

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Ebony Etchings, etc.

### "SANG, SISTA' SANG, A MUST SEE PLAY..."

If there's any question about the validity that Mickey Stevenson and Smokey Robinson's stage play "Sang Sista' Sang" is one of the greatest stage productions currently running; then do yourself a favor, make reservations today to see "Sang Sista' Sang" at the El Rey Theater, located at 5517 Wilshire Boulevard near the Beverly Hills section of Tinseltown.

The play takes the audience into a 'life after death' scenario, focusing on the meeting and reunion of five legendary 'ladies of song', Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, Josephine Baker and Mahalia Jackson played to perfection by five super talented actresses/

singers who make these legendary ladies of song come alive in front of you on stage.

Production notes from the play lists the five legendary singers as divas who spent their lives pleasing audiences through their music while deep inside they were going through trying to fit in and be accepted as women with needs, wants and desires.

Their love lives were a shamble for the most part, husbands were many, lovers came and went by the numbers...but out of the cement of life blossomed the Flowers of Song for the whole world to cherish.

"Sang Sista' Sang" will make a woman proud to be a woman.

Onstage Patricia Hodges outdoes herself as Bessie Smith, J'ai justifies herself in the role of Billie Holiday, B'anca is a dynamic Dinah Washington, Stefani Spruill is sizzling, sexy and sensational as Josephine Baker and Tanya Montgomery mesmerizes the audience with her powerful portrayal of Mahalia Jackson.

The collaboration of Mickey Stevenson and Smokey Robinson to co-produce this musical stage production, and the direction of Lonnie Stevenson to pull it all together in a musical and meaningful fashion has resulted in a dynamic musical stage play that spells 'hit'!

Credit also goes to choreographer Ka-Ron Brown Lehman whose dance touch added to the staging of this happening musical production, and to Ronnie Hasley whose musical genius as music/vocal director brought out the best of each performers musical talents on stage.

**TINSELTOWN TOPICS.....**  
It's a wrap for Roger E.

Mosely starring in the feature film production of "Pentathlon" opposite Dolph Lungren. We're also told there is a strong possibility this movie may be released late September or early October.

Speaking of Roger, he's been selected to receive the Heroes and Legends Leadership Award at the 4th Annual Heroes and Legends Awards Ceremony taking place in the Grand Ballroom of Hollywood's landmark Roosevelt Hotel, Sunday, September 26th.

Although comparatively new, this prestigious awards gala has honored such industry luminaries as Marla Gibbs, Nancy Wilson, Zsa Zsa Gabor, William Marshall, Holland-Dozier-Holland, Rita Coolidge, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, JoMarie Payton France, Ben E. King, Beah Richards and a number of others since it debuted several years ago.

Tinseltown's newest playwright and producer Shirley Ann Johnson will be premiering her musical stage production of "Special Ladies" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 10th, 11th and 12th, at the landmark mid-city Wilshire Ebell Theater.

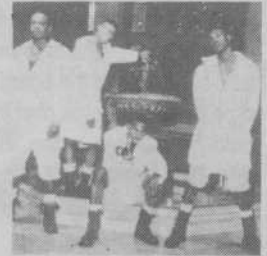
The production features Shirley Johnson in the starring role with Kitra Williams, Happy Crosby and James Kent co-starring, and Marlene Dove directing this exciting musical drama. All performances will start at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are on sale now at all Ticketmaster outlets and the Wilshire Ebell Theater box office.

Word from the Oakland area informs us that Jacal Evone will be presenting her newest stage play "America The Beautiful" Friday evening August 13th at Lisser Hall Theater on Mills College Campus with a Champagne Reception to proceed the 8:00 p.m. curtain call.

Part of the proceeds raised from the plays run will benefit the Alex Haley Creative Scholarship Awards.

## SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) LATELY - Jodeci
- 2.) SOMETHING'S GOIN' ON - U.N.V.
- 3.) ALRIGHT - Kriss Kross
- 4.) IF I HAD NO LOOT - Toni, Tony, Tone
- 5.) GIRL U FOR ME - Silk
- 6.) WHOOMP! THERE IT IS - Tag Team
- 7.) LICK YOU UP - H-Town
- 8.) I'M IN LUV - Joe
- 9.) IF- Janet Jackson
- 10.) SHOW ME LOVE - Robin S.



JODECI

**3rd Week as #1 SONG:** Lately  
**PICK HIT OF THE WEEK:** I'm In Luv

**FURTHERMORE:** Jodeci holds on to the #1 spot, holding off a surge from U.N.V. and Kriss Kross; T-T-T and Silk round up the Top 5; Tag Team remains a current T'10 song at #6, while H-Town and Joe crack the T'10 at #7 and #8, I'm In Luv being the P.H.O.T.W.

**TOP JAZZ CATS FROM THE CAT HIMSELF:** 1. Fattburger - On A Roll 2. Richard Elliott - Soul Embrace 3. Kilhuela - Spring Break 4. Lee Ritenour - Wes Bound 5. Tom Grant - Hang Time 6. Mr. Fingers - Introduction 7. Kirk Whalum - Caché 8. Marilyn Scott - Smile 9. Abraham Laboriel - Dear Friends 10. Incognito - Tribes, Vibes & Scribes.

While temperatures remain hot in the city, you can still stay cool with **Cat's Jazz Set** beginning at 11:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday - Don't miss out!!!

**P-2-THE:E-A-C-E** Top 10 compiled by: DJ Willie-Will WW

Triton Pictures and Venice Magazine hosted the Los Angeles premiere of the dance documentary film "Twist" that we informed our readers about several weeks ago.

This is the same film that more or less documents the origination of both the dance and the popular recording.

The movie features great interviews and footage of Hank Ballard and Chubby Checker,

plus some 'how we can tell it' statements from a couple of former Dick Clark's "American Band-stand" dancers, who were told to take credit for creating new dances introduced on the show, when in reality the dances were created by black dancers in Philadelphia, who were not allowed to be on the teen age television dance show...and that's Hollywood this time!!

Until the next time, Lanier.

## SIMBA OPEN FOR CLASSES

Simba Talent Development Center is now open for classes. The new location is in the Decatur Center at 401 N. Decatur Blvd. #2, between Vegas Dr. & Washington Blvd.

Simba is accepting students ages 3 through adult professionals, for dance classes in jazz, tap, African, and hip hop. Registrations are taken Monday through Saturday between the hours of 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, contact Laveme Ligon at 647-8808.

## SUBSCRIBE NOW!!!

Get Your Copy of the **SENTINEL-VOICE** MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU WEEKLY!!!

The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Is Excellent for the Thinking Person!

Using Our Great Heritage To An Even Greater Future.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Second Class Postage Paid at Las Vegas  
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Brown Publishing Co.,  
1201 South Eastern Avenue • Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

## SUBSCRIPTION FORM SENTINEL-VOICE

Nevada's Only African-American Newspaper  
Published every Thursday

1 year — \$25.00     6 Months — \$15.00

PLEASE START MY SUBSCRIPTION IMMEDIATELY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to Sentinel-Voice  
1201 So. Eastern Ave. • Las Vegas, NV 89104



Nika's  
Afrocentric Gifts & Collectibles

Kwanzaa Supplies • Greeting Cards •  
T-Shirts • Rare Prints • Figurines

Hrs.  
Mon - Tue - 11-6  
Wed - Fri - 5PM Until  
Sat - 10-6  
Sun - Closed

(702) 647-2242

GWEN WALKER  
JUANITA WALKER

705 W. Van Buren  
L.V. NV 89106

**IT PAYS TO  
ADVERTISE  
CALL NOW  
383-4030**