

Entertainment

DIXON 'ON TOP' AT LANDMARK

By Laurie Buckley

When they say that Jim Dixon is really "on top" of things in Las Vegas, it's more than the fact that he keeps his keyboards hopping on the 27th floor of the Landmark Hotel.

Being very proud of his almost two-year gig at the Landmark, Jim says, "I'd rather be there than anywhere else."

Jim is constantly involved with music, talent and his position as president of "Youth Together," which sponsors the "Miss Galaxy Contest." Miss Galaxy is an annual beauty pageant that offers scholarships and opportunities to talented young black women, who are sponsored from all over the U.S. Jim has

been president of the organization for five years and has chosen Vegas as the home base of the pageant and the Landmark Hotel as its headquarters.

Jim's musical interests began at an early age and he carried it on during his many years in the Army. His music education was obtained at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he majored mostly in music theory, and the Chicago Conservatory. Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois.

When he toured on the road, he traveled with such greats as Ray Charles, Charo, Tito Guizar and the Ink Spots. In 1970 he was awarded the title of

"Music Director of the Year" from the country of Portugal. During that time he was also the musical director for "Up With People" and toured Europe, Africa, Australia and the U.S. with that group.

When you ask Jim how he likes Vegas, "I love it," he says with a smile. And what about his plans for the future? "I'm busy working on an album for FM and Musac," he reveals.

Jim is the proud father of two children - Jim III, aged 10 and Sarah, aged 4.

Now that he has signed a new contract through 1981 with the Landmark, you can bet Jim Dixon plans to stay on top for a long, long time.



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