

LISA COLLINS

Behind
The
Scenes



Soul Sister: Seems talk show queen Oprah Winfrey — who has been busy behind the scenes securing film properties to tie into already secured production deals with those like Disney — is getting serious about her own desire to get back into film. She's currently set to star in and produce a comedy titled "Soul Sister," which is presently being developed through her own production company, Harpo Productions. The movie, dubbed "a female Sunshine boys" is centered around two women — once members of a band that suffered a bitter split — who decided to reunite and go back out on the road. The movie, which will be released through Disney, marks her first feature film since the release of "Native Son" in 1986. In other film news: Oscar nominated actor Laurence Fishburne has signed on to join the cast of Francis Ford



Fishburne

Coppola's upcoming film, "The Rainmaker." It marks the first time he and Coppola have worked together since being directed by Coppola in the 1979 Classic Vietnam war film, "Apocalypse Now." "The Rainmaker" — the film adaptation of John Grisham's novel — centers on the story of a young lawyer who takes on the case of a poor family whose son has died as a result of being denied medical care by an insurance company. Fishburne will play the judge.

New Faces: You can expect both to hear and see more of Richard T. Jones, an actor who is now seeing a great deal of action in Hollywood. After smaller roles in films like the Tina Turner biopic, "What's Love Got To Do With It," Jones landed a plum role in "Kiss The Girls," the forth coming thriller that stars Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd. And now, Jones has been tapped as one of the male leads in the forthcoming Paramount sci-fi thriller "Event Horizon," which tells the story of a missing spaceship that mysteriously reappears years later. Jones plays a crew member aboard a mission to salvage the spacecraft that is confronted with an unexplainable life form. Production gets underway next month for the film which

will release sometime next year.

They're Back! The renowned r&b singing, song-writing and husband and wife team of Ashford & Simpson, who enjoyed success on the charts two decades ago return to the recording scene with the Oct. 1 release of **Been Found.**



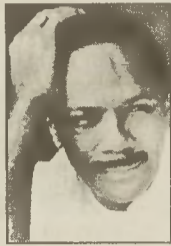
The project marks the couple's first recording since the 1989 Capitol album **Love or Physical.** Their latest effort is a collaboration with famed poet/author Maya Angelou, who was awarded a spoken word Grammy winner for her recording of "On The Pulse of Morning," the poem she recited at the Inauguration ceremonies for President Bill Clinton. Angelo worked so well with the duo that she is included on seven of the eleven recorded tracks....

Meanwhile, Earth, Wind & Fire has signed a new four-album deal with Pyramid Records. A "Greatest Hits Live" collection is set for release on Oct. 29. It features 18 of the band's classics, recorded while the group toured in 1995.

The Resurfacing of Arthel Neville: A pilot, shot last month, teams former "Extra" host Arthel Neville with Los Angeles sports anchor Fred Roggin for an upcoming talk show being billed as a younger, more hip version of "Live With

Regis & Kathie Lee." The pilot is part of an hour-long show that is presently being scheduled for a fall 1997 release. Depending on marketplace need, the show could debut earlier than planned. Ironically, word is that NBC could have had a hand in Neville's being dropped as co-host of "Extra" when the network opted to change to more of a pop culture format.

By the way: With the success of his Los Angeles movie theater — which remains one of top grossing theater venues in the country, Magic Johnson is now building an \$80 million retail and office complex in Jamaica, Queens, which will include an 11-screen Magic Johnson Theaters multiplex. And Quincy Jones and his partner are pitching syndicator on the idea of an updated version of the game show "Name That Tune," which could be paired with a remake of the game show "Treasure Hunt."



Jones

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"Derita Tanglewood Association"

The Derita Tanglewood Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a community yard sale / fish fry on Kenmont Dr, Saturday, October 5th, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. For more information please call 393-4265

"Igunnuko Festival Celebration"

The Igunnuko Festival is a celebration of freedom, life over death and unity. It is happening at Frazier Park, Saturday, October 5th, from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Come out and celebrate truthful positive imagery of our African Heritage. Call 888-1595 for additional information.

"Black College Awareness Day 96"

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring a Black College Awareness Day, Saturday, October, 5th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. African American students and their families are invited to visit with representatives of over fifty historically black universities from across the U.S. For more information call 392-6318 or 392-0391.

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If you are interested in the Coca-Cola Community Music Van appearing at your non profit event call: 393-4365 Fax 393-4265.

Lions Let It Out: Seniors at West Charlotte High School recently had the opportunity to enjoy Coca-Cola products and soulful music provided by the Community Connection Music Van after an assembly honoring graduating seniors.

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