

ENTERTAINMENT

Ebony Etchings, etc.

"TOP OF THE ETCHINGS..."

Nu Yawkers are still talkin' about Prince's fabulous kick off concert in the Big Apple to launch his '93 tour schedule that sold completely out in 20-minutes after tickets went on sale, and included screening his sold out performance on the gigantic Times Square television screen minus sound to hordes of New Yorkers that couldn't get tickets to see the 'purple one' do his super princely thing on Broadway!!

On the other hand hotels accommodating the 'princely one' on his national tour are being required to provide Prince with a list of requirements that are quite different from the ordinary. The 'princely ones' requirements read as follows—use of a kitchen by his personal chef 24 hours a day; a very soft mattress and a box spring — on the floor, black out curtains and an assortment of wines; weights up to 200 pounds; a black baby grand piano (Steinway or a Yamaha

only); 12 bottles of Evian at room temperature and a two speed table fan. Ironically room service is not mentioned in this list of demands. Wonder why?

In Chicago people are really talking about the notable celebrities, personalities and outstanding individuals (especially females) listed to participate in "An Expo For Today's Black Woman," coming up April 16th and 17th.

In particular the scheduled appearance and keynote address by the nation's first African-American female Senator Carol Mosely Braun of Chicago at the Sheraton Grand Hotel to set the tone of 2-two event. The Senator will address the impact of women in politics, and how it will affect the daily lives of Black women and their families.

They're also excited over the fact that Jazz Diva LaVerne Butler, who is New York City's most popular nightclub performer has agreed to provide

entertainment for the Friday night gala.

Add to the above the fact that recording star Freddie Jackson, actor and producer Mario van Peebles, Big Daddy Kane, and Blair Underwood from L.A. Law fame will be joining Rolanda Watts, star of Lifetime Cable TV's "Attitudes," actress/model Toukie Smith, dancer Carmen De Lavallade, Essence Fashion Magazine Editor Harriette Cole, actress Josephine Premice, Sharazad Ali, author of "A Blackman's Guide to Understanding the Blackman," Valerie B. Shaw, author of "Himpressions: A Blackwoman's Guide to Pampering The Blackman" and other African-American female authors plus numerous other male and female celebrities and personalities taking part in this exciting two day event, and this info will give you an insight on just how wonderful and electrifying this two day 'Expo For Today's Black Women' will be.

HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE..."

Thea Vidale better known as "Houston's Chocolate Kiss," and who we etched in Ebony (seemingly eons ago), will be getting

her break to bring her brand of comedy to the television screen on ABC's new fall line up of comedy shows. She's one of the stand up comedienne's picked up by the network for one of the 16 comedies they announced for their new fall line up of comedy shows.

Quite a few other familiar names and faces are listed to be seen via new comedy shows on the Fox Network. Recording star Hammer will portray a former rapper teaching high school history in "City High"...Sinbad will be seen as a bachelor who adopts two children on his new show...Female rapper Queen Latifah has been paired with comedienne Kim Coles (formerly of "In Living Color") to portray two New York City roommates

in a comedy series called "My Girls."

Then there's former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman who'll be making his acting debut in a new network series called "George" featuring the still active heavyweight fighter portraying the role of a retired fighter who brings troublesome inner-city kids into his home.

New Revelation Community Outreach Center of Pasadena will get a big financial boost from actor Greg Alan-Williams when he presents a Premier Benefit Performance of his PBS Award winning play "The Life And Times of Deacon A.L. Wiley on Friday evening, April 30th, at the New Revelation Community Theatre. Gold Circle seats will provide

the holder admission to a VIP Reception hosted by Greg Alan-Williams prior to curtain time. Group ticket sales are available at discounted prices. Additional information and ticket sales can be obtained by calling New Revelation Community Outreach Center at (818) 795-0700.

Monday, July 26th is the date for the 5th Annual H.B. Barnum Adopt-A-Senior Celebrity Golf Tournament at California country Club, and this years gold tournament will feature Christopher Nance NBC-TV's popular weatherman, as the Special Celebrity Host of this golf classic that helps provide "hot" home delivered meals to low income seniors...and that's Hollywood this time!

Until the next time, Lanier.

JAZZ REVIEW

CAT'S RECOMMENDED CUTS

Spring is here Contemporary Jazz Lovers, and the great stuff just keeps on coming. But first of all let me clarify a "Typo" from last month's column. The correct title of the new Fattburger

release is "On a Roll," and if you noticed this bad boy is amongst the "Top Jazz Cats" on the other page. This CD has been getting some serious air play over at FM 88.1.

Keep your ears and eyes opened for Marilyn Scott, her latest release is from Sin-Drome Records called simply "Smile" with a pair of tracks featuring the lasting talent of the lovely Brenda Russell. The single "Photograph" has been getting some play on BET's Midnight Love. Although this CD was finished in '92, it is relatively new to Vegas. Enjoy it!

A group that's making alot of noise is Incognito, whose debut release was entitled "Inside Life," has a follow-up to that gem called "Tribes, Scribes, and Vibes" a smash well worth the money. I'm talking about eleven very well produced and performed tunes. My favorite is "River In My Dreams," too bad it is only a minute and eight seconds long, not to worry however because there is more to make up for that. "Spring Break" and "Tropical Pleasures" by Kilauea featuring

Daniel Ho are the last to arrive at the station and I can tell you now that this is a very nice CD on BrainChild Records out of Lake Arrowhead California, you should be able to pick it up at your favorite record store. Also on BrainChild is Pocket Change featuring David Patt, "Mediterranean Affair" worth your listening pleasure. MoJazz has just released the return of Norman Connors "Remember Who You Are" with Phyllis Hyman, Spencer Harrison, and Denise Stewart; in one word "BADD!!" Last but certainly not least is the new release from GRP, "Another Sun" by Yutaka; ten excellent selections that are to be enjoyed. Before I close let me put a bug in your ear. Have you checked out the new Sammy Davis Jr. Memorial Pavillion at Lorenzi Park? What a splendid place to hold a nice intimate Jazz set. Just can't shake the thought of kicking back enjoying the likes of Fattburger or Incognito, Ghalib Ghallab, Yellowjackets...you get the picture. Oh!! Dig this!! There has been a programming modification (See Jazz Review, Page 11)

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