Sausage Eating Contest for Charity will be held from 3:30 to 4:30.

The Mayor's Office has arranged for a courtesy bus to transport families from The International Theatre Festival at The Science Center to Water and Gay Streets througout the day. Admission is free.

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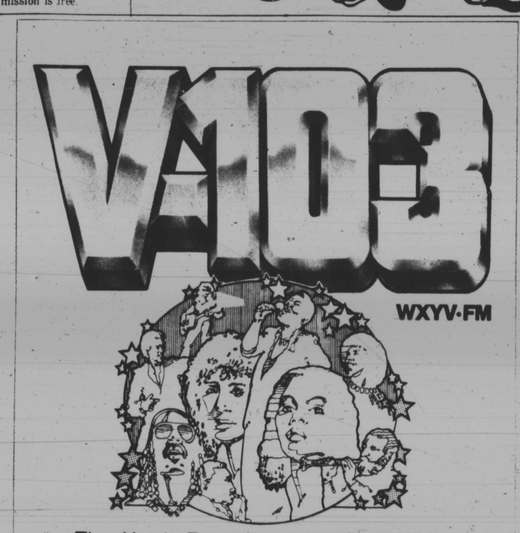

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