'Richard Pryor Live On The Sunset Strip'

Richard Pryor has a rare form of humor that is both shocking and shockingly brilliant. The comedian, writer and actor is the sole star of "Richard Pryor Live On The Sunset Strip", a Bastar Film released by Columbia Pictures.

Shot live at the Hollywood Palladium on two consecutive evenings, both performances were sold out within hours of the box office opening, with Pryor playing to capacity crowds of over two thousand which included celebrated admirers such as Jim Brown, Robin Williams, Lily Tomlin, Sugar Ray Leonard, Jackson Browne, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Stevie Wonder.

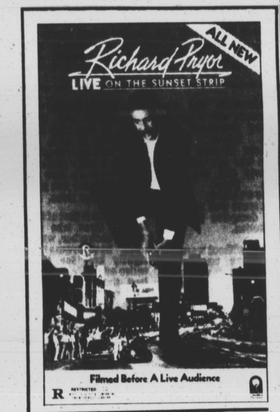
The canvas is larger than life as Pryor paints the world around him, utilizing his own highly subjective blend of pathos and urban realism. With a mixture of wit, warmth and a delivery that colors a remarkable array of characterizations, he takes his audience through hilarious accounts of his trip to Africa "looking for his roots", his early days playing one-nighters in Mafia clubs and strip-joints, and finally, "Pryor on fire", a re-telling of what led to the accident which nearly cost him his life.

With Pryor as the producer, the team behind the camera was guided by director Joe Layton and cinematographer Haskell Wexler. Layton is an award winner on Broadway and television, receiving Tony Awards for "George M", "No Strings", and "Green-willow", and an Emmy award along with three additional nominations for his Barbra Streisand TV specials. He recently served as executive producer of the motion picture, "Annie". Wexler is a three-time Oscar winner for "Coming Home", "Bound For Glory", and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" positioning a static camera to record the activities onstage. In order to cope with Pryor's rapid-fire delivery, Layton had two satellite stages constructed off of the main stage at the Palladium.

"This gave Richard considerable mobility, which is the hallmark of his act", Layton said. "I can't think of another performer as animated and unpredictable as Richard. He works to make a joke pay off, and he'll do it with extraordinary body nuances and facial takes.

To handle what Layton calls "Richard's marvelous craziness", he ordered six cameras to cover Pryor. Four were on crab dollys, with two manned by mobile operators ready for the unexpected. "And as added protection," says Layton, "we equipped each motion picture camera with a video camera so that I was able to monitor, instantaneously, everything he was doing on stage."

up and down the Sunset Strip to pick up the reactions from the crowds waiting to see Richard in concert". Layton explained. "Richard has a following of loyal fans. They gave us some sensational comments, giving us a kind of prologue for the film. It serves to introduce the movie-going audience to the wonderful kind of madness only Richard Pryor can deliver".



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Dates to remember

March 12- 8 p.m. Concert by Herb Kenny of the original Ink Spots. Kittamaqundi Room, Columbia, Md. in support of the Columbia Children's Choir.

March 12- "Arthur" will be featured Friday with two showings 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Towson State Universitys' Stephen's Hall Auditorium. For additional information, contact the Student Government Association at 321-2711.

Saturday, March 13 - Miles W. Connor Chapter, Virginia Union University Alumni Association, reception in honor of 1981 honorees, 3-6 p.m.

March 13- Conference on "Women and the Law", Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Administration Building of the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

March 17- 7:30 p.m. the Mount Vernon Brass Players at Liberty Recreation Center, 3901 Maine Ave. sponsored by Young Audiences.

March 18- The New Baltimore Minstrels Community Theatre presents their premiere performance of "Things My Father Never Told Me" by M.R. Jones, Sr., directed by Samuel H. Wilson, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd. and Liberty Hgts. Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

March 19-28- International Week in Baltimore at Top of the World, World Trade Building, downtown. Exhibits blending cultural displays representing nations of Europe, Asia, CentralSouth America and the Caribbean will be on display. Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21, costumed dancers and children's puppets. For information call, 837-INFO.

March 19- Salute to a Lady- Honoring Senator Verda F. Welcome on her birthday and 24 years of service to the Maryland General Assembly. Martin's West, 6:30 p.m.

March 19-21- "H.M.S. Pinafore", Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera by music and theatre departments of Essex Community College.

March 21- The Maryland Youth Symphony, conducted by Angelo Gatto, will be performing at the Catonsville Community College, at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

March 21-27 is Young Audiences Week, be celebrating 32 years as the founding chapter.

March 25- 11 a.m., 1982 Honors Day Convocation of Morgan State University, Murphy Auditorium. Honors students achieving academic honors.

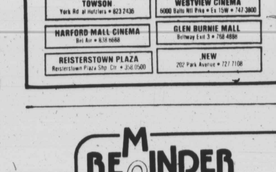
March 25- 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Park Heights Community Corporation Political Action Workshop, Lower Park Heights Multi-Purpose Center, 3939 Reisterstown Rd.

Friday, March 26 - 6:30 p.m. Community Residence Center 2nd Annual Salute to Successful Ex-Offenders, Famous Ballroom, emcee, speaker, Real Trouble.

March 26-Dr. Percy Thomas will star in play, "Promised Land" at United Methodist Church. Dinner at 6 p.m.; play at 8 p.m. Sponsored by United Methodist Men.

March 30- The Peabody Ragtime Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. at Morrell Park Recreation Center, PS 220, 2601 Tolley St., sponsored by Young Audiences.

April 2- Health Fair '82 offers free health screening tests, information, films, demonstrations and exhibits. 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Essex Community College Field House, Baltimore County.



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Waxter Center events

Plan your weekends at the Waxter Center! The Building is open from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. All programs begin at 1 p.m.

Friday, March 12 - Ms. Mary Hook, a master's student at Peabody, will give a piano concert.

Saturday, March 13- The Children of Light Sing Gospel Music.

Sunday, March 14- St. Patrick's Day Dance, Music by "Saturday".

Monday, March 15- Come dance to the music of the Waxter Center Combo.

Free Events for children

Monday, Mar. 15
Canton Center - Films - "The Great Silence" and "Gumbasa", 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 16
Light Street Branch - Film "The Amazing Cosmic Awareness of Dutty Moon", 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 17
Waverly Branch - Films "Dorothy and the Pop Singer", "The Five Chinese Brothers", and "Frederick", 10:30 a.m.
Dundalk Avenue Branch - Films "The Selfish Giant", "The Elephant", "Five Survive", "The Treehouse", and "Where the Wild Things Are", 3 p.m.
Herring Run Branch - Films "Dick Whittington and His Cat", "All in the Morning Early", and "The Little Red Hen", 3:30 p.m.
Northwood Branch - Films "The Roc Bird and the Rescue" and "The Violin", 3:30 p.m.
Walbrook Branch - Film "Rabbit Hill", 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 18
Herring Run Branch - Films "The Circus Baby", "Rose's Walk", and "The Snowy Day", 1:30 p.m.
Gardenville Branch - Films "Wreck Racers" and "The Wizard", 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 19
Dundalk Avenue Branch - Films "The Runt", "Ghosts and Ghoulies", "The Seven Wishes of a Rich Kid", and "Peewee's Pandas", 3 p.m.
Patterson Park Branch - Films "Tap Dance Kid", "Canine Caprice" and "Beauty and the Beast", 3:15 p.m.
Brooklyn Branch - Films "Peter and the Wolf", 3:30 p.m.
Waverly Branch - Films "Superman in The Mummy Strikes" and "Peewee Had A Little Ape", 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 20
Central Library, Children's Department - Preschool story hour, 11 a.m.

Music
Musicians of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present an informal chamber concert co-sponsored by the library and the Baltimore Symphony Associates, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 21, at the Central Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St. Admission is free.

Free films

"Union Maids" and "The Double Day", documentaries on women and the labor-union movement, will be screened at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 14, at the Central Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.

"The Battle of Culloden", strong anti-war statement as pressed through a re-creation of the 18th century engagement between the Scots and the English, will be screened at 3 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 15 at the Pratt Library's Canton Center, 1010 Eliwood Ave.

"Cosmos - Part 10: The Edge of Forever", which spans theories of the universe from early cultural myths to the latest technological approaches, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 15 at the Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St.

"The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter", a look at how women workers during World War II, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 17, at the Fells Point Center, 606 S. Ann St.

"His Girl Friday", zany comedy with a newspaper background starring Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 17 at the Hamilton Branch, 5910 Harford Rd.

"Cosmos (Part 3): The Harmony of the Worlds", description of how different societies have interpreted the universe according to their own images, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 17 at the Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St.

"L'Eclisse" - 1962 Italian drama directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, starring Alain Delon, Monica Vitti, and Francisco Rabal, will be screened at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 18 at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Black Video Show - Clarence Muse "Black Star of the Silver Screen" and two works by Baltimore video artist Miranda Pearce, 10 a.m. Poe Room. "The Spirit of Youth" film based roughly on the life of Joe Louis with Muse in a leading role, 1 p.m., Wheeler auditorium; and "Sold to the Highest Bidder" 1935 Civil War drama starring Margaret Sullivan with Muse in a walk-on declaimer role, 3 p.m., Wheeler auditorium.

Top Hits

Albums

1. I Am Love - Peabo Bryson
2. The Pearl - Ronnie Milsap
3. Rainbow - Rainbow
4. Earth, Wind & Fire - Raise!
5. Night Crush - Barbra Streisand
6. Skyline - Skyline
7. Skyy - Skyy

Singles

1. That Girl - Stevie Wonder
2. I Wanna Hold Your Hand - Lawrence
3. Call Me - Skyy
4. Let the Feeling Flow - Peabo Bryson
5. If You Think You're Lonely Now - Bobby Womack

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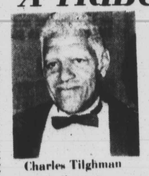

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Friday

Benson: The staff plays an elaborate joke on the cad who coerced Denise into a date by threatening to ruin a deal for Benson. Starring Robet Guillaume. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Movie: "Hot Stuff", a farce about a police task force fencing stolen goods. Starring Ossie Davis. 8:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Strike Force: The team is tipped off about a kidnapping by Murphy's ex-partner. Starring Dorian Harewood. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Fridays: Guest is dancer Gregory Hines, also starring Barrow Igus. 12:00-1:30 a.m.-Ch. 13.

Saturday

Sugar Ray Leonard's Golden Gloves: Tennesse squares off against Florida in a series of bouts taped in Baton Rouge, La. 2:00-3:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Tony Brown's Journal: A report on ancient African societies features an interview with historian Chancellor Williams. 6:30-7:00 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

Kennedy Center Tonight: A tuneful salute to Broadway. Celebrities include singer - actress Melba Moore. 8:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

NBA Basketball: The Bullets at New York. 8:00-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 20.

Chicago Story: Megan witnesses a gangland-style execution that may have been the work of policemen. Starring Richard Lawson. 8:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Saturday Night: Guests include singing group The Spinners. 11:30-1:00 a.m.-Ch. 2.

Sunday

Today's FBI: A crooked ex-cop goes for a big cocaine score, right out of the police department's evidence storeroom. Starring Harold Sylvester. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

The Jeffersons: Florence learns that the Jeffersons and the Willises are throwing a party for some special friends and her name isn't on the guest list. Starring Marla Gibbs. 9:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Trapper John, M.D.: Shoop has second thoughts about marrying a divorced man when his ex-wife becomes ill and she has to tend his five children. Starring Madge Sinclair, Brian Mitchell, Bernie Casey and Rosalind Cash. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

Mike Douglas: Co-host Ben Vereen is joined by singer-dancer Lola Falana. 4:25-5:25, a.m.-Ch. 13.

Bernie Casey portrays the fiance of surgical nurse Shoop whose engagement threatens Trapper's peaceful routine on "Trapper John," Sunday, March 14 on CBS.

Donna Wood, principal dancer of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre will be in the new ARTS' second year of programming beginning March 14 on ABC.

African Heritage Dancers here

The African Heritage Center in cooperation with the Baltimore City Urban Services Cultural Arts Program presents "In Special Benefit Concert", the African Heritage Dancers and Drummers, Friday, March 26 at Dunbar Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

The African Heritage Dancers and Drummers have performed in the Baltimore City Public Schools for the past 15 years. Half of the members of the African Heritage Company are residents of Baltimore City making the African Heritage company as much a Baltimore Company as it is a Washington, D.C. company.

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( ) Clark Singers
( ) Supreme Angels

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( ) Andrae Crouch and Singers
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Miss Baltimore Best

Auditions were held recently to select the 12 finalists for the Second Annual "Miss Baltimore's Best" Pageant sponsored by the "Baltimore is Best" Program, Mayor Schaefer's Office. The pageant will be held on Sunday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Hilton Hotel's Main Ballroom.

The following contestants were selected from over 150 outstanding, talented young ladies: Susan Baylus, Richelle Brooks, Bernadette Foster, Velva J'eanay Greene, Mary Beth Haroth, Jonzetta Jordan, Tammy Suzanne Marble, Margaret Peachy, Karen Elizabeth Simmons, Pamela Villeneuve, Judith Wallace, and Deborah Wright.

Rehearsals for this gala event will take place at the Baltimore Downtown Hilton Hotel's Main Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 and Monday, April 12, culminating with the final dress rehearsal on Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m., the day of the pageant.

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