

ENTERTAINMENT

NATIONAL BLACK THEATER FESTIVAL

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — A host of internationally known performers from motion pictures, television and Broadway — including Sidney Poitier, Della Reese, Harry Belafonte and Gregory Hines — will descend on Winston-Salem in early August for the week-long National Black Theater Festival. Plans for the event were announced recently at a kickoff event in Winston Square Park.

According to Larry Leon Hamlin, the festival's founder, producer and artistic director, the August 2-7 festival will feature a celebrity-filled, Hollywood-style opening night gala and awards event. Performances are scheduled over six days by some 20 Black theater companies from across the nation. Workshops and seminars will be held for representatives of Black theater groups in the United States and abroad.

"For the third time since we created this festival in 1989, the public will have the opportunity to see the very best of America's Black theater, and many of its leading performers, right here in North Carolina," Hamlin said.

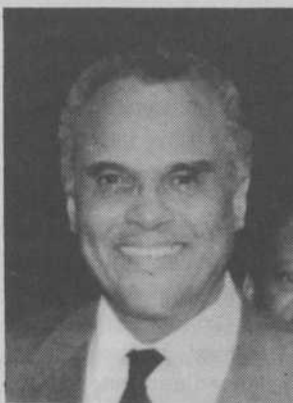
Representing community supporters of the festival, James W. Johnson, chairman and chief officer of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., announced a commitment of \$125,000 by his company. He

also recognized this year's other major sponsors, including USAir, Planters LifeSavers, Sara Lee, Wachovia, BB&T, Integon, Contract Furnishings, Winston-Salem Stouffer Hotel, City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County Tourism Development Authority, The Marque Hotel, North Carolina Arts Theater Arts Program, National Endowment of the Arts Theater Program, and Winston-Salem State University.

Hamlin said more than 20,000 people attended performances at each of the previous festivals, held in Winston-Salem in 1989 and 1991. Both events received national attention in major metropolitan newspapers, national magazines and on television, including Entertainment

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION (AACAF) PRESENTS IT'S 1ST "COMMUNITY ART AFFAIR"

All visual artists are encouraged to contact AACAF at 646-1520 or drop off their artwork (max. 3 pieces) to the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, 833 N. Las Vegas Blvd., Saturday, July 24th between 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Entrants must be 16 years or older, and must leave their work overnight for the judges review. This event is sponsored by First Interstate Bank.



HARRY BELAFONTE

Tonight, the Today Show and Bill Moyers' Journal.

Black theater companies performing in this year's festival will include eight from New York, one each from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Memphis,



DELLA REESE

Richmond, Knoxville, Indianapolis, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Bermuda, and two from North Carolina. Performances will be held at various performance sites around Winston-Salem.

There are 250 Black theater

companies in the United States.

Two festival celebrities, actors Dick Anthony and Hattie Winston of ABC-TV's "Homefront," came to Winston-Salem for the announcement.

Hamlin said that Academy Award actor Sidney Poitier is honorary chairman of this year's festival, and entertainers Harry Belafonte and Della Reese are co-chairs. Other celebrities who will appear during the week include: stage and screen dancer Gregory Hines; Phylicia Rashad, Claire Huztable on "The Cosby Show"; actor Richard Roundtree, best-known for his role as private detective John Shaft; Al Freeman Jr., who portrayed Elijah Muhammad in the movie "Malcolm X"; John Amos, who

played Kunte Kinte in Alex Haley's "Roots" TV mini-series and co-starred in the "Good Times" series; stage, TV and film actor Brock Peters, who received the 1990 Screen Actors Guild Achievement Award; two-time Emmy winner Robert Guillaume, star of TV's "Benson"; Broadway and TV actor Ivan Dixon, who has appeared in more than 200 television shows; Clifton Davis, best-known for his role as Rev. Reuben Gregory on NBC-TV's "Amen" series; actress Ja'Net DuBois, a co-star, with Joh Amos in CBS' "Good Times" series; Denise Nicholas of CBS-TV's "In the Heat of the Night"; Barbara Montgomery of NBC-TV's "Amen"; Ella Joyce, star of Fox Television's "Roc"; Bill Cobbs of NBC-TV's "I'll Fly Away"; Jason Bernard of Fox Television's "Herman's Head"; Clarice Taylor, Grandma Huxtable on "The Cosby Show"; Joe Morton, star of "Brother from Another Planet," Fox Television's "Tribeca" and "Equal Justice"; Janet Hubert-Whitten, Aunt Vivian of NBC-TV's "Fresh Prince of Bal Air"; and Attallah Shabazz, actress, producer and eldest daughter of Malcolm X.

AACAF is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the development of a "Cultural Arts Training Center". The foundation, centrally located in the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce in the Nucleus Plaza shopping center, (See AACAF, Page 13)

First prize will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate sponsored by Dick Blick Art Supplies in Henderson. The prize categories are - Best of show - Best drawing - Best watercolor painting - Best oil painting - Best sculpture.

The artwork will be considered for awards by professional artist Harold Bradford and Deborah Richards, Vice-President of the Las Vegas Art Museum Board of Directors.

The contestants must return the next day, Sunday, July 25th for the awards reception 2:00 - 4:00 PM when the prizes will be given. Refreshments for the reception will be donated by the Santa Fe Hotel and Casino.

DENZEL WASHINGTON, KRISTOFF ST. JOHN, AND VICTORIA ROWELL STAR ON EBONY/JET SHOWCASE!

Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington, and the stars of TV's "The Young and the Restless" Kristoff St. John and Victoria Rowell, headline EBONY/JET SHOWCASE the weekend of July 23rd**.

Hollywood sex symbol Denzel Washington talks about his upcoming movie with "Sleepless In Seattle" star Tom Hanks, involving the subject of AIDS. Washington, who received critical acclaim for his controversial title role in the movie "Malcolm X," and who has been credited with helping to launch a new era of powerful black actors, also tells how his Academy Award for his role in "Glory" has increased his star power. Actors Kristoff St. John and Victoria Rowell, one of the hottest couples in daytime television due to their steamy marriage on "The Young and the Restless," reveal intimate secrets about each others'

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