

Entertainment

Jimmy Smith's performance at Hacienda Hotel a royal smashing success Sunday

Over 400 jazz fans were treated to a jazz fantasia Sunday at the Matador Room, Hacienda Hotel with the swinging and grooving Jimmy Smith Quartet. The "Boss," hailed as the World's Greatest Jazz Organist, along with Kenny Dickson on drums, Herman Riley on tenor sax and flute and Terry Evans on guitar,

standing ovations from a very appreciative gathering of music lovers.

The "Boss" Jimmy Smith closed the show with the Johnny Pate Orchestra. What a climax! People were clapping in time with the music, dancing where they could — just having a grand-old-time!! ... didn't want the music to stop.



Jimmy Smith

played to a very enthusiastic crowd. Reynaldo Ray's sharp and stimulating humor was entertaining and well timed. He was indeed a funny man.

It was a great afternoon of great entertainment and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

— Contributed by Ahmed Bey



Angela Teek

Johnny Pate proved to be one of the best musical conductors around today. He took the 16 local musicians and blended them into a harmonious, polyphonic concert orchestra. They played mostly Johnny Pate originals — but did they play!

Another highlight of the program was Angela Teek's performance (she must be seen to be appreciated). The power of her vocal interpretations reminded one of Dinah Washington, Judy Garland, Nancy Wilson — all wrapped into one great melodious package. One could not help from being impressed with this young lady as she worked her audience. She received four

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'YORK CITY — In the case of Diana Ross, Prince, Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie and the sizzling Tina Turner, a spokesperson for the NAACP stated that the organization has been committed to battle before it has had an opportunity to declare war. In a telephone interview with Dr. Ben Hooks, executive director, "There is reason for interest in charges that have been lodged by the organization, 'Black Business for Equity in Entertainment', that despite expanding revenues from Black artists, job opportunities are shrinking in all phases of the entertainment industry." "However," said he, "we are not responsible for the headline stories which singled them out while charging them with hypocritical discrimination." He further states that no action will be taken until the charges are properly probed. "We certainly did not authorize any finger pointing or name calling of the superstars named in the articles which appeared throughout the country.

These articles quoted an NAACP official who stated that the campaign will focus on the 5-supers above who have "almost entirely white operations, and who have excluded Blacks from those circles."

Dr. Hooks labeled the statements from the NAACP in the articles unauthorized and beyond the style of the organization, which in such cases go to the mat with companies, not individuals. "The National body will certainly take a minute look into this matter and use all its power to aid the cause of

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WRITE NOTES — Whatever happened to that Charles Strouse-Sammy Cahn musical based on the life of the late Bill "Bojangles" Robinson? This was the season it was due to dance on B'way. Strouse and Cahn put 4 yrs. into new material and actor playwright Samm Art Williams was assigned the book. Understand he did a write

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