

Entertainment

FIFTH DIMENSION RETURNS "HOME" TO RIVIERA



Fifth Dimension

After several years' absence and many stops along the way, the Fifth Dimension has flown "Up, Up and Away" and returned "home" to the Riviera for a two-week stay.

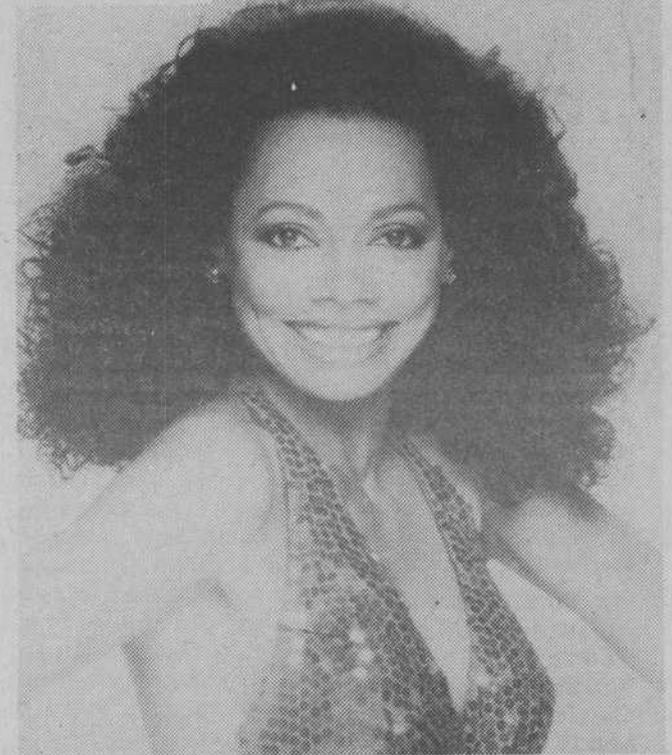
Their highly successful and enjoyable show is an improved version of the one presented at the Tropicana earlier this year.

The opening, featuring "It's A Miracle" and

"We Are Family," is much stronger for this engagement, when, on the sheer strength of their musical capabilities and great appearance, the Fifth Dimension See THE 5th, Page II

Intelligent, beautiful and talented Florence LaRue, A Multi-Faceted Woman With The Fifth Dimension

By Betty Brown



Florence LaRue

Lovely, vicacious Florence LaRue has "many irons in the fire." This petite woman, who, along with Lamont McLemore, co-founded the famous 5th Dimension over 17 years ago, is now its leader, spokesperson and star. She is a divorced mother with one son, whom she enjoys spending time with in their California seaside villa. She has a degree in education and has received her California teaching credentials, which she earned while singing with the 5th Dimension. She has a great interest in young people and has embraced, along with the other members of the group, the cause of neglected and abused children. She is currently writing a book, which you realize, when you see her close up in person, she is eminently qualified to do; its title is "Beauty and You: A Guide for Better Living." She also has a novel in her head that she says she will someday write.

In addition to all of these interests, she also enjoys writing poetry, gourmet cooking, classical music and the continual reading of "any good book I can find."

She also wishes to pursue an acting career, which she had originally planned to do when she moved to California from her home in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

"How does she manage all of these interests?" one may ask. When one sees Florence, one is immediately struck, not only with her flawless golden brown skin and fabulous figure, but also with her tremendous vitality. And as one talks with her, one comes to realize that she is a person of substance, purpose and self-discipline.

In spite of her tremendous amount of daily activity, Florence does not

require a large amount of sleep. Following the midnight show, she usually entertains friends or watches the late show for a while before going to bed around 3 a.m. or later. She is up by 8 or 9 a.m. and prepares herself for the day by reading from "The Daily Word" or the Bible.

During the day she is busy granting interviews, making personal appearances and taking care of other pertinent business.

She begins to prepare for the 8 p.m. show about six o'clock. During this period of her day, she prefers soft music and quiet solitude, so that she can be calm and composed at curtain time.

She is a firm believer in daily exercise and eating the proper foods. "I'm going to try to get over to 'Mom's' (Mom's Kitchen on Jackson Street) and get me some greens before we leave Vegas," she says. Greens are her favorite food, but she likes them cooked without meat. Her basic diet consists mostly of natural foods, fruits and other vege-

tables. She eats some fish and chicken, but no real meat.

When asked how she became the leader and "out front" star for the group, she replied, "I wasn't really approached with the idea of being the focal point of the group. It just sorta happened. Then all of a sudden I realized what had happened and I said, 'Wait a minute! I have all of this responsibility now.'"

Being "out front" for the group not only entails taking a rather subdued starring role on stage, but it also calls for her serving as spokesperson for them. Stage-wise she is not a more dominant leader because "there is so much talent in the group" and they all have their chance to "star."

"Being out front is interesting," she says. "The group needs a focal point, some one person that the public can identify with. The 5th never had that before. I enjoy the attention, but it's a heavy and difficult responsibility, especially with a group

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ALBUMS

1. MR. LOOK SO GOOD - RICHARD D. FIELDS	16. TAKE IT OFF - CHIC
2. YES IT'S YOU LADY - SMOKEY ROBINSON	17. A LITTLE LOVE - AURRA
3. IF I HAD A CHANCE - CHUCK CISSEL	18. DREAM ON - GEORGE DUKE
4. FRIENDS - SHALAMAR	19. ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES - ADC BAND
5. TASTE THE MUSIC - KLEER	20. YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND - LAKESIDE
6. KNIGHT TIME - FREDERICK KNIGHT	21. CON FUNK SHUN 7 - CON FUNK SHUN
7. LOVE IS WHERE YOU FIND IT - WHISPER	22. ALL NIGHT MUSIC - MCCRARYS
8. LOVE CONQUERS ALL - MICHAEL WYCOFF	23. IN A CITY GROOVE - MASS PRODUCTION
9. KEEP IT LIVE - JAZZ BAND	24. THE POET - BOBBY WOMACK
10. OUTLAW - WAR	25. POINT OF PLEASURE - XAVIER
11. PURE & NATURAL - T. CONNECTION	26. THE SISTERS - SISTER SLEDGE
12. BRILLIANCE - ATLANTIC STARR	27. AMBIENCE - NOLAN & CROSSLEY
13. I AM - LOVE - PEABO BRYSON	28. SPECIAL DELIVERY - ALVIN FIELDS
14. GET AS MUCH LOVE AS YOU CAN - JONES GIRLS	29. DOIN' ALRIGHT - O'BRIAN
15. ME AND YOU - JEANIE TRACY	30. WHO'S FOOLING WHO - ONE WAY

SINGLES

MAMA USED TO SAY - JUNIOR	A FRIEND OF MINE - GLADYS KNIGHT
TAKE ME TO HEAVEN - REN WOODS	PARTY IN ME - GENE DUNLAP
MUST BE THE MUSIC - SECRET WEAPON	I'LL TRY SOMETHING NEW - TAST OF HONEY
GENIUS OF LOVE - TOM TOM CLUB	JUST BE YOUR SELF - CAMEO
WE SHOULD BE LOVERS - RICK SMITH	THE OTHER WOMAN - RAY PARKER
MURPHY'S LAW - CHERI	CHAPTER 11 - JIM NICHOLAS
THAT GIRL - STEVIE WONDER	BODY MOVES - RARE ESSENCE
MIRROR MIRROR - DIAN ROSS	I'VE GOT SOMETHING - JUICY
IT'S GONNA TAKE A MIRACLE - DENISE WILLIAMS	FORGET ME NOTS - PATRICE RUSHEN
SENDING MY LOVE - PLEASURE	YOU BRING OUT THE FREAK IN ME - WALDO

SINGLE ADDS

WE SHOULD BE LOVERS - RICK SMITH	DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON LOVE - ELOISE WITAKER
LOVE CHANGES - O.C. SMITH	THE VERY BEST IN YOU - CHANGE
FEELING GOOD - ROY AYERS	DANCE LIKE CRAZY - KLIQUE
SECOND CUP - COFFEE	