

# Entertainment

## PUBLIC TV TO LOOK AT 300 YEARS OF LIFE IN NEW YORK'S HARLEM COMMUNITY

Independence, pride, self-sufficiency, conflict and renewal are the characteristics that make Harlem one of the world's truly extraordi-

nary communities.

"I Remember Harlem" is a series of four one-hour programs which displays the vivid memories of Harlem

residents with live interviews, rare archival motion pictures, photographs, early prints and lithographs from the past 300 years. "I Remember Harlem," will air Sundays at 4 p.m., beginning Sept. 5 on Channel 10.

Harlem has been a home, a retreat, a nurturing ground and an inspiration, not just for New York's Black community, but for Dutch, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Spanish and Finnish residents as well. Alexander Hamilton, Captain William Kidd, Langston Hughes, W.C. Handy, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson and Paul Robeson are all part of the Harlem story.

More stories of life in Harlem are told by longtime residents such as a 96-year-old man who remembers the blizzard of 1888, an ex-chorus girl at the Cotton Club, a Jewish businessman who recalls the one black family on his

block, a retired numbers runner who teaches the secrets of his business and a black musician who performed in the heyday of Harlem's nightclub life. Residents re-

member amateur night at the Apollo, the night Joe Louis licked Max Schmeling, the visits of kings, queens, emperors and the Pope. They describe the building and rebuilding,

the noise, the crime, the drugs and the gangs. They also recount a certain safe feeling of knowing that neighbors were looking out for you when your mother went to work.



Pictured above are members of VITA'S INTERNATIONAL ACROBATS, a tumbling and acrobatic team, which is gaining prominence as a result of its strength and skills. Founder and Head Coach for the troupe is Kijana Vita, who trained initially for his tumbling skills under Ralph Bromund and later under his Martial Arts instructor Mfundishi Y. T. Tolona. Vita, who taught tumbling, acrobatic balancing and Martial Arts at Mfundishi Tolona's School, taught over 300 children, from whom he chose his team and formed Vita's International Acrobats. The troupe, which hails from Chicago Heights, Illinois, is presently in Las Vegas and can be seen as a featured segment of the "Hello Amigos Show" hosted by Eddie Escobedo, Sr. on TV Channel 10, Saturday, September 4 at 3 p.m. The troupe also hopes to be featured on the Sahara Showcase soon.



PRODUCER WILLIAM MILES and cameraman/editor Richard Adams on location for I REMEMBER HARLEM, a 4-part series tracing nearly 400 years of Harlem's history. Each one-hour segment weaves together live interviews, rare film clips, photographs, early prints and lithographs to give a picture of Harlem that has not been seen before. The series airs Sundays at 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 5 on TV-10.

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