IN PERFORMANCE —D.C.

When the pipes, drums and dancers of The Black Watch, Her Majesty's senior Highland regiment, perform at the Capital Centre on Friday, Dec. 9, replete with all the splendor and magic of a royal spectacle, Washingtonians will once again agree that Britain's pomp and ceremony are still very much alive and marching to the same beat.

The brass and polish of the regimental band of The Scots Guards, who perform the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, will join The Black Watch in their 68-city North American Tour to add their own brand of British pageantry.

This important event is one of many highlighting the Capital Centre's 10th year of presenting first-class sports and entertainment for the metropolitan Washington community.

Political intrigue in a great center of power gives way to love in the lush Forest of Arden in Shakespeare's wistful and romantic comedy "As You Like It" now at Arena Stage through January 1 in the Arena. "As You Like It", with its 22-member cast, is staged by Arena Associate Producing Director Douglas C. Wager, who directed this Company's enormously successful "Candide" and "On the Razzle" last year.

First presented in 1598, "As You Like It" contrasts the tyranny, constraint and artificiality of the governing court with the rustic wholesomeness and imaginative freedom of the pastoral world. Rosalind, one of Shakespeare's most appealing heroines, is forced to flee a tyrannical uncle who threatens her life for political reasons. Accompanied by her faithful cousin Celia and the Fool, Touchstone, Rosalind journeys to the magical Forest of Arden where the cares of the "civilized" world melt in the face of Nature's healing forces and the power of love is unleashed on the trio to run its amusingly unpredictable and passionate course.

FLICKS

YENTL — Produced, directed and co-authored by Barbra Streisand, "Yentle" is the most talked about Christmas must-see films. She has lavished great attention to details in this film. She plays the title character, from Isaac Bashevis Singer's story of a Jewish girl in Eastern Europe who disguises herself as a boy in order to get an education. Rated PG. Contains some suggested nudity and sexual references.

NATE AND HAYES — Tries to be that pirate movie we all remember seeing with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and some of its ilk may be still seen on late night TV. It's set in the South Pacific in the mid-19th century and is about a free-booting fellow named Captain Bully Hayes (Tommy Lee Jones), a pirate with scruples meaning that he refuses to be a part of the slave trade. The Nate of the title is Nathaniel Williamson (Michael O'Keefe), the stuffy son of a missionary and a young man who, in the course of the story, learns about a life of adventure from the older, wiser, Bully. Movie's scenery sometimes looks like the Fiji Islands and at others New Zealand. Rated PG and surprising explicit violence.

REAR WINDOW — A favorite with audiences and critics, Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window" with James Stewart as an immobilized man watching his neighbors from a rear window in his apartment is a humorous and macabre tale able to sway an audience's emotions with just a turn of a camera's angle. Rated PG. Some profanity.

A NIGHT IN HEAVEN — A slick movie with plenty of throbbing music to accompany male go-go dancers. Speech teacher Lesly Ann Warren flunks handsome but indifferent student, Christopher Atkins, and then runs into him at a strip joint where he is the star go-go dancer. Rated R. Nudity, sex.

Special Events

Holiday Bazaar at Streetcar Museum- Sale of handmade novelties, holiday decorations, and homemade food specialties to benefit museum. Today, noon to 4 p.m., in Visitors Center auditorium. Baltimore Streetcar Museum 1901 Falls Road. Free. Rides on old streetcars will operate for the usual fare: $1 for adults; 50 cents for children. Details: 547-0264

Christmas Open House at Cylburn Mansion- Mansion decorated for Christmas; Nature and Bird Museums open; hostesses available for questions. Dec 4, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., at Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Avenue. Free. Deail: 367-2217

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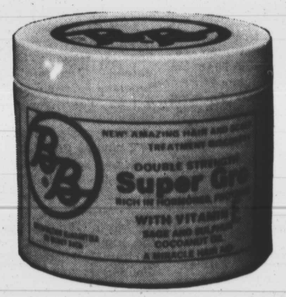

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Kennedy Center, New Hampshire Avenue near Virginia Avenue NW. Call toll-free (800) 424-8504 for information or to charge tickets.
Concert Hall. Saturday: Vladimir Ashkenazy, pianist, and Itzhak Perlman, violinist, perform the music of Brahms.
Eisenhower Theater. Thru Sunday: Paul Taylor Dance Company.
Opera House. Washington Opera through January 22.
Next Sunday: 6th Annual Kennedy Center Honors. Honorees are Katherine Dunham, Elia Kazan, Frank Sinatra, James Stewart and Virgil Thomson.
Terrace Theatre. Washington Opera. Friday, Sunday: "Semele." Tuesday, Saturday: "L'elisir d'amore."
Arena Stage, Sixth Street and Maine Avenue SW, (202) 488-3300.
Old Vat Room, indefinitely: "Banjo Dancing" with Stephen Wade. Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 p.m.
Arena, through Jan. 1: Shakespeare's "As You Like It."
Kreeger, through Jan. 1: "Beyond Therapy" by Christopher Durang.
Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Avenue NW, (202) 337-4141.
Thru Sunday: Betty Carter.
Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol Street SE, (202) 546-4000.
Through Jan. 8: "Cinderella," a British pantomime.
National Gallery of Art, Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW, (202) 737-4215.
Through Feb. 20: "Piazzetta: A Tercentenary Exhibition — Drawings, Prints, and Illustrated Books." 106 drawing, prints and illustrated books of Giovanni Battista Piazzetta.
Through Dec. 31: "Juan Gris."
Through Dec. 4: "Gainsborough Drawings."
Through Jan. 8: "Art of Aztec Mexico: Treasures of Tenochtitlan." **National Portrait Gallery,** Eighth and F streets NW, (202) 357-2700 .
Through Jan. 22: "Robert Cornelius Daguerreotypes: Portraits from the Dawn of Photography."
Closes today: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris."
Warner Theatre, 513 13th Street NW, (202) 626-1050. Through Sunday: "The Wiz," starring Stephanie Mills.
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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SPECIAL DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

ANACOSTIA NEIGHBORHOOD MUSEUM
2405 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.E.

Exhibition: Through Their Eyes. Silkscreens, drawings and acrylic paintings by D.C. artists Lou and Di Stovall. Video-tapes presentation on the silkscreening process is included. This exhibit has been extended through March 4, 1984. Tours and silkscreening workshops can be arranged for ages 3 through adults. Call 287-3369.

Kwanzaa: the Afro-American adaptation of the African harvest festival.
Dec. 3 and 17: Tales of Kwanzaa. For children of all ages. 1 p.m.
Dec. 11: Brother Ah and the Sounds of Awareness. 2 p.m.
Dec. 18: Nana Kwabana Brown discusses local and national history of Kwanzaa, with a candlelighting ceremony. 2 p.m.

Kwanzaa: weekday programs scheduled for school groups. Call 287-3369.
Dec. 2 and 16: The Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles of Kwanzaa) 10, 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m.
Dec. 9: Songs, stories and poetry presented by the Nubian Griot Society. 10 a.m.
Dec. 14: Silkscreen workshop and discussion of Kwanzaa. 10 a.m.
Dec. 6: Workshops for teachers and group leaders. 10 a.m., 1:15 p.m.

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HIRSHHORN MUSEUM
7th St. and Independence Ave., S.W.

Hirshhorn Holiday. Mimes, music, magic and performances. Dec. 3. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART
8th and G Streets, N.W.

Holiday Puppet Show. The Hurry Monster Visits Santa's Workshop. With the Kaydee Puppets. Dec. 10. 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.
St. Columba Handbell Ringers. Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

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MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY
14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W.

Exhibition: The Trees of Christmas. Twelve living trees decorated with themes including folk art, state flowers and birds and nature's bounty. Dec. 15 through Jan. 2.
Holiday Celebration. Traditional Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's activities. Dec. 26-31. Noon to 5 p.m. each day.
Concert/Colloquium. The life and achievements of gospel music composer Lucie E. Campbell. Dec. 17. Colloquium led by Bernice Johnson Reagon — 9:30 a.m. Concert/lecture by J. Robert Bradley — 2 p.m. The Boyer Brothers and the Year of Jubilee — 8 p.m.

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NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM
4th St. and Independence Ave., S.W.

The Stars of Christmas. Spacearium lecture on the current night sky and the star that led the Magi to Bethlehem. Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. No admission after show begins.

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RENWICK GALLERY
17th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Holiday Films. The Great Toy Robbery; Dylan Thomas — A Child's Christmas in Wales and Christmas Cracker. Dec. 8 and 22. Complete program at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m.

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MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART
316 A St., N.E.

Exhibition: African Islam. 19th and 20th century objects showing the Islamic influence on the arts of Africa. Through April 22, 1984.

Special activities in connection with the exhibition:
Dec. 3 and 10: Islamic calligraphy workshops in the Maghrebi and Sudani styles, both common to Africa. 10 a.m. children; 2 p.m. adults. Pre-registration required: 287-3490.
Dec. 3 and 17: African Islam Folktales. 12:30 p.m.
Dec. 17: Two films show basic precepts of Islam applied to daily and cultural life: In the Name of Allah and The Pattern of Beauty. 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 28-29: Children's Workshop — color, form and design taught by creating simple forms and complex patterns in Islamic art style. 10 a.m. Pre-registration required: 287-3490.

GENERAL MUSEUM INFORMATION: call 357-2700 or 357-1729 (TDD)
ALL SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS ARE CLOSED DECEMBER 25.