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AND ALL THAT JAZZ

With Bob Matthews

Kind of an interesting musical event happening Sunday, May 14 at the Hall of Musical Instruments of the National Museum of American History as the program American Classical Music is scheduled.

It will consist of two parts, a lecture and discussion at 1 p.m.; "Gospel and Jazz: Substance and Style," and "Deep River: Praise Songs From My People" at 3 p.m.

The latter is a concert to be performed by the **David Murray Quartet** and the **Wesley Boyd Gospel Choir**. The quartet has Murray on reeds; **Dave Burrell**, piano, **Wilbur Morris**, bass, and **Tani Tabbal**, drums.

We are told that seating is limited, and advance registration is recommended. (202) 357-4176.

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District Curators wrap up their spring New Jazz series with **Frank Lowe** and his "saxsemble" group. Lowe, a tenor saxophonist, was featured with **Alice Coltrane** for a while.

The group includes reedmen **James Carter** and **Gary Window**, and percussion **Reggie Nicholson**. This is the first appearance at DC Space of a band led by Lowe since 1981.

Sets are at 10 and 11:30, DC Space, 7th and E Sts., NW.

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The third annual Jazz and Heritage Festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13 at the Marketplace Plaza in the Brokerage in downtown Baltimore.

Featured performers for the fest start at noon and the sessions go until 7 p.m.

On the schedule for Saturday: **Peabody Underground** (jazz) **Sheila Ford** (jazz vocalist), **Dub Squad** (reggae), **Timothy Moore** and **Heaven Bound** (progressive gospel), and **Moon August** (fusion).

Sundays lineup: **Whit Williams Quintet** (jazz), **Fat Tuesday** (R&B), **Carl Grubbs/Bob Gray Quintet** (jazz), **Rhumba Club** (salsa), **Deanna Bogart** (Texas swing), and the **Carl Filipiak Group** (fusion).

Admission is free, and in case of rain, the festival will be moved indoors.

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The King of France Tavern of the Maryland Inn in Annapolis is busting its buttons a bit, for they have booked a solo performance by **McCoy Tyner** for May 17-19.

There will be two shows nightly, and advanced reservations are a must for this one.

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Have gotten a few queries from jazz listeners who were tickled over the Sunday afternoon jazz set put on at the Arena Playhouse. At the first one, which featured **Gary Bartz**, it was announced that they would become a regular Sunday feature.

Then ... silence ... not a word has been heard about anything in regards to a jazz happening at the Playhouse. When we investigated, discovered that someone had goofed on the dates.

The play, "Morning's at Seven" is scheduled to be performed weekends through May 20, which obviates any sort of other activity taking place at the Playhouse.

Was chatting with Gary last week, who told me that indeed the sets will go on around the first week in June.

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The Preservation Hall Jazz band will be featured at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall Saturday, May 26 at 8:15 p.m. It is a part of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Pops series.

The band was founded in 1961 to preserve the original New Orleans jazz form and the program will contain selections from the traditional New Orleans jazz repertoire.

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Charlin Jazz Society and the Washington Performing Arts Society present "Jazztap!" featuring Harold Nicholas and Sandman Sims, along with Savion Glover.

It happens Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26 at the Terrace Theatre of Kennedy Center. Music will be by **Jon Ozment**, piano; **Tommy Cecil**, bass, and **Warren Shadd**, drums.

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Over in Fells Point on Broadway, **Koko Taylor** will be appearing at Max's May 31. She has been dubbed the Queen of the Blues, and has won nine W.C. Handy Awards and a Grammy.

Following the Baltimore gig, she will appear at Blues Alley in Georgetown June 1-3.

'Mama 2' holds auditions

Angela Taylor

Erica Leak

By Will Marshall
AFRO Staff Writer

They all twitched nervously as they contemplated the possibilities of being "the one" to be selected.

Parents, aunts and uncles that accompanied the hopefuls gave them last minute instructions and straightened their lace fringed pastel colored dresses.

Now it was time to get instructions from Ken Wydro, one of the judges. "We're looking for a little girl between seven and nine years old, depending on her size, who is not afraid to get up in front of people, and who can sing."

These talented seven to nine year olds were competing for a chance to perform with the Off-Broadway musical, "Mama I Want To Sing, Part II."

"Mama Two" is a sequel to the smash hit "Mama I Want To Sing," which ran for five years and over 1,500 performances at the Hecksher Theatre in New York, and countless performances while on a cross-country tour.

While standing side-by-side, each girl sang strong and clear in order to be heard above all the others. Yes, together they sang with confidence and authority, however once again when asked to sing alone the air of timidity returned.

According to Wydro, "There will be salary, and they will receive newspaper credits." This is something the play show organizers will do in every city in which they will perform.

The three young ladies selected in Baltimore are, Erica Leak (7), Danedrea Drake (9), and Angela Taylor (9). Of particular note is the amazing coincidence between the plot of "Mama Two," and the relationship between Angela and her mother, Pia Angela Taylor.

In the show Doris Winters, played by D'Atra Hicks, is the daughter of a minister who must struggle with trying to balance a Christian family life. This is an exact parallel of the mother of young Angela.

Cast of "Harlem Holiday" Maria Broom, Darla Jones, Robert Chew, Linda Jones, Wanda Tyler, Darrell Taylor, Gordon Parks and Rohn Luckett.

'Harlem Holiday'

"Harlem Holiday," a multi-media salute to the Harlem Renaissance, will be staged at the Encore Dinner Theatre, Wednesdays only, May 9 through June 13.

The play was written by Belva Scott and is directed by Amini Courts. It is filled with song, poetry, dance and drama and features an excellent multi-talented cast.

Starring in "Harlem Holiday" are: Maria Broom, Robert Chew, Darla Jones, Linda Jones, Rohn Luckett, Gordon Parks, Darrell Taylor and Wanda Tyler. Encore Dinner Theatre takes place at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Avenue.

Preakness Parade

The USF&G Preakness Celebration Parade, will enliven the streets of downtown Baltimore with boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard as grand marshal on Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

The 18th annual Preakness Celebration Parade is held in honor of the 115th running of the Preakness Stakes.

The Baltimore City Mounted Police will lead the parade which steps off at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Eutaw Street and proceeds northeast on Martin Luther King Boulevard to Chase Street;

East on Chase Street to Charles Street; south on Charles Street to Pratt Street; and east on Pratt Street to the disband area at Market Place.

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Conference Update

BLUES MUSIC CONFERENCE

The third Annual East Coast Blues Music Conference sponsored by the Blues Foundation will be held on May 18-20 at the Airport Hilton Inn, Greensboro, N.C.

Lonnie Brooks, The Kinsey Report with Big Daddy Kinsey, Snooky Pryor, Bob Margolin and other Blues stars will be featured in the festival. Attendance is open to anyone interested in Blues Music, Blues society leaders, Blues music industry executives, festival producers, club owners, performers, media representative and Blues music enthusiasts. Contact Joe Savarin, 1-800-727-0641.

TELECONFERENCE

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) will sponsor this year's regional conferences in Annapolis, MD. and Austin, TX. on May 3-4 and June 7-9, respectively. The theme of the Annapolis conference, Telecommunications: Decade of Impact, will cover legislative and regulatory update and more, and the Austin conference theme will be, Partnerships: Cities and Cable TV.

For information, call (202)-626-3170.

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH FORUM

The Children's National Medical Center will sponsor a day-long series of lectures, research presentations and scientific exhibits on recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases, May 24, 1990 at the Children's Hospital, 111 Michigan Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

According to Dr. Glenn C. Rosenquist, Children's Hospital Research Director, the Forum is designed for physicians and all other health professionals with an interest in pediatric research and innovative clinical techniques. For information contact Barbara Cire at (202) 939-4500.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

The 1990 National Urban League Conference will be held on July 29, 1990 at the New York Hilton and Towers, New York City. The conference theme, "Onward! To a Decade of Difference" will mark the League's 80th anniversary and its continued commitment to social, economic and political justice for African Americans, organizers said.

Over 18,000 civic and social activists, heads of corporations and community based organizations, and agents of social change will be at the conference to discuss the condition of African-Americans and their quest for parity in this country. Speakers include the first elected Black Governor, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, the first Black mayor of New York, Hon. David N. Dinkins, and William J. Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.Contacts: Janet Dewart, 212-310-9024, and Leslye Cheek, 202-898-1604.

Strike affects Black workers at two manufacturing plants

A strike affecting nearly 500 hourly workers at two Westvaco Corp. plants in Richmond is on going over wage and health-care issues.

The strike affects 485 of the 616 hourly workers at Westvaco's Virginia Folding Carton division. The division has plants at 320 Hull St. and 3001 Cofer Rd.

According to Ed Stephens, Jr., business representative for Local 670 of the Bellwood Printing, Pressmen and Specialty Union, Westvaco offered pay raises of 2.5 percent in each of the next three years. Only half of the 5 percent per year the union sought, union members asked for a hike of 75 cents an hour. Westvaco, however, only offered five cents an hour.

Aiming to boost employee health-care costs, Westvaco, wants to raise workers' payments to $9 a month for single coverage, $18 for dual coverage and $30 for family coverage, Stephens said. Under the old contract, workers paid $6 a month for single coverage, $12 for two people and $20 for family coverage.

Photo by Williams' Photography

WESTVACO STRIKE — Members of Local 670 of the Bellwood Printing, Pressmen and Specialty Union are picketing Virginia's Westvaco Corporation's Folding Carton division for higher wages, better working conditions and health insurance increases. Union members, who are staging pickets at two Westvaco plants in Richmond, are seen here at the firm's plant at 320 Hull St.

To keep Westvaco's machinery moving, the company is bringing salaried, non-union employees on board from other locales, according to Westvaco spokesman Ed Davis.

Davis said, however, there are no plans to hire replacements for the company's striking workers.

Stephens said the workers, who have made the company's profits, seek their fair share—their piece of the pie. He said union members are sorry about the way conditions have ended up.

And Davis said no further contract talks are forthcoming. He said, currently, Westvaco's management staff has put its best economic offer on the table. He said no further offers are going to be made because they company thinks the offer is fair.

"We think it's a fair offer," Davis said.

DC YMCA receives community grant

Washington, D.C.'s Anthony Bowen YMCA has been selected as a recipient of a $293,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The grant comes from the District of Columbia's Department and Housing and Community Development and will be used to fund part of the renovation of the facility.

"The YMCA is a vital, stable organization that is helping us achieve one of our most important strategic goals: to ensure good community management and neighborhood stabilization," said David S. Dennison, director of the DHCD. "This grant provides for a solid facility in which the Anthony Bowen YMCA can reach out to the community with social services activities.

Thomas B. Hargrave, Jr., president of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington said, "This money will allow the Anthony Bowen YMCA to continue to provide vital community service activities."

Current services at the center include senior citizen programs, food banks for needy families and before and after school programs for children.

ANTHONY BOWEN GRANT: From left, Otis C. Dupree, executive director of the Anthony Bowen YMCA, Wilford L. Jackson, general manager of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, David S. Dennison, director of D.C. DHCD and Thomas B. Hargrave, Jr., president of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington.

DC educator named Morehouse trustee

Mrs. Marguerite Mazique, Washington, DC educator and widow of the late Dr. Edward Mazique, has been named a trustee of Morehouse University's School of Medicine.

Her late husband was a member of the school's governing body, the board of overseers and the board of trustees.

Mrs. Mazique is joined by five other new trustees. They are: Arthur Ashe,former tennis champ; Edward A. Fox, president and chief executive officer, Student Loan Marketing Association, Washington, DC; Sarah Farish, a national volunteer and civic leader in Kentucky and Texas; Roy S. Roberts, general manufacturing manager of the Cadillac Motor Car Division, Detroit, Mich.; and Judy M. Anderson, vice president and corporate secretary, Georgia Power Company, Atlanta, Ga.

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There are 39 active trustees including the ex-officio members, two trustees emeriti and one honorary. Nineteen are from Atlanta and Georgia; 25 are Black; nine are women; 13 have M.D. degrees; 11 are educators; five are civic leaders; four are elected officials, including two U.S. Senators; and two are professional athletes.

The Morehouse School of Medicine enrolled its first students in 1978 and according to officials "has as its primary mission the training of physicians who will establish practices for the medically underserved minority socio-economically disadvantaged in rural America and the inner cities."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

MORE MINORITY ENGINEERS

Minority freshmen enrollment in engineering is up more than 28 percent according to research just released by the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME).

The Engineering Manpower Commission (EMC) which compiled the study said over a three-year period there was growth in each of the underrepresented groups — African Americans, Hispanics and American Indians.

FIRST BLACK WOMAN ON USPC

Rosalyn C. King, PharmD, MDH, has been elected to the National Committee of Revision of the U. S. Pharmacopoeial Convention (USPC), a private organization which sets federal public drug standards.

Dr. King is the first Black woman to win election to the committee. She is the Director of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science International Health Institute in Silver Spring, Md.

POVERTY LEVEL CONSTANT

U.S. Census figures describing the proportion of African Americans in poverty as remaining relatively constant at one-third, since 1969, are inaccurate because of the way poverty is measured, according to an article by NNPA's Charles E. Belle.

"Methods that include a food budget for emergency food needs and excludes homeless families and individuals ignores much of the African American poor community. Consequently, people of color are more in poverty than the U.S. Census currently proposes to tell us," he said.

JOBS FOR SENIORS

Seniors! Are you finding your retirement dollars are getting harder to stretch? Are you earning what is allowed under Social Security? If you want answers to any of these questions and live in Fairfax County, Va. contact Senior Employment Resources. The group helps people 55 and older find jobs for free. Call (703) 750-1936 for information.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Are you disabled, over 65? or do you know someone who is? Well, you might be eligible for Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a federal program administered by the Social Security Administration. Monthly payments are paid to eligible aged, blind and disabled people who have limited income and resources. For information call 1-800-234-5772.

FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION

The Washington, DC Department of Public Works has begun work on the reconstruction of the next portion of the city's Southeast-Southwest Freeway.

The two-year $47 million project will allow the department to totally rebuild nearly one mile of the freeway and six ramps leading to it. For information on the project and its effects on motorists call (202) AAA-SESW or 222-7379.

SECURITY REGULATION

Securities Regulation of Banks and Thrifts in the 1990's, a seminar sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, will be held May 14-15 at the Madison Hotel, Washington, DC. The seminar will feature an in-depth look into some of the important securities law developments that are affecting banks, bank holding companies, thrifts and thrift holding companies in the 1990s.

For information call (212) 765-5700.