Happenings This Week

EVENTS

Howard University

On Friday, October 31, Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" will be presented in the Ira Aldridge Theatre. The production will open at 7:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Department of Drama. For ticket information, call (202) 636-7050. The production will also run on November 1 at 7:30 and November 6-8 at 7:30.

The Howard University Lecture Series will continue on November 6 with a lecture featuring Alvin Poussaint, M.D., consultant to the "Bill Cosby Show." The lecture will be held in the Blackburn Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. It is free to the public. For further information, call (202) 636-5590.

Kennedy Center

On Friday, October 31 at 1:30 p.m., the National Symphony Orchestra will be in concert in the Center's Concert Hall. Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos will be conducting, and Narciso Yepes will be on guitar. The program will feature Strauss' Don Quixote, Rodrugo's Concierto de Aranjuez, and Falla's the Three-Cornered Hats, Suites Nos. 1 and 2.

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At 7:30 on the same day, the Cleveland Quartet and Emanuel Ax will be in concert. They will be performing the Schumann Piano Quarter in E-flat major. The performance will be held in the Terrace Theatre.

At 8 p.m. in the Opera House, The Washington Opera will be performing. They will feature Verdi's Il Trovatore.

For information about these and all other Kennedy Center events, call (202) 254-3600.

THEATRE

'Queenie Pie'

"Queenie Pie," Duke Ellington's musical, will be presented at the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theatre now through November 8. For further information, including exact show dates and times, call (202) 254-3670.

Pumpkin Theatre

Creative drama and puppetry classes will be held through March 28, 1987 for boys and girls ages 5 through 15. Classes are sponsored by the Pumpkin theatre and will meet Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. For further information, call 467-6484.

'Hansel and Gretel'

Pumpkin Theatre, a performing arts series for children ages four through eleven, will present "Hansel and Gretel" as its first production of the 1986-87 season. Performances will run through November 2. For exact show times and dates, call 467-6484.

'The 1940's Radio Hour'

University Theatre at the University of Maryland College Park will present the musical theatre tribute to the big band era, "The 1940's Radio Hour." Performances will be November 6-8 and 13-15 at 8 p.m., in the Tawes Theatre. For further information call 454-2201.

'The Good Doctor'

The Loyola College Evergreen Players will present "The Good Doctor," a comedy adaptation by Neil Simon. The production will run on November 6 through 8 and 13-14 at 8 p.m. in the Loyola College McManus theatre. For further information, call 532-5024.

Petrucci's Dinner Theatre

"Man of La Mancha" will be featured at Petrucci's Main Street Dinner Theater now through January 4, 1987. For ticket information and information concerning exact dates and show times, call 792-7499.

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FILMS

Enoch Pratt Library

On Saturday, November 1 at 2 p.m., the Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will begin a four-week series entitled "Oscar rerun." This series includes eight award-winning documentary, animated, and live-action shorts released between 1965 and 1984.

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"Great Expectations," the award winning British film version of the Dickens Classic will be shown at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 5 at the Highlandtown center. For information about these and other Enoch Pratt events, call 396-5494.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Enoch Pratt Library

Friday, October 31, Brooklyn Branch: Films—"Madeline and the Gypsies," "The Little Red Hen," and "Adventures of a Baby Fox," 10 a.m. Hollins-Payson Branch: Films—"Winter of the Witch" and "The Wizard," 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 1 Central Pratt Library: Films—"Soup and Me," "Soup for President," and "Curious George," 11 a.m.

Wednesday, November 5 Brooklyn Branch: Films—"Luke Was There" and "The Fur Coat Club," 3 and 4 p.m.

Dundalk Avenue Branch: Film—"Rodeo Red and the Runaway," 3 p.m.

Central Pratt Library: Films—"Niok" and "Babar Comes to America," 3:30 p.m.

Hamilton Branch: Films—"Towed in a Hole" and "Beau Hunks," 3:30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE All agencies of the Enoch Pratt Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 4, Election Day. Those agencies designated as polling places will be open for that purpose.

BSO EVENTS

On Saturday, November 1 at 2:30 p.m. the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present the Meyerhoff Tiny Tots series. Michael Morgan will be conducting and Rheda Becker will be the narrator. The concert will feature a program of music and magic especially for children ages three through six.

For further information concerning this or other Baltimore Symphony Orchestra events, call 783-8100.

CONCERTS

Cathedral Concert Series

Thomas Spacht, organist will be in concert at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Sunday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. The program will include Prelude, Adagio and Choral on the theme of Veni Creator. For further information, call 433-8803.

King of France Tavern

Ethel Ennis will be in concert at the King of France Tavern on Friday, October 31. There will be two shows at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Ennis will also be on hand on November 1 and 2. The showtime is the same on November 1, November 2's show will begin at 8:30.

On Monday, November 3, a Jam Session with Staf Scaggiari will be the entertainment. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 4 at a tribute by Stef Scaggiari to the music of Irving Berlin will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

EXHIBITS

Rockland Arts Center

The Maryland Museum of African Art will present an exhibit of "Art Out of Africa" from November 2 through January, 1987. The exhibit includes pretige items from Nigeria, Kenya, Zaire and Ghana; masks and textiles from Liberia, Cameroon and numerous artworks from other African nations will also be displayed. Museum hours are Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 1-4 p.m. and the first Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. For further information, call 465-6700.

Enoch Pratt Library

"Enoch Pratt's World: A Centennial Exhibition will be on display through December, 1986. Photographs, memorabilia, documents and newspaper articles re-create the life and times of the founder of the Enoch Pratt Free library. For further information, call 396-5494.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Forest Park High School Class Reunion

The Forest Park High School 1966 Class Reunion will be held on November 29, from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Overlea Hall. For further details, call 944-4727 after 6 p.m. or 298-1212 before 4 p.m.

Baltimore Museum of Art

The Baltimore Museum of Art will present a Masquerade Ball on Saturday, November 1 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The ball will benefit the Joshua Johnson Endowment Fund. Tickets are $25 per person. For further information, call 396-6310.

Masquerade Ball

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore will sponsor a "Masquerade Ball and Atlantic

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On The Cover . . . .

Our Cover this week features the sensational singer, Anita Baker, who will be appearing at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Sunday, November 2.

Born in Toledo, Ohio and raised on the west side of Detroit, Miss Baker started singing in school choir groups. After graduating from high school, she joined a string of local bands while doubling as a short-order cook in a local hospital.

She attended junior college for about three months but withdrew after discovering she could make a living for herself in the music industry.

Miss Baker got her first professional break with the group Chapter 8, a 10 piece aggregation that was signed to Ariola Records. The group released one album and had a couple of moderate hits.

When the band's option wasn't picked up by the label, Miss Baker returned home and found a more secure job outside the industry with a law firm.

She then got a call from her former manager, record executive Otis Smith, who, she says, "made me an offer I couldn't refuse . . .in writing."

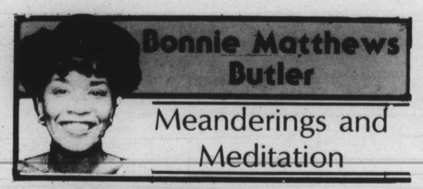
She left her secure job, moved to Los Angeles in 1982 and by December was putting the final touches on her debut album "The Songstress," for Smith's Beverly Glen Music.

When the album was finally released, nothing happened, but, Smith never gave up and after five months, Anita Baker's album became a hit.

Anita Baker then joined Electra and her debut album, "Rapture," has now hit platinum and number one status on the R&B charts and features her as executive producer, arranger, composer and musician.

She will continue to tour America through 1987.

Roy Battle and the Altones, in existence since 1950, will make a special guest appearance at the First Annual Renaissance Fancy Dress Party on St. Paul St. on Friday, October 31 starring at 7 p.m. The street will be blocked off from Preston to Eager to vehicles from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.



Bonnie Matthews Butler

Meanderings and Meditation

Stevie Wonder

The day of the ghosts and goblins, Halloween, is here dear Plusses. Have you made your plans yet?

In case you haven't, let me tell you about some events happening around this fair city.

For starters, the Baltimore Exchange, a non-profit organization founded in 1985, is hosting a masquerade party at the Manor Club on Friday, October 31. (More on this organization at a later date.)

Tickets are $12 and there will be an open bar. According to President Louis Marshall, if you don't have a costume, it's ok. You'll be able to come anyway. Sounds like it's going to be fun so I'm dropping by.

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The Joshua Johnson Endowment Fund of the Baltimore Museum of Art is hosting their annual Beaux Arts Masquerade Ball on Saturday, November 1, from 9 until 1 a.m. at the Museum. Tickets are $25 per person and can be purchased by calling 396-6310.

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The University of Maryland, Eastern Shore is hosting their Masquerade Ball and Atlantic City Nite at the Forum on Friday, October 31 beginning at 9 p.m. They'll have an open buffet, open bar, disco and live music. The ball is a benefit for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Centennial Fund.

If you think your costume is hot, go, they'll be prizes awarded. Call 298-0186 if you want more information.

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Before I forget, I want to tell all of you about the good time I had performing at the Halloween Celebration Fundraiser for the New Era Education, Inc.

Our good friend, **Sandy Mallory** the "nighttime lady" of V-103, called and asked us if we had any "live" talent and would we be willing to perform.

Since we aren't known for our voice, we decided to accept the challenge and do a lip synch.

Now before we go any further, let me tell you that nerve was never our problem and so, we felt we would try the difficult. The decision, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by **Ashford and Simpson.** That's right I attempted to do both voices.

I figured that if I used a hat for a prop and remembered who sang which part, I'd be alright.

Needless to say, after a two hour rehearsal and the roar of the crowd, I must admit I got confused but I had loads of fun.

It was fun to watch the other performers doing their thing and our hats are off to **Cathy Pugh** of WEBB Radio for her portrayal of **Gwen Guthrie, Harrite Lane** of KUUMBA for her dramatic presentation, **Pam Jones** of Music 96 for doing the "real" thing. (She actually sang), **Ricky Shakelford,** a very funny comedian and **Sandy Mallory** for "doing" **Chaka Kahn.**

I hope New Era raised a lot of money for they certainly know how to put on a "good show."

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A lot of performers like touring right before Christmas and Baltimore is no exception because besides **Anita Baker,** who is in town on Sunday, we've been told that **Lionel Richie** will play the Capital Centre on November 10, **Freddie Jackson** will headline at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on November 16 and the great **Stevie Wonder** is coming to the Baltimore Arena on November 21.

While I'm on the subject of superstar entertainers who will be playing the area, I must display my disappointment with a lot of major Black superstars who seem to have forgotten from whence they came.

Seems it is becoming more and more difficult for members of the Black press to garner interviews. If you're not a television station or a top radio station, they are not interested in talking to you.

A lot of us have to fight and claw when it comes to the opportunity of speaking with these mega stars.

We'd be interested in hearing your views on this for you are the buying public and you should be able to read indept interviews in your newspaper. Think about it.

P.S. I must add that Stevie Wonder always was and still is committed to his roots and displays it every chance he gets. More mega stars should take notice.

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City Nite" on Friday, October 31 at the Forum. The event will begin at 9 p.m. and will feature an open buffet, open bar and disco as well as live music. The proceeds will benefit the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Centennial Fund. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. For ticket and other information, call 298-0186.

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