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# 'Fames' weak translation

It was a great idea, a popular vehicle which had been performed successfully in the motion pictures, and as a television series, would form the basis of a Broadway musical.

But alas, in the transition, something slipped. What resulted was a feeble copy of the original, with little innovative input ingested into the stage presentation.

These negatives aside, what is happening on the stage of the Mechanic Theatre where "Fame: The Musical" is playing through March 19, is a collection of extremely talented young people demonstrating a commitment to the arts in great fashion.

The energy level is immense, matched with superb dancing and singing. Detractors equated the choreography as akin to the ensemble dancing in "West Side Story," and there are similarities.

One of the problems in this musical, as it starts a long road towards eventual Broadway staging, is that it is too long, and contains a bit too many songs — some of which do little to advance the threadbare plotline.

Once you get adjusted to the street language used throughout the play, you have a tendency to cringe at the impudence and disrespect of one of the central characters, Tyrone Jackson.

Played by Harold Perrineau, Jr., Tyrone is the star dancer, who is academically deficient, and initially defiantly resistant to any attempts to help him.

He dumps Carmen, another of the principal characters — the gorgeous looker, who goes bad—an obligatory role for some character in a play such as this.

Tyrone takes up with Iris, and experienced ballerina, and on and on the cycle goes, in a predictable manner, embellished with myriad song and dance numbers.

Some of the actors are superb. We especially enjoyed the antics of Monique Cintron as Carmen, and Allen Hildalgo as Joe Vegas, who carried a torch to the end for Carmen.

Surprisingly, the adult roles in the production don't quite measure up. Ebony Jo-Ann as Miss Sherman, the English teacher, displays a strong gospel-tinged voice, but her tough-teacher portrayal isn't quite believable.

As should be obvious, the play needs work. We suspect by the time the play doctors get through, this rough jewel of a play will be polished to perfection.

It is still an enjoyable evening of theatre, and Baltimoreans have a chance to view it in its infancy, with the opportunity to check out the results of the smoothing out process later.

The music and dance are worth checking out. For further information: (301)625-1400 — MATT.

**Debbie Allen and her sister, Phylicia Rashad (top photo) and Whoopi Goldberg (bottom photo) star in "The Debbie Allen Special" airing Sunday, March 5 on ABC. Debbie's husband Norm Nixon and Little Richard also perform in the special.**

## —All That Jazz

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its regular patrons — but when you consider the alternative — in our estimation, there is no choice.

Incidently, the next LBJS set is March 19 when they will present **The Lou Donaldson Quartet**, with **Herman Foster**, piano; **Jeff Fuller**, bass, and **Fukushi Tanaka**, drums.

Should be a goodie.



# THE TUBE

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## FRIDAY MARCH 3, 1989

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 :00 :30 | Today | Today | Tom/Jerry Flintstones | Good Morning America | This Morning | This Morning | Good Morning America | Scooby Doo G.I. Joe | MacNeil/ Lehrer | | Tom/Jerry DuckTales | Marketing Kangaroo | Bunny Picnic Tom Sawyer |
| 8 :00 :30 | " | " | Woody My Little Pony | " | " | " | " | Jem Snorks | Kangaroo Mister Rogers | | Dennis Tom/Jerry | Sesame Street | Movie: "Indi-ana Jones |
| 9 :00 :30 | Donahue | Group 1 Fam. Med. | I Love Lucy Alice | Geraldo | Donahue | Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee | Sweethearts Dating Game | Richard Roberts | Sesame Street | Body Pulse For People | SilverHawks Money Money | Mister Rogers Instructional | and the Temple of Doom" |
| 10 :00 :30 | S.J. Raphael Cl. Conc. | Sale Cl. Conc. | Bewitched Jeannie | Sally Jessy Raphael | Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee | Sup. Court Peo. Court | Newlywed Marriage | 700 Club | Sesame Street | Spotlight European | Wild, Wild West | Programming | Movie: "The Trouble With |
| 11 :00 :30 | Wheel-Fortune Lose or Draw | Wheel-Fortune Lose or Draw | Love Boat | The Judge Potatoes | Price Is Right | Price Is Right | Divorce Court The Judge | Success 'n Life | Zoobilee Zoo | Computers French Action | Big Valley | Maryland Ch. | Spies" Animation |
| 12 :00 :30 | News Scrabble | Password Scrabble | Under Siege Current Affair | Home Loving | News Young and | News Young and | News Loving | Wonder Woman | Body Electric Faces/Culture | Liv./Animals Business Rpt. | Quincy | Maryland Ch. Instructional | "Greystoke: The Legend |
| 1 :00 :30 | Days of Our Lives | Days of Our Lives | Bunkers Pl Day at a Time | All My Children | the Restless Bold/Beautiful | the Restless Bold/Beautiful | All My Children | Family | Faces/Culture Nova | Evening Exchange | Movie: "The Wild and the | Programming | of Tarzan, Lord of the |
| 2 :00 :30 | Another World | Another World | Beaver Double Dare | One Life to Live | As the World Turns | As the World Turns | One Life to Live | Gidget Gunsby | Sesame | Promises to Keep | Free" | Cooking | Apes" Intimate Con- |
| 3 :00 :30 | Santa Barbara | Santa Barbara | Menace Ghostbusters | General Hospital | Guiding Light | Guiding Light | General Hospital | Smurfs Jetsons | Street Sesame | Marilyn MackPainting | Jem Tom/Jerry | Yan Cooks Mister Rogers | tact |
| 4 :00 :30 | Oprah Winfrey | Inside Edition Peo. Court | Chipmunks DuckTales | Magnum, P.I. | Oprah Winfrey | Geraldo | Diff. Strokes Break | Fun House C.O.P.S. | Street | So. Cooking DeGrassi High | Chipmunks Fun House | Sesame Street | Bears' Easter Movie: "Billy |
| 5 :00 :30 | News | Live at Five | Silver Spoons Gimme Break | News | News News | Live at Five | Cosby Show Family Ties | Brady Bunch Webster | Sq. 1 TV 3-2-1 Contact | Sq. 1 TV 3-2-1 Contact | Andy Griffith Good Times | Sq. 1 TV World/Animals | Galvin" |
| 6 :00 :30 | News NBC News | News | Cosby Show Current Affair | News ABC News | CBS News | News CBS News | News | Facts of Life Cheers | Ideas Business Rpt. | MacNeil/ Lehrer | Silver Spoons Facts of Life | MacNeil/ Lehrer | Movie: "For Keeps" |
| 7 :00 :30 | Wheel-Fortune Jeopardy! | NBC News Family Feud | Movie: "Silverado" | Jeopardy! Ent. Tonight | USA Today Wheel-Fortune | Lose or Draw Inside Edition | ABC News Evening Mag. | Night Court Cheers | MacNeil/ Lehrer | Evening Exchange | Jeffersons Barney Miller | Business Rpt. State Circle | |
| 8 :00 :30 | Father Dowling Mysteries | Father Dowling Mysteries | | Strangers Full House | D. Copperfield | D. Copperfield | Strangers Full House | Movie: "The Mackintosh | Wash. Week Wall St. Week | Time Out Tony Brown | Star Trek: Next Gener. | Wash. Week Wall St. Week | Encyclopedia Brown |
| 9 :00 :30 | Miami Vice | Miami Vice | | Mr. Belvedere Ten of Us | Dallas | Dallas | Mr. Belvedere Ten of Us | Man" | Scenes From La Boheme | Mystery: Miss Marple | War of the Worlds | Big Band Battle | Movie: "Indi-ana Jones |
| 10 :00 :30 | Hunter | Hunter | News | 20/20 | Falcon Crest | Falcon Crest | 20/20 | All in Family Jeffersons | Great Performances | Movie: "The Silent Twins" | Simon & Simon | | and the Temple of Doom" |
| 11 :00 :30 | News Cheers | News Tonight Show | Under Siege M*A*S*H | News Nightline | News Music Video | News Ent. Tonight | News Nightline | Arsenio Hall | | | Arsenio Hall | Big Band Cavalcade | Movie: "The Mosquito |
| 12 :00 :30 | Benson D. Letterman | D. Letterman | Comic Strip Live | On Trial Sweethearts | Connection Pat Sajak | Pat Sajak | Potatoes Taxi | Relat. Skier | Manor Born Sign-Off | Lehrer TBA | Morton Downey Jr. | Sign-Off | Coast" |

## SATURDAY MARCH 4, 1989

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 :00 :30 | Transformers Archies | Kidsongs 3 Stories Tall | Anushka Last Dinosaur | Three Musketeers | Mighty Mouse Storybreak | Garden Living Neighborhood | 4-1-One Dr. Fad | 700 Club | Sesame Street | | Comic Strip Cont'd | Management Management | The Purple Rose of Cairo |
| 8 :00 :30 | Kissyfur Gummi Bears | Kissyfur Gummi Bears | Bionic Woman | Flintstones Winnie the | Raggedy Ann Superman | Look at It Superman | Flintstones Winnie the | Am. Top Ten Out of World | Sesame Street | | | Health Health | Movie: "Cat's Eye" |
| 9 :00 :30 | Smurfs | Smurfs | Batman Hour | Pooh Slimer! & Real | Muppet Babies | Muppet Babies | Pooh Slimer! & Real | Superboy T and T | Lilias! Decisions | Adam Smith Computer | Movie: "Bell, Book and Can- | DeGrassi High State Circle | The Kid Who |
| 10 :00 :30 | Chipmunks ALF | Chipmunks ALF | Comedy Hour | Ghostbusters Scooby Doo | Pee-wee Play. In Our Lives | Pee-wee Play. Garfield | Ghostbusters Scooby Doo | Soul Train | Wall St. Week Wash. Week | Take Charge! Woodwright | die" | Business You at Home | Wouldn't Quit Ray Mancini |
| 11 :00 :30 | Cosby Kids | Cosby Kids | WWF Superstars | Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show | It's Ernest! Teen Wolf | It's Ernest! It's Academic | Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show | War of the Worlds | Metro Week Am. Interests | Madeleine Gourmet | Abbott Research | Hometime Old House | Story |
| 12 :00 :30 | TBA Will Sonnett | Punky B. Ed Grimley | WWF Wrestling | Crack-Ups Pick Up Best | Billy Packer Fast Break | Neighborhood Abuse Test | Superboy Guinness | Gateway/ Mindpower | Adam Smith Tony Brown | Kitchen Kitchen | Wild, Wild West | Yan Cooks So. Cooking | Movie: "The Train Rob- |
| 1 :00 :30 | Skier Basketball | Golden Greats She's Sheriff | Movie: "Three Tough Guys" | Weekend College Bas- | Tennis: WCT Men's Finals | Tennis: WCT Men's Finals | Senior PGA Golf: Vintage | Bonanza | F. Line: Risks Sci. Jrnl. | Frug. Gourmet Hometime | Billy Packer College Bas- | Jane Brody Painting | bers" Movie: "The |
| 2 :00 :30 | His. College Bas- | Sprts. Leg. College Bas- | | ketball: Georgia Tech at | | | Chrysler Invitational | High Chaparral | Garden Yan Cooks | Lap Quilting Ctry Painting | ketball: Georgia Tech at | Collectors Gentle Doctor | Legend of the Lone Ranger" |
| 3 :00 :30 | ketball: Arizona at UCLA | ketball: Arizona at UCLA | Movie: "Hooper" | Clemson | | | PBA Bowling: Atlantic City | Alias Smith and Jones | Cooking Bodywaitch | Motorweek Pittard Paints | Clemson All in Family | Garden This Old | Movie: "The Allnighter" |
| 4 :00 :30 | PGA Golf: | PGA Golf: | | College Basketball: N.C. | College Basketball: Louis- | College Basketball: Louis- | Open Wide World | Dukes of Hazzard | T. Old House Frug. Gourmet | Liv./Animals Nova | College Basketball: N.C. | House Project | |
| 5 :00 :30 | Honda Classic | Honda Classic | Fall Guy | St. at Wake Forest | ville at Notre Dame | ville at Notre Dame | | Munsters Tdy From Scratch | WonderWorks "Anne of | 3-2-1 Contact | St. at Wake Forest | | Movie: "Rad" |
| 6 :00 :30 | News Front Page | News NBC News | Small Wonder Close/Comfort | News ABC News | News CBS News | News Urban Scene | ABC News News | Charles Superboy | Green Gables, the Sequel" | Long Ago, Far Drug Prev. | War of the Worlds | | Movie: "Cat's |
| 7 :00 :30 | Wheel-Fortune Jeopardy! | D. Horowitz McLaughlin | 3's Company Current Affair | Jeopardy! Mama | Inside Wash. Wheel-Fortune | Small Wonder Webster | Siskel & Ebert Square Off | Star Trek: Next Gener. | WonderWorks "Anne of | DeGrassi High Time Out | Jeffersons Crimes | Faerie Tale | Eye" |
| 8 :00 :30 | 227 Amen | 227 Amen | Reporters | Mission: Impossible | Dolphin Cove | Dolphin Cove | Mission: Impossible | War of the Worlds | Green Gables, the Sequel" | Previews Newtons | Reporters | World of Disney | Movie: "Broadcast |
| 9 :00 :30 | Golden Girls Empty Nest | Golden Girls Empty Nest | Beyond Tomorrow | Man Called Hawk | TV 101 | TV 101 | Man Called Hawk | Fri. the 13th Series | | Evening Exchange | Beyond Tomorrow | Glenn Miller Band Reunion | News |
| 10 :00 :30 | UNSUB | UNSUB | News | Murphy's Law | West 57th | West 57th | Murphy's Law | Nightmare on Elm St. | Simon and Garfunkel: | Saturday Nite Sing | Synchronal Research | | Robert Townsend |
| 11 :00 :30 | News Saturday | News Saturday | Comic Strip Live | News Telethon | News USA Today | News WWF Super- | News Twilight Zone | Monsters Movie: "Rolling Thunder" | Central Park Concert | 30 Good Min. Sign-Off | Money Money Get Smart | Doctor Who | "Wanted |
| 12 :00 :30 | Night Live | Night Live | Movie: "Legend" | Easter Seal Telethon | Divorce Court | stars Wrestling | Fri. the 13th Series | | Sign-Off | | Mellinger Solofilex | Sign-Off | Dead or Alive" |

## SUNDAY MARCH 5, 1989

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 :00 :30 | Oral Roberts Lift Ev. Voice | Headlines Bltk Forum | Oral Roberts Frederick K. | Easter Seal Telethon | Christian Life Sunday Mass | Later Years Urban Scene | Real to Reel Dangermouse | Funtastic World of | Sesame Street | | Kenneth Copeland | Focus/Society Oceanus | With Grandpa Little Women |
| 8 :00 :30 | Sunday Today | Health Newsforum | Price Capital City | Cont'd | God Love You World Tom. | Gospel Var. D. Horowitz | Love Boat | Hanna-Barbera | WonderWorks "Anne of | | Sonshine World Tom. | Oceanus Adam Smith | Tom Sawyer Movie: "Callie |