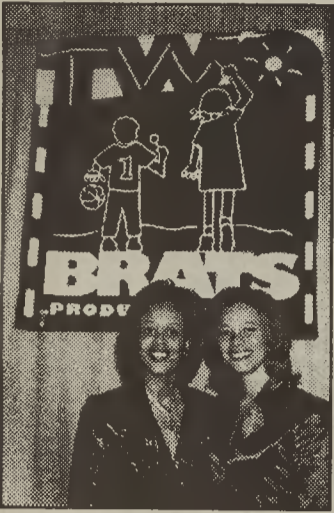


The lady's in demand

By Tammie Tolbert
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There were lights, cameras, and much action on the opening night of Kim Bogues' Two Brats Production Company.



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Kim Bogues, left, and Sonya Curry in front of Bogues company's logo.

Guests included Wesley Hunter from 5th Degree Entertainment, CeCe McGee and Sheila Stewart from WPEG (FM 98), Roxanne Parra from Motown Records and Mecklenburg County Commissioner Darryl Williams.

In the midst of all the titles, champagne and glamour, there was a well-spoken, confident, but humble Bogues. "I am really excited and I feel very comfortable about opening my production company here in Charlotte," she said.

Bogues believes that basing her company in Charlotte offers her more advantages. She stressed that one of the main advantages is that the city has so much new talent to offer to the production industry.

"There are a lot of people who are looking for something with a new touch and a new look, so it is definitely to my advantage to open my production company at this time," Bogues said. "The only prob-

lem that I have right now is that in the South people are afraid of change, but I hope that new ideas and creativity will be embraced here in Charlotte."

Bogues wanted to start her own company because some of the other places she worked required her to hold back on her creativity. "I felt like by pulling my own group together, I can't go wrong," Bogues said.

The people Bogues are dealing with now are wives who are sports entertainment attorneys, lawyers, nurses and doctors. "Let me tell you, there are a lot of sisters out there who have it going on," she said.

One of Bogues' personal goals is to have Two Brats operated by African American women in the areas of business management, accounting and law. It is important to locate and build a network of African American women who are willing to work together as

a team, Bogues said. "Being able to build a company on my own credibility is very important to me."

Being the wife of Charlotte Hornets point guard Muggsy Bogues does have its advantages, Kim Bogues said.

"My husband supported me, so he does have some interest in Two Brat Productions, but I am the one who did the studying, the research, and the internships in order to get my company started," she said.

According to Bogues, she lost her identity when she married her husband. "I was no longer Kimberly Lee, not even Kim Bogues, I became Muggsy's wife," she said. Bogues feels that she had to work much harder to get people to realize that she had her own identity and that it was she who started Two Brats.

"I hate it when some people automatically assume that the wives of athletes are supposed to stay home, have babies, and go shopping," she said. "People sometimes fail to realize that the wives of pro athletes also have identities."

With this much anticipated success, it won't be hard to identify Bogues.

Around Charlotte

• **The Alliance For The Mentally Ill** is sponsoring a monthly support group meeting at Mouzon United Methodist Church on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call the AMI office at 333-8218.

• There will be a **Vegetarian Tasters Fair** at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Berean Junior Academy, 3748 Beatties Ford Road. There will be various vegetarian dishes to sample. Recipe booklets will be sold for \$2. For more information, contact Mary Martin at 392-4623.

• **The American Red Cross** will conduct training classes for anyone interested in becoming certified HIV/AIDS community instructors. The fee is \$45. It is a seven-week class and remaining sessions run through April 16. For more information, call 393-2005 or 376-1661.

• **The Afro-American Cultural Center** is hosting a Spring Family Art Series. The series will provide children and families cultural and educational art experiences. For more information, contact Harry Harrison at 704-374-1565.

• **The African American Genealogical Interest Group** will meet on March 16 at 9 a.m. at Vintage On The Boulevard, 4220 E. Independence Blvd. For more information, call Alvin Ricks at 554-0062.

• The Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.** meets at 4 p.m. every second Saturday of the month. For more information, contact Delzora Clark at P.O. Box 31624, Charlotte, N.C. 28231.

• From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, there will be a kick-off reception for **Sarah Stevenson** at the Excelsior Club. The reception is sponsored by the Black Women's Caucus. Stevenson is a candidate for the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners.

• On March 20 at 6:30 p.m., the **Male's Place and Teenage Parents Services School** will sponsor a fatherhood conference titled "The Making of a Good Man and a Strong Father." The conference, reception, and dinner is open to all males, particularly young fathers. The reception will be at Renaissance Place Restaurant. For more information call Reggie Singleton at 336-6423.

• On Wednesday at 7 p.m., the **Charlotte Chapter of the Links** will sponsor a program on "The Role of Women for the Next Millennium." Guest speakers will be Renee Dubose and Mary Dawn

Bailey of the Urban Institute at UNC Charlotte. For more information, call Vicki Crawford at 377-6206.

• On March 16 at 8 a.m., the **Charlotte-Mecklenburg**

Police Department will host an auction at the Grady Cole Center, 310 N. Kings Drive.

On March 27 at 8 p.m. there will be a **viewer call-in**

show for citizens to explore the perceptions of crime and the fear it generates. Local stations will be participating. For more information, call Keith Bridges at 336-3695.

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Let us all sign the Petition For Fairness To Nigeria, we will see that they reach the White House during the **Black Press Week** March 14 - 18, 1996.

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