In Performance

Who said New York City is the hotbed of entertainment? Well, whoever it was certainly doesn't reside in the Baltimore/Washington areas. Music, drama, dance, comedy--it's all here. Just read on:

Washington

This weekend in D.C., the spotlight is on **Chaka Khan** who will be in performance at **The Wax Museum** this Monday evening, Jan. 24. No longer lead vocalist for RUFUS after hits like, "Tell Me Something Good" and "You Got The Love", Chaka Khan is on her own submitting dynamic material to the music world with stuff like, "Clouds" and, her latest, "Got To Be There." Chaka Khan always delivers an exciting stage show so, don't miss this one.

Towards the end of the week, at **Constitution Hall**, D.C. features a romantic ensemble of gentlemen always after the heart. **The Dells, Ray, Goodman and Brown,** and **The Chi-Lites** will be together on Friday evening, Jan. 28 at 8 pm. Tickets for the show are $12 and $14. Although it's not Valentine's Day yet, the romantic atmosphere generated by these fellows will make you believe otherwise.

In her final days in D.C., is **Esther Phillips**. This long-time favorite of jazz lovers is currently performing at **The Blues Alley** in Georgetown. From Friday, Jan. 21-Sunday, Jan. 23 she will be doing 3 shows nightly at 9:00, 11:00 pm and 12:45 am.

Sharing the bill with Chaka Khan will be those gentlemen of savoir faire, **The Manhattans.** Always eager to please, The Manhattans will be performing all their greatest hits which could make the show go on forever. The Manhattans will preceed Chaka Khan at **The Wax Museum** on Monday night. Showtime is 8 PM.

Closing out the month of musical lovelies to the area, is the legendary **Nancy Wilson.** Absent from our area for much too long, Nancy Wilson is back performing at **Charlie's** in Georgetown for a week long engagement from Tuesday, Jan. 25 through Sunday, Jan. 30. For smooth, soothing sounds, make a date to see Nancy. For reservations, call 298-5985. Charlie's is located at 3223 K Street, NW.

Another legendary favorite visiting the area this week, is comedian **Redd Foxx.** With his All Star Las Vegas Revue, Redd Foxx will bring his sharp wit and suave deliverence to **DAR Constitution Hall,** 18th and D. Street, N.W., on Friday, Jan. 21 at 8:00 pm. Admission is $12-$14. For more information, call 484-4506.

For those interested in the theatre, D.C. is welcoming two great productions within a few weeks. First, **SHOW BOAT,** the delightful musical starring **Donald O'Conner** and **Lonette McKee** will be on stage at the **Kennedy Center Opera House** from Jan. 26 through Feb. 20. The show recently completed a very successful run in Baltimore, receiving rave reviews from audiences and critics alike. As it chugs its way down to D.C., make it a point to see for yourself.

Also on stage, it's the multi-award winner, **"Children of a Lesser God."** This show, which features deaf performers and deals with the problems the deaf face daily, is one of the most poignant to come out of New York in quite some time. The show will open here, in D.C. on Feb. 1.

Baltimore

Before hitting the D.C. stage, **Chaka Khan** and her special guests, **The Manhattans,** will appear at Baltimore's **Painters Mill Star Theatre.** For one show only, the team will perform on Sunday evening, Jan. 23 at 8:00 PM. So, just in case you can't make the show one night, you have another chance to catch the musical explosion that is Chaka Khan and The Manhattans. Tickets for the show are $13.50 and can be bought at the various Ticketron offices around the city.

This is one of Chaka Khan's rare Baltimore/Washington appearances and is a completely new show with material from her latest Warner Brothers album entitled, "CHAKA KHAN."

Translated from its African origins, the name CHAKA means fire, war and the color red; the music of Chaka Khan translates into sizzle, pop, and flash in any language. Chaka Khan's success is studded with smash singles like, "Tell Me Something Good" (Written by Stevie Wonder), and "You Got The Love" with the group RUFUS, and "I'm Every Woman", "Clouds" and "Papillon (Hot Butterfly)" as a solo artist.

And speaking of musical explosions, step back! He's coming! The King of Soul himself. **Mr. James Brown! Painters Mill** is proud to present the man who started it all, (or at least, most of it,) on Friday, Feb. 11, at 8 PM. With a list of hits much too long to name, James Brown will be in Baltimore performing them all. His special guests will be **The Dells.** So, circle the date on the calendar today, Friday, Feb. 11.

And just prior to the Master's arrival will be a duo of the most "soulful" brothers around, **Hall and Oates** will be in Baltimore for one show only at the **Civic Center.** With hits like, "Sarah Smile," "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" and "My Imagination", these handsome fellows have totally captivated the black audience of America. Their show begins at 8 pm and tickets are $9.50 and $10.50.

To catch local talent in the area pay a visit to the **Soul Shack Restaurant/ Nightclub** next weekend when **Jenelle Fisher** and **Bill Harris** take to the stage. The show begins at 10 pm but go a little early and enjoy a delicious dinner, just to set the mood. The Soul Shack is located in Lexington Market with the entrance on Greene Street.

At the **Sportsman's Lounge** on Gwynn Oak Avenue, **Dave and Marlene Ross** will be entertaining the crowd every Friday and Saturday evening through the month of January. Showtime varies, but usually begins around 9 PM. there is no cover charge.

For a couple of new shows, visit the **Arena Playhouse** on McCulloh Street, where **"It's Showdown Time"** has just opened. The play will be running through Feb. 6, so there is still time. Not the case, though, with another recent opening. John Steinbeck's **"Of Mice and Men"** is currently on stage at **The Dunbar Performing Arts Center** for a limited engagement which ends on Sunday, Jan. 23. The plays stars **Gordon Parks** and **Archie Williams, Jr.** and is directed by Tony award winning actress **Trazana Beverly** ("For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf). Call 276-4646 for more details.

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Baltimore: **CINEMA SECURITY MALL**
Beltway Exit 17, 265-6911

Washington: **JENIFER CINEMA I & II**
5252 Wisconsin Ave., NW, 244-5703

SOPHIE'S CHOICE (R): Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline
The tragic story of a survivor of the Nazi concentration camp and the happiness she searches for in her future.

Baltimore: **LIBERTY**
Liberty & Old Court Rd., 655-2600

Washington: **K-B CINEMA**
5100 Wisconsin Ave., 363-1875

GANDHI (PG): Ben Kingsley
The biography of a famous man of peace.

Washington: **UPTOWN**
3426 Connecticut Ave., 966-5400

THE PERSONALS (PG): Bill Schoppert, Karen Landry
Based on the current craze of dating through the classsifieds

Washington: **OUTER CIRCLE THEATRE**
4849 Wisconsin Ave., NW, 244-3116

TIMERIDER
Once again time travel sets the stage
Baltimore: **RANDALLSTOWN**
Liberty & Old Court Rd., 655-2087

Baltimore: **ROTUNDA**
40th St. & Keswick Rd., 235-1800

TOOTSIE (PG): Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange, Teri Garr
An unemployed actor gets the lead of a popular soap opera--as a woman.

WESTVIEW
Baltimore National Pike
1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:05

ROTUNDA
40th St. and Keswick Rd.
Washington:

AVALON, KB FINE ARTS

Washington
MacARTHUR
4859 MacArthur Blvd., NW

OUTER CIRCLE
4849 Wisconsin Ave., NW

AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN (R): Richard Gere, Lou Gossett, Jr., Debra Winger
As beautiful as its title song, this movie is superbly conceived and acted, depicting one man's realization that he cannot live his life as a loner.

MINI-FLICK
Pikesville
1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

WESTVIEW
5:45, 7:50, 10

THE TOY (PG): Jackie Gleason, Richard Pryor
A wealthy man promises to get his son any toy he wants - the child chooses Richard Pryor.

NEW
Park Ave.

REISTERSTOWN PLAZA
Reisterstown Road, 358-0500
1:15, 3:15, 5:15

SENATOR
5904 York Road, 435-8338
2, 4, 6, 8, 10

WESTVIEW
Baltimore National Pike
2, 4, 5:50, 7:50, 9:50

48 HOURS (R): Eddie Murphy, Nick Nolte
A convict is given a temporary parole for 48 hours to help the plice capture two cop killers.

REISTERSTOWN PLAZA
Reisterstown Road, 358-0500
1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

WESTVIEW
Baltimore National Pike
1:40, 3:15, 5, 6:40, 8:20, 10:05

MAYFAIR

Washington
TENLEY CIRCLE
Wisconsin Ave.

EMBASSY CIRCLE
1927 Florida Ave.

KB CERBERUS
3040 M Street, NW

THE VERDICT (R): Paul Newman, Jack Warden, James Mason, Charlotte Rampling
A fading lawyer is given one last chance to redeem his career.

COLUMBIA
Route 29, 997-9010
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10

WESTVIEW
Baltimore National Pike
1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10

E.T. (PG): Dee Wallace, Robert MacNaughton, Drew Barrymore
The movie of the year, E.T. is the story of an extra-terrestrial creature who gets left behind on earth and taken in and cared for by three earth children.

BOULEVARD
33rd and Greenmount Ave., 235-3703
2:20, 4:40, 6:55, 9:15

SECURITY MALL
Security Square Mall, 265-6911
2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Washington
AVALON, KB CAPITOL HILL, KB STUDION

EAGLE'S SHADOW (PG): Jacky Chan, Juan Jan Lee
Another day, another dollar, another karate chop.

HIPPODROME
12 N. Eutaw St., 539-4775

BEST FRIENDS (PG): Burt Reynolds, Goldie Hawn
The story of co-workers, screenwriters who fall in love.

COLUMBIA
Route 29, 997-9010
2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

SECURITY MALL
Security Square Mall, 265-6911
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10

STILL OF THE NIGHT (PG): Roy Scheider, Meryl Streep
A whodunnit involving a psychiatrist and his patient.

WESTVIEW
Baltimore National Pike
1:45, 3:25,

AIRPLANE II (PG): Robert Hays, Julie Magerty, Lloyd Bridges
Part two of the slap-stick hit of last year, "Airplane".

SECURITY MALL
Security Square Mall, 265-6911
1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Washington:

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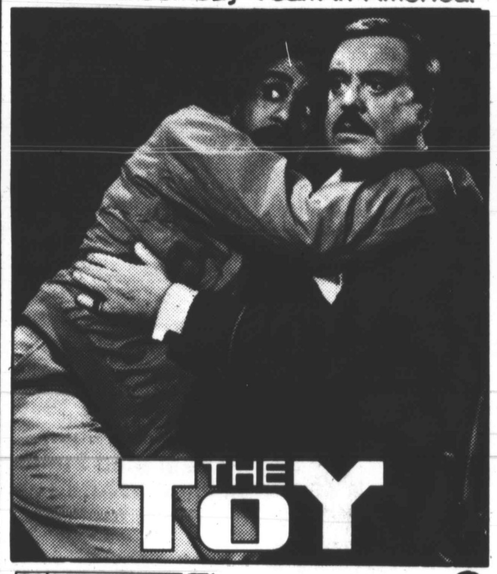

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