

SECCA to present February opera seminar

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) will present a three-part seminar on successive Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The seminar will be given by Norman Johnson, the general director and conductor of the Piedmont Opera Theatre and director of opera at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

The seminar, "Leontyne Price: Reflections on a Prima Donna," will be presented to highlight Ms. Price's appearance in a SECCA-sponsored recital at the Stevens Center on March 11. The purpose of the seminar is to consider Leontyne Price separately and as an important part of a larger musical tradition through a combination of recordings, audio-visual tapes and discussion.

In the first part of the seminar, Johnson will consider some of the operas Miss Price has been most closely associated with, including "Don Giovanni,"



Leontyne Price

"Aida," "Tosca" and "Antony and Cleopatra."

The second session on Feb. 20 will feature a comparison of some of the great prima donnas, including Callas, Tebaldi, Milanov and Ponsell, and the different interpretations they have

given to some of the same roles.

The third session on Feb. 27 will specifically address Miss Price's planned recital in Winston-Salem and highlights of

her career.

Registration for the seminar is requested by Feb. 11; the fee for the program will be \$20 per participant. For more information call SECCA at 725-1904.

NCNW to honor 7 local women

The local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 16 in the lower auditorium of Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 E. 12th St.

As part of its Black History Month celebration, the local section will present a program recognizing and honoring seven local black women for their accomplishments in the community.

The group will recognize Annie Hairston, Dr. Barbara Phillips, Irene Hairston, Daisy Chambers, Courtney C. Saunders, Dr. N.C. Gannaway and will posthumously pay tribute to Florence Creque.

The program's organizers include Mazie Woodruff, Clarice Parker, Daisy Montgomery, Ruth Black, Annie Alexander and Marion Butler.

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