

Entertainment

Darcus Returns To The Aladdin Sinbad Lounge

The beautiful, energetic, and sophisticated DARCUS will return to the stage of the Aladdin Sinbad Lounge for a two week engagement from February 5 - 18.

DARCUS, known for her adaptability to a variety of audiences, loves her work and particularly loves working in Las Vegas where she gets to meet new people all the time. Her energy level is such that it is difficult to understand where it comes from night after night. Dubbed the "ultimate entertainer," DARCUS certainly lives up to and beyond her fans' expectations.

DARCUS has been the opening act for Alan King, David Brenner, Don Rickles, and Bob Newhart. She was



Darcus

the solo vocalist for Smokey Robinson when he performed at Caesars Palace.

DARCUS was the lead performer for two years in the original musical review of

"Dream Street" while it ran in the main showrooms of the Dunes and Desert Inn Hotels.

DARCUS has been the featured vocalist with bands throughout the United States and, if that isn't enough, she has even had time to make an album with RCA called - what else - DARCUS!

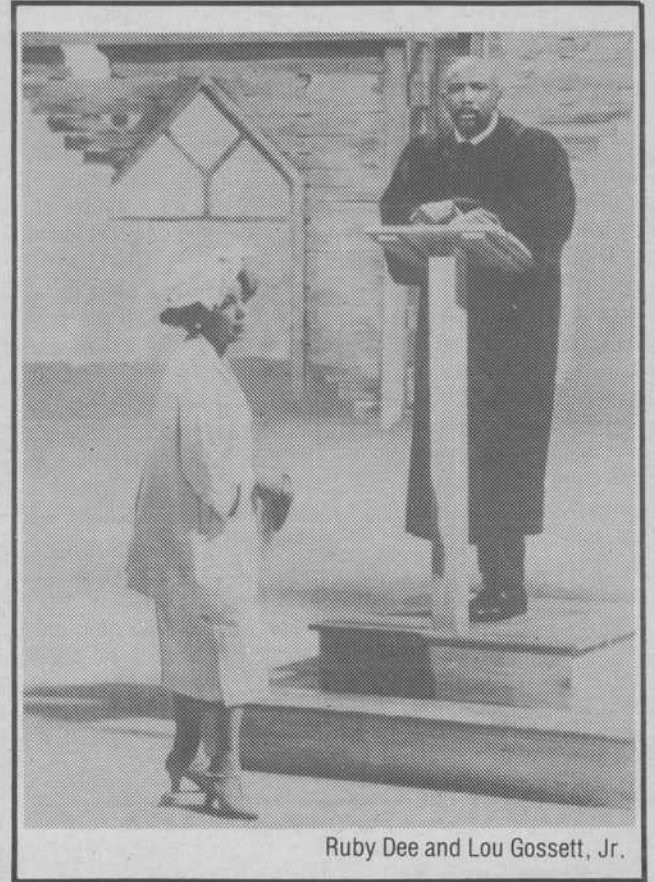
DARCUS will perform opposite The Imperials and Denise Clemente, February 5-18 and return 5/21-6/10.

Ruby Dee Stars in "Zora Is My Name!" 'on "American Playhouse"

Zora Neale Hurston, a black writer and folklorist, wrote stories and novels that celebrated the black experience in America's rural South. When her work first appeared in the 1930s, blacks were commonly viewed as inferior. Hurston rejected this perception, but she drew criticism from other blacks for refusing to portray blacks as victims of this myth.

In a new production on American Playhouse, actress Ruby Dee pays tribute to the life and work of Hurston in "Zora Is My Name!" The program airs Wednesday, February 14, 1990 at 9:00 p.m. during public television's Black History Month.

Dee portrays Hurston and is joined by an all-star cast that includes Oscar Brown, Jr.; Louis Gossett, Jr.; Flip Wilson; Paula Kelly; Roger Mosley; Beah Richards; Count Stovall; and Lynn Whitfield.



Ruby Dee and Lou Gossett, Jr.

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Spike Lee Produces new film

Acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee ("Do The Right Thing") has written, produced and directed a new movie titled "Variations On the Mo' Better Blues". The film, which gives a contemporary look at the life of a New York trumpet player/band leader who is forced to choose between his music and his women, stars

Denzel Washington ("Cry Freedom").

Others in the cast include Ruben Blades, Spike Lee, Giancarlo Esposito, Dick Anthony Williams, John Turturro, Joie Lee and Cynda Williams.

The film is expected to be released for general viewing this coming summer.



Spike Lee



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