

# SHARI BELAFONTE HARPER NOT BLACK ENOUGH

"There's a lot of prejudice in the entertainment business, but I prefer to call it pre-programming."

Those are the words of Shari Belafonte Harper, the beautiful daughter of balladeer Harry Belafonte. She is a model and an actress who has lost jobs after being told, "You aren't black enough for the statement we want to make."

Racial terminology is difficult and misleading these days, particularly in the case of Shari and many other aspiring black actresses and actors. Shari strongly resembles her handsome and famous father: she is light-skinned and has facial features, which some producers think are not especially representative of her race. Is she "black" or isn't she?

Shari's beauty should be a strong factor in her favor, but in actuality, it has worked against her. She cannot play roles obviously designed for caucasian actresses nor can she play roles that call for the stereotype of the black woman. There are sun-tanned caucasian actresses with darker skins than Shari, who have no difficulty filling caucasian parts, but "it



doesn't work the other way around," she says.

"I've been turned down for a lot of black roles because I'm not black enough. There's nothing I can do about that. Producers, directors and audiences have been programmed to see certain things on the screen."

Shari could be expected to be angry, perhaps even bitter, about the racial barriers she must overcome to find work. But she says, "I'm lucky. I'm not

angry. I'm not stupid either. It's so hard to get through to people, there's no point in going for an audition with a chip on my shoulder. Life is too short to be angry."

Shari has completed co-starring roles in her first two movies, "If You Could See What I Hear" and "Night Stalker," in spite of the enormous barriers she encounters in casting offices.

She is extraordinarily bright, sensitive and determined to succeed.

## Important New Show Debuts On Channel 10

Charles Suplin, well known Las Vegas entertainment reviewer, will be the host on a new weekly program beginning in May on KLVX Channel 10. The show, **INNER-VIEW** with Charles Suplin, is designed to take a close, inside look at current and popular issues and will feature interviews with the personalities directly involved.

Underwritten with a grant from Summa Corporation, the one-hour long show can be seen every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The simple, direct

and informal format features host Suplin introducing the topic and his primary guests, who will then open the discussion or debate with the studio audience, most of whom will have a direct sensitivity to the topic.

Topics to be explored in May include: Dieting and Nutrition: How many plans can we digest?; The Retail Business: Why do some succeed while others fail?; The Star System in Hollywood: What was it really like to date Judy Garland? (May 17); and Juvenile Crime: Why

and who? (May 31).

The May 24 show, **Jazz: Where did it come from and where is it going?**, will feature Jazz pianist Kirk Stuart and his trio, who will offer an historical revue and preview in sound as they field questions and requests from the audience of musicians and students of music.

Tapings for the show are open to the general public and anyone who would like to be a member of the audience is invited to be on hand at the KLVX Channel 10 studios on Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

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### Showcase To Be Presented

Joseph Bernard announces that the Fourth Actors Showcase will take place on Monday, May 17 at 8 p.m. at his studio at 2927 Industrial Road. As always the public is invited.

Past Showcases have drawn capacity audiences and have included scenes from "A Streetcar Named Desire," "California Suite," "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," "Plaza Suite," "Golden Boy."

Mr. Bernard is now involved in talks with Sidney Poitier regarding his much looked-forward-to trip to Las Vegas to speak at his studio sometime in June. A date will be announced.

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