ENTERTAINMENT

Glover to spirit life into famed poet's literary work

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Film star Danny Glover will add his talents to the celebration of Black History Month when he takes a break from filming his latest movie, "Lethal Weapon 4," to make a special appearance at the Irvine Barclay Theatre with San Francisco pal and actor Felix Justice.

The two actors are featured in "An Evening With Langston & Martin" on Friday, Feb. 27, at 8:00 p.m. The Irvine Barclay Theatre is in Irvine, Calif.

"An Evening With Langston & Martin" is a theatrical evening developed by the two actors to celebrate the lives of Langston Hughes and the Rev. Martin Luther

A literary leader of the Harlem Renaissance, Hughes is one of this country's most honored writers and poets. Glover makes the words and rhythms of his poetry soar in a masterful performance.

King was not only a leader on the political and social fronts, but a potent force as a writer and orator as well. Justice brings his words to life, recreating the remarkable power of the man and his message.

For both actors, "An Evening With Langston & Martin" is the product of a long history of friendship and mutual respect on and off the stage. The two have been friends since they first met as struggling Bay area actors several years ago. For them, this performance is truly a labor of love.

At the conclusion of their performance both actors will return to the stage for a question and answer session with members of the audience.

Encore salute for Dorothy Dandridge in Chicago

Dorothy Dandridge was Hollywood's first black female superstar in addition to being the first actress nominated for the coveted Academy Award for "Best Actress." The DuSable Museum of African-American History onjunction with Cineplex Odeon and Inner City Entertainment will celebrate her film career with an Encore Showing of the film for which she received the Academy Award nomination for "Best Performance by an Actress," in Otto Preminger's "Carmen Jones" on Monday, March 23, at the new Cineplex Odeon/ ICE Chatman 14 Cinemas, 87th Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway in Chicago. The



DANNY GLOVER film will be shown continually throughout the day.

This encore showing of "Carmen Jones" marks the first time in more than 35 years that this critically-acclaimed film has been seen on the "big screen." Co-starring in the film based upon the stage book and lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein II, the opera by George Bizet and the original story by Prosper Merimee, are: Harry Belafonte, Pearl Bailey, Brock Peters, Diahann Carrol, Max Roach, Alvin Ailey and Carmen DeLavallade.

Thirty years after relative obscurity, Dorothy Dandridge is "hot" once again — years after her tragic death at the age of 42 from an overdose. Her story is unique. Her ability onscreen and her determination paved the way for thousands of black women entertainers. America's fascination with her story has never died.

There is a best-selling autobiography by author Donald Bogle - Whitney Houston has purchased the rights — and also projects on her life being developed by Janet Jackson and Halle Berry. All proceeds for the encore showing of "Carmen Jones" will benefit the DuSable

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Be on the lookout for a new exciting "soulful" television series in the fall line-up new



DOROTHY DANDRIDGE shows now that Fox Television has given the green light to the writing and production of a new weekly series which will be a take-off from the motion picture "Soul Food."

Veteran actor Art Evans has put on his director's hat for the play "The Dreamers," written by Christina Harley. It is currently playing at the Inglewood Playhouse through March 8. The plot dates back to April 4, 1968, and the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The play brings together a talented cast -Ursaline Bryant, Bill Lee Brown, John Proctor, Ian Foxx, Andre Berryman, Christina Harley, Darn Oldham, Terrence Mathews and Debora Fewell - and asks the question, "Is the 'dream' a real possibility, or is it a nightmare?"

With the music still lingering on from his last album "Good Love" that sold in excess of 500,000 copies, Malaco Records is releasing Johnnie Taylor's new album in March. This one is titled "Taylored To Please" and produced by Tommy Couch, Sr., Gerald "Wolf" Stephenson and Rich Cason. It contains 11 new cuts including a redo of "Disco Lady 2000" and "Groove Me." Other standout cuts are "Can't Strike Gold In A Silver Mine," "Loose Hair In The Bathroom" and "Kickin' Back, Chillin' Out."

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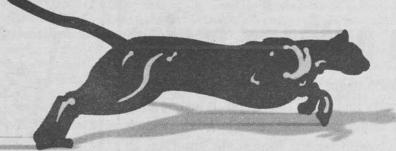
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