

A LOOK BACK: NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL

Opportunities abound to co-mingle



Actress Margaret Avery and actor Richard Brooks stroll down the runway at the NBTF Gala on Monday night, Aug. 3.



Photo provided by Rayonette Crowder

Longtime arts supporter Rayonette Crowder of Winston-Salem, right, was one of the fortunate people who was able to see "Sassy Mamas," which was sold out before the NBTF opened. With her is Denise Dowse, one of the Sassy Mamas.



Photos by Donna Rogers

Bill Cobbs and Neal Hodges are among the many stars who entered the M.C. Benton Convention Center for the Gala on Monday night, Aug. 3.



Photo by Tevin Stinson

As the masked African stilt dancer wowed the crowd, people raised their phones and tablets to take photos.



Native Americans pay tribute to Garland Lee Thompson Sr. in a ceremony in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem on Thursday, Aug. 6. The well-respected actor, stage manager, dramaturge, producer and playwright died in November after a long illness.



Volunteers work at the NBTF Information Desk in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem on Monday, Aug. 3.



Photo by Felecia P. Long

Winston-Salem resident Rachel P. Jackson, who received a Special Recognition Award at the NBTF Gala, left, is shown with Playwright Samm-Art Williams, and Ayanna Jackson-Daughtery, daughter of Jackson, as they share a laugh on the purple carpet.

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