



Follow-up TOP TICKET. Interest high as black theater festival nears

By James Justice

**S**ixty-five years ago, in 1948, the first National Black Theatre Festival was held in Winston-Salem, N.C. The festival was a landmark event in the history of black theater in the South. It was the first time that black theater artists from across the country gathered in one place to perform and to share their art with a wider audience. The festival was a success, and it paved the way for the annual National Black Theatre Festival that we know today.

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By Geoff

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Winger will be George C. Wolfe, the author of 'The Colored Museum', which North Carolina Black Rep. staged in 1988.

The festival will be followed at 8:30 p.m. by the dramatic performance of 'Black as the Night at the Victory Center. Tickets for the evening are \$15. Tickets are available from the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, 2100 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. Tel: 733-2882.

People are coming to this all over the country. It's a real joy to see. At the time in the 1970s when the festival was first held in 1973, when it had over 100 performers from a wide audience of 10,000 people.

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Larry Lakin (center) says sales are up

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including a possible ABC miniseries on Actor Minnie

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Gathering impresses legends of show-biz

By Roger

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## Home-Grown

Angela Bassett has happy memories of growing up

By [Name]

Salem to participate in the National Black Theatre Festival. She said she also planned to spend time with Trevor and Golden who raised her when she was young.

## Honor Poitier



as the old man in his play Halley's Comet



The City of Winston-Salem is proud to support the National Black Theatre Festival