

Fifth Annual Civil Rights Hall of Fame Telethon Announced

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these nations have dual citizenship rules...David Dinkins and Co. reeled in the Democratic National Confab for NYC. And now Maynard Jackson and Crew have won the right to host the 1996 Olympics. Atlanta beat out sentimental favorite Athens, Greece, host of the first modern day Olympics in 1896. Former Cong./Ambassador and Mayor Andy Young was a sure fire hit with many of the officials, especially those from the motherland and other non-western countries...The NAACP and the 100 orgs. represented at the summit have received great reviews, however, some fear that this will be just another organization that meets at hotels and has dinners. "Action, action, we want action," is the cry of the masses...As usual it's been the Hite of Nancy's fancy to typesit for syndicated columnist Billy Rowe.

The Board of Directors of the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame announced last weekend that their Fifth Annual Telethon will be held on September 29, 1990 in Washington, D.C.

The telethon will originate from both the Black Entertainment Television (B.E.T.) Cable Network studios and the Washington Hilton Hotel, in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Dinner. Jayne Kennedy will host the show again this year, and many entertainers and celebrities will participate. All funds raised will be used to construct the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus will also make appearances. Other celebrities such as Dick Gregory, John Jacob, Quincy Jones and Jesse Jackson will also appear.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (A.F.S.C.M.E.), a long-time supporter of the Civil Rights Hall of Fame, will once again

play a leading role as a sponsor of this year's telethon, along with the United Steelworkers, the United Auto Workers and other unions. A number of corporations, including Anheuser-Busch will also be

among the sponsors this year.

The show will be broadcast live, beginning at 6:00 p.m., eastern time, and continuing for eight hours, until 2:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to make a pledge to the Civil

Rights Hall of Fame that evening should call 1-800-752-2098. All contributions to the Civil Rights Hall of Fame are tax deductible, and the call is free.

Anyone wishing further information regarding the Civil

Rights Hall of Fame may contact the Honorable Richard Gordon Hatcher, President, at 944-2661 in Gary, Indiana, or may write to National Civil Rights Hall of Fame, One Genesis Plaza, Gary, Indiana 46402.



NBC-TV's NEW 'KID 'N' PLAY' - A halfhour animated comedy inspired by the popular rap duo from the hit movie "House Party." Set in ethnically diverse New York urban neighborhood of East Elmhurst, the series focuses on the hilarious daily life of Kid and Play, two teenage boys who form a rap group and are driven by their passion for music and stardom.



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Chris Rock Joins Cast of 'SNL'

NEW YORK — Somebody asked Chris Rock, one of two new members of the 'Saturday Night Live' cast introduced at a news conference Tuesday, if he felt "haunted by the ghost of Eddie Murphy."

Rock looked nonplussed. "Eddie's still alive, ain't he?" he said. Rock, 23, a standup comedian since age 18, then allowed that he was bringing his own perspective to the 16th season of the late-night NBC variety show.

"I always wanted to be, like, a black guy on 'Saturday Night Live,'" said Rock, an 8-year-old when "SNL" premiered in 1975. Murphy,

who joined the show in 1980, went to become one of the nation's biggest box office draws.

Rock makes his home in Brooklyn's Fort Greene neighborhood, "a block over from Spike," he said,

referring to moviemaker Spike Lee.

Rock and new member Chris Farley are replacing Jon Lovitz and Nora Dunn, who have left the show to pursue other ventures in the entertainment business.

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