# AREA ENTERTAINMENT

## AND ALL THAT JAZZ

**With Bob Matthews**

The Left Bank Jazz Society will present in concert **The Harper Brothers**, Sunday May 20 at Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave., Baltimore.

The quintet is led by the two brothers, Winard, drums, and Philip, trumpet, both of whom are native Baltimoreans. They have two albums to their credit, and Philip did a stint with Blakey's Messengers.

Concert will be in the Tawes Center Ballroom of the college, with the usual BYOB on tap. Concert is from 5 - 9 p.m.

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In Annapolis at the King of France Tavern of the Maryland Inn, a special presentation of the McCoy Tyner artistry will be in place through May 19.

It will be a solo performance, which really give McCoy a chance to show off his talents, including original tunes which have not had much of an airing.

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District Curators wrap up its spring season with a concert by the avant-garde saxophonist **Frank Lowe** and his **Saxsemble.** The group consists of four saxes and drummer **Reggie Nicholson.**

Reedmen include **James Carter, Gary Window, and Michael Marcus, Concert will be held at DC Space, 7th and E Sts., NW. Set times are 10 and 11:30 p.m.**

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**The Maryland Center for Creative Music is presenting the Hassan Sabree Quartet** as part of its ongoing Jazz at the BAUhouse program.

The concert will feature the Morgan State U. grad in a concert of original and standard jazz. BAUhouse is located at 1713 N. Charles St., Baltimore, and this is a BYOB set.

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Dropped by the Sportsmen's Lounge this past Monday night, just to stay abreast of the happenings on the local jazz scene. Had been hearing that some changes had taken place there — wrong!

The regular format is still in place with **Mickey Fields** on tenor, **Claude Ligon**, organ and a guest drummer, which was **Vance James** this week, plus another guest.

Always like to chat with Mickey who is usually knowledgeable about what is happening on the jazz scene. He was telling us that the sound system at the club was out for repairs, and they are makeshifting until it is returned.

Just want to tell Mickey that you couldn't tell this from the audience. Things were loud and clear — and, we might add, swinging.

Youngsters and others still drop in to jam. Actually, this is one of the few places in town where jamming is still the order of the day.

Mickey says there is a new band being formed in town in which he joins forces with **Raschid Abdul Yaya**, and they are currently in rehearsal.

He also had a lot of good words to say about the New Haven Lounge out in the Northwood section of town, which has been programming jazz for a while now.

Haven't made the scene there yet, since we are told the sets kick off at a rather late hour — for us anyway. But, we will. Am told Wednesdays and weekends are the times to make it.

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For the many people who have called asking about the jazz festival season and what is available, we'll do a breakout next week on the fests.

Harper Brothers

## MAKING THE ROUNDS

**with Bonnie Matthews Butler**

"The Spoon" is in Odessa, Texas; not Jimmy, but his singing cousin **Shirley Witherspoon**, formerly of the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

This swinging gal from Hubert Humphrey country (Minneapolis, Minnesota) has been featured at the **Sportsmen's Lounge** on Gwynn Oak Ave. and the **Sphinx Club** on Pennsylvania Ave., for the past five months.

She came to the attention of the club owners through the AFRO's **Linda Sharp.** When Shirley moved here a year ago, a friend suggested she contact the AFRO and she did. She was immediately engaged to perform at the paper's Christmas party at the Palladium.

Subsequently, Shirley became a regular on "Wonderful Wednesdays" at the Sphinx and special weekends with the Fuzzy Kane Quartet at the Sportsmen's.

Shirley is nationally known fo her one-woman "Billie Holiday" show and is giving six performances under the auspices of the Odessa Jazz Society.

Thought you'd be interested to know that Shirley's deep in the heart of Texas and is scheduled to perform the show throughout the upper and midwest.

Shirley called this week to let her Baltimore fans know that she will be back in the fall with November targeted as the month for the return of the "Spoon."

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Meanwhile back in Charm City, Rambling Rose (**Rosa Pryor**) is scheduled for surgery next month and the folks over at the **20 Grande** on Bowley's Lane are holding a love benefit this Tuesday (May 22) from 9 p.m. until, with all of Baltimore's finest musicians performing.

A similar tribute is on tap at the **Sportsmen's Lounge** on Monday, May 28 with the Hennessy folks sponsoring the activities.

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Sources tell us that the **Lorman House** on Lorman Ave. is closed and dealing with some internal problems and this past Tuesday, the action shifted around the corner to Rodney's place, the **Krystal Lounge** at McKean and Baker with **Arnold Sterling** and company providing the musical fare.

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"Making the Rounds: understands that several Baltimore entrepreneurs have calls out to bring **Babyface** to town. Babyface has the hottest record to hit this town in manymoons. ("Whip Appeal") and it is the most played record on the juke boxes around town.

The major catch is, he likes to stay in the studio and produce recordings. To get him out of there, we understand it will take over $50,000. Baltimore is ready for Babyface. Just hope those "small" financial arrangements can be worked out.

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ON THE CONCERT TRAIL: **Maze**, featuring **Frankie Beverly** will perform at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall this Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (19) and 6 p.m. (20) **Regina Belle** will open . . . . At Merriweather Post Pavilion - **Tracy Chapman**, June 17; **Ziggy Marley**, June 22; **Marcia Griffiths**, June 27; **Kenny G.**, August 25.


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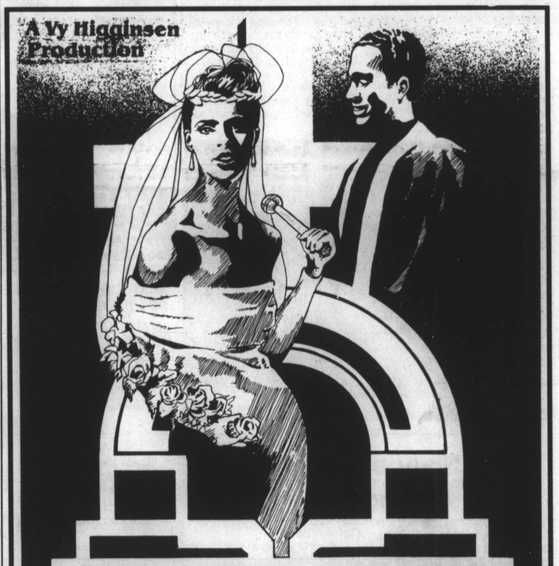

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# BUSINESS PULSE


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Saturday, May 19, 1990

## Arts program for Washington youth seeks contributions from business

By Gwen Gilmore
AFRO Staff Writer

DC ART/WORKS, the Washington based only nonprofit artist employment agency in the United States, is seeking increased cooperation and support from the area's business community to continue a program to help the District's young, gifted and Black.

"We represent the youth that exhibit the better qualities. The city's budget is so strapped with crime and drug abuse, the resources aren't there. Therefore, we look to the business community," said Ulysses G. Gardener, Jr., executive director of DC ART/WORKS.

The body said it has stepped up its efforts to secure funds from businesses, through a variety of promotional projects, including public service announcements, flyers, word of mouth, posters.

"We're looking to them to underwrite the project for travel and materials. Our estimate is essentially $60,000 for sound equipment and promotional items," Mr. Gardener said.

Funded almost totally by the Mayor's Summer Job Youth Program, the project employs young people in a variety of six different programs, designed to accommodate high school students as young as 14 years old and graduates not older than 24 years old, out of school.

Requirements are the same as the Summer Youth Employment Program, and participants earn minimum wage.

Photography, music (vocal/instrumental), dance, drama, video, graphic, architecture, painting and drawing, arts administration, museum aides, radio production, tech theatre, clothing, textiles, jewelry making, leather craft, creative writing and camp counseling are among the many disciplines offered to youth interested in non traditional in-school and summer jobs.

"We help build self-esteem and pride," said Sybil O. Felton, Youth Program Coordinator, "Young people come in shy and timid and learn to handle situations. For some, at the end of seven weeks they're getting standing ovations."

*Photo by Derrick Breaux*

PROFESSIONAL ARTIST Rod Turner going over the design of a DC ART/WORKS' mural for the Children's Ward at Washington's D.C. General Hospital with youth trainees.

## PACK YOUR BAGS

*Conference Update*

**ENGINEERS MEET**

The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering will meet May 29- June 1 at the Westin Hotel, Chicago, Ill. For information call Betty Wagner on (212) 279-2626.

**WRITERS CONFAB**

The International Black Writers Conference will be held June 8-10 in Chicago. The location has not yet been announced. For information call Mable Terrell on (312) 995-5195.

**FRATERNITY**

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will hold its convention July 2-9 at The Fontainebleu Hilton Hotel, Miami Beach, Fl. For information call James Blanton, III on (312) 785-5300.

**WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS**

The American Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs will hold its convention July 11-14 in Philadelpha, Pa. For information call Brenda Alford on (301) 565-0527.

**BLACK EXPO**

The Indiana Black Expo will be held July 17-22 at The Indiana Convention Center. For information call The Rev. Charles Williams on (317) 925-2702.

**SORORITY**

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will hold its annual convention July 18-22 at the Richmond Center for Conventions, Richmond, Va. For information call Alison Harris on (312) 684-1282.

**MYSTIC SHRINE**

The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of The Mystic Shrine will hold its convention Aug. 17-25 at The Cobo Center, Detroit, Mich. For information call Charles W. Hales on (313) 963-4443.

## Baseball head honored with award

By Mildred O'Neill
AFRO Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA — The recipient of the 1990 Police Athletic League of Philadelphia is William "Bill" White, president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

Mr. White, who was presented with the award at a May 9 dinner, was selected because of his "commitment to sports and the young people of Philadelphia and throughout the country, which has made him an inspiration and role model for youngsters everywhere," said PAL Board Chairman John K. Binswanger.

Mr. White was an award-winning first baseman and a television sportscaster prior to his unanimous election as head of the National League. He officially took office in April, 1989, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti.

During his 14 years with the Majors, Mr. White played for the Phillies from 1966 to 1968. He started his career in 1956 with the Giants, hitting a home run in his first game. He played with them in New York and San Francisco.

In 1970, he served as sports director of Channel 6 in Philadelphia and in subsequent years, he was a sports caster for Yankee Broad casts in New York and a baseball broadcaster for CBS Radio.

WILLIAM WHITE

DOUGLASS HOME: Vivian L. Smith, president of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, recently presented $4,000 worth of checks from the association, (left to right) Robert G. Stanton, regional director of the National Capital Region, National Park Service, for use in the Frederick Douglass home in Washington, DC. Pictured also, Ernest White, Washington radio personality and Andre Watson of the Shiloh Family Life Center in DC.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**NBMBAA SCHOLARSHIPS**

The National Black MBA Association, Inc. announced its 1990 Scholarship Program of ten $3,000 scholarships to be awarded to minority students enrolled in a full-time graduate business or management program in the Fall of 1990 or Winter of 1991.

Applicants must submit a two page essay: "How can minority entrepreneurs give the U.S. a competitive edge in the world market?" Winners will be honored at the NBMBAA 12th Annual Conference and Exposition on Oct. 3-7 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. For information contact: NBMBAA, 180 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 1820, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

**DC BOND STRESS**

"When the District first assumed control of its own finances its books were unauditable, but now it is nationally recognized for financial reporting excellence...that the District reduced its accumulated general fund deficit by $164.4 million in the decade of the 1980's...and that the District had ended eight of the last nine fiscal years with a budget surplus," according to Robert Pullman, District of Columbia Deputy Mayor For Finances

Despite this improvement, Standard and Poors, Inc., one of the municipal rating agencies, has informed the District of Columbia that the city's general obligation bond rating will be downgraded from an A to A- because of several reason's including revenue losses resulting from a general economic slowdown affecting the District as well as other jurisdictions up and down the East Coast; and three consecutive years of fiscal stress as the District repeatedly cut expenditures in its efforts to keep budgets balanced and sustain key services, he said.

**JOHNSON EXPANDS**

Chicago based Johnson Products Co. plans to purchase two brands for $10 million from M&M Products, a privately held Atlanta-based hair care manufacturer. If the deal goes through, it would be part of the firm's plans to build Johnson Product's long term viability, explained Eric Johnson, the company's president and chief executive officer.

In 1989 the hair-care and cosmetic firm that markets and makes Gentle Treatment, Ultra Sheen and Classy Curl benefited from a $2.2 million sale of real estate and a tax loss carry forward credit of $667,000. Sales reached $29.368 million, a 1 percent increase over last year.

**FOOD CARDS**

The use of plastic magnetic strip cards in place of food stamps are being tested by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

Instead of receiving a check or food stamp coupons, recipients will receive a plastic card to use at a computer terminal at the grocery check-out counter. The cost of food will automatically be subtracted from the household's total monthly food stamp allotment.

The project is designed to increase financial accountability and efficiency by eliminating the problem of lost or stolen food stamp coupons, according to Catherine Bertini, assistant secretary of Agriculture for Food and Consumer services.

**BLACK FIRST**

Melvin Green, owner of Green Pest Control Co. is the first African American to become a licensed pest and termite controller in the history of Jacksonville, Fla. He organized his business after passing a two day test given by the Health and Rehabilitative Service Dept. of Fla. in March of this year.

Mr. Green, 40, was employed for 10 years with a local pest control company before becoming a sub licensee. He is the president of his company and his wife Harriet E. Green is the secretary.

**SBA AWARDEE**

Dratin Hill, Jr., District Director of the Small Business Administration's Richmond District Office announced today that Gordon E. Christie, owner of A Touch of Class Catering, Inc. in Virginia Beach, has been named Virginia's Small Business Person of the Year.

**CORP. SUPPORT**

Elizabeth City State University has commended Burger King Corp. for supporting of African-American Community with contributions to enhance education and business opportunities.

Burger King Corp. has a voluntary agreement with Operation PUSH and the Burger King Minority Franchise Association to provide opportunities for African Americans in the areas of procurement, banking, employment, marketing, franchising and contributions.

**TECHWORLD PLAZA**

Techworld Plaza, being constructed between 7th and 9th St., N.W. in Washington, D.C. will house the major headquarters elements of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs including VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski and other top executives early next year.

The $340 million mixed-use business complex midway between the Capitol and the White House, will be the offices of some 1335 employees.