

Hampton Kool Jazz Festival Adds Gospel To Line-Up

The 1984 Hampton Kool Jazz Festival featured the likes of Bob James, Pieces of a Dream, Patti LaBelle and David Sanborn. For the two nights I was there, it was a concert beyond comparison. Even the thought of a concert excelling that one, seems unlikely.

But it just may happen. In addition to hearing jazz greats as well as super-talented R&B artists, gospel is being added to the lineup. The Clark Sisters and Andrae Crouch will be appearing Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30, respectively.

I got my first preview of The Clark Sisters when they made an appearance on the "Grammy Awards," along with Andrae Crouch, Deniece Williams, "Pop" Stapleton and James Cleveland and the Southern Community Choir. They were phenomenal. Somehow I feel they will be no less spectacular when they come onstage at the Hampton Coliseum. Nothing, of course, needs to be said about Andrae Crouch. His musical genius certainly speaks for itself.

The festival, now in its 18th year, began on the campus of Hampton Institute to celebrate the college's centennial. Today, it has turned into one of the biggest musical events of the year in Tidewater.

This year's lineup is as follows: Friday, June 28, 8:30 p.m.—Jeffrey Osborne, Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Manhattans, Nina Simone, and Jeff Lorber Fusion; Saturday, June 29, 7:30 p.m.—the Commodores, Melba Moore, The Clark Sisters, and Jimmy McGriff; Sunday, June 30, 3 p.m.—Patti LaBelle, Spyro Gyra, Andrae Crouch, and Roy Ayres.

Tickets are on sale at the Hampton Coliseum Box Office and all Ticketron locations. Tickets are \$15

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LITTLE THEATRE
The musical comedy, "They're Playing Our Song," opens at The Little Theatre on May 16 and runs through June 1. A two-character musical about the relationship of two songwriters inspired by the collaboration of the show's actual songwriters, Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer-Sager, "They're Playing Our Song," will have one matinee performance Sunday, May 19, at 2:30 p.m. The rest are evening performances which start at 8:15. Tickets are \$9, with discounts given to senior citizens and students. For more information, call 334-9128.

For all of you singles who are planning to attend, you may want to wait for the May 22 performance. The Little Theatre of Charlotte will host a Singles Night out reception and special performance of the play. A wine and cheese reception will be held at 7 p.m. before the 8:15 performance so that all attendants will have a chance to mingle.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE
Surely you know of the story of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs?" But maybe your child doesn't. One good way of presenting the story to him and exposing him to ballet at the same time is to attend the Charlotte Youth Ballet's

version of "Snow White." This ballet is recommended for ages K-6th grades. Performance dates are May 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 18-19 at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2.75 and can be reserved by calling

Children's Day On WDAV

Saturday, May 18, is Children's Day on WDAV, with music planned from 7 a.m. until noon especially for young listeners. Theresa Woody-Rhodes, program director at WDAV, will host the program, which featured favorites such as Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," among others.

"We hope parents and their children will make a special effort to listen to WDAV on this morning," said Woody-Rhodes. "I'll be suggesting activities that members of our young audience might do while listening to the music. Some pieces are just perfect for skipping, or marching, and of course, some music invest quiet listening."

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The Grey Seal Puppeteers will present "Rumpelstiltskin."

SILENT PIONEERS
This program, "Silent Pioneers," offers a por-

Woody-Rhodes suggests that parents gather rhythm instruments if possible, or even a pot and a wooden spoon, so children can keep time with some of the pieces to be played.

Children's Day, part of WDAV's annual salute to young musicians and young listeners, is presented to recognize the importance of introducing children to serious music, and the commitment of young musicians, teachers, and parents, to the music and the artists of the future. Daniel McKelway, a 20 year old clarinetist, is featured in the May issue of Soundings, WDAV's program magazine.

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JEFFREY DANIELS
What's become of Jeffrey Daniels, now that he's no longer with Shalamar? News has it that he was recently selected to host the British version of "Soul Train." What made

him the natural selection out of scores of British-born prospects? Action Time, producers of the show, says it was Daniels' unique dancing ability, presentation, and dress that caught their attention.

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Ticket prices: \$16-\$15 per night, per person.
All seats reserved.

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