

Redbone to bring unexpected to ArtsCenter

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Don't expect the expected from former Leon Redbone. Do expect unexpected routines layered with the kind of complexity that melts into a musical mural as colorful as a nursery wall.

Redbone performs his inimitable blend of post-ragtime jazz, blues and tango Saturday night at the Carrboro ArtsCenter.

Drawing from his just-released "Up a Lazy River" along with his eight previous albums for concert material, Red-

bone exemplifies diversity, ranging in style from ballroom and ballads to early rock 'n' roll.

Light family favorites will be showcased. Tunes like "The Chocolate Bon Bon Ball" and "When Dixie Stars are Playing Peek-A-Boo" are designed purely for daydreaming with lyrics like "A little jelly bean/ And Mr. Walnut cream/ Acted as though they were daffy/ Fast asleep I'd like to fall/ Just to dream about the ball."

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of Redbone's work is his appreciation for the tango. These whimsical

and often obscure arrangements are authentic in their use of the bandoneon, a traditional tango instrument.

A high point of Saturday night's concert will be a performance of "Bittersweet Waltz." First performed by Redbone when he was guest-starring on ABC's Emmy-nominated "Life Goes On," "Waltz" was added to Redbone's latest album after viewer requests began pouring in. His role as kindly mentor to the show's character Corky makes his song's refrain especially meaningful: "With all of its glories/ And all of its faults/ It seems life is a bittersweet

waltz."

Because Redbone is a perennial ArtsCenter audience favorite, expect the concert to sell out, operations manager Mary Ruth said.

"He's very unique," she said. "He revives classic tunes and is very funny, accompanying songs with a lot of shtick."

Redbone also has appeared several times on "The Tonight Show." A Redbone connoisseur, Johnny Carson has called the artist "one of my all-time favorite performers."

Transactors Improv opens for Redbone at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Carrboro ArtsCenter. Tickets are \$15 for the public, \$13.50 for students and seniors, and \$12.50 for friends. For details, call 929-ARTS.



Leon Redbone

BAC

Smith, referring to the protest at Hardin's house. "This week, we're not going to stand outside. We're going inside, and we're going to talk to the man."

Smith and fellow BAC members presented the letter to Hardin and asked him to venture outside to witness the mass of BCC supporters. "Go out and see the people," Smith said.

But Hardin refused to go out alone, suggesting instead that the BAC members and he go out as a group. "Why don't we all go out there together?" he asked BAC members.

The BAC organizers left the office and took the crowd with them back to the Pit, where an impromptu speakout began.

After the confrontation outside his office, Hardin told members of the press that while he understood the anger of the students, all sides of the issue needed to come together.

"We are not working together nearly as well as I'd hoped," Hardin said. "I regret very much that we seem to be at loggerheads."

Hardin would not comment on the specific demands or on the deadline. "It would be unwise for me to comment on that right now," he said, adding that UNC administrators were willing to sit down and discuss the situation with students.

"We're working day and night, literally 24 hours a day on this," Hardin said. "A number of my associates and many staff members are actively seeking to be in conversation with students."

Smith, however, said the time for conversation had ended. "We've negotiated for 14 years," he said. "We're not going to negotiate anymore."

"All (Hardin) has to do is say yes or no."

Smith said the "direct action" mentioned in the letter referred to more events similar to and exceeding Thursday's protest.

"This right here is nothing compared to what we will do," he said. "It will only get worse. He didn't expect us here today — that's direct action."

But Smith ensured that the group would not participate in any physical violence. "There will be no physical violence," he said. "Mental violence — that is how we're going to do it."

The supporters of a free-standing BCC believe the decision concerning a BCC should be up to students, Smith said. "We want (Hardin) to understand that he is not in power now — the students are," he said. "He's supposed to represent the students."

"He thinks giving us a building gives us power. And that's what he's afraid of."

After the march, students returned to the Pit, where several BAC members spoke to them about the letter and about the future of the movement.

"If we all stick together, there is no bounds to where we can go," said Patrick Tate, a member of the coalition and a senior from Statesville. "Don't get satisfied. It's not over; it's just started."

BAC members encouraged students to attend a march down Franklin Street Thursday for supporters of a free-standing BCC and the UNC housekeepers. The housekeepers, many of whom make less than poverty-level wages, are fighting for better working conditions and higher salaries.

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Gardner, Hunt trade attacks during debate

The Associated Press
CHARLOTTE — The two candidates for governor met face-to-face for the first time Thursday in a debate Democrat Jim Hunt called mean-spirited and Republican Jim Gardner called hard-hitting.

Gardner said his questions and responses during the debate before 1,200 members of the State Employees Association of North Carolina were issue-oriented.

The debate was to be broadcast by the UNC Center for Public Television Thursday night.

The first half of the hourlong debate was based on questions submitted by each campaign.

Gardner's first three questions to Hunt involved convicts who were paroled under his administration and later committed murders.

A fourth questioned the Fair Sentencing Act, which Gardner has said cut sentences in half.

Hunt responded to all of them that

discretionary paroles were eliminated under the Fair Sentencing Act, but that the Martin administration, which includes Gardner as lieutenant governor, had reinstated those paroles.

"After I left office, they — this administration — put parole back in," Hunt said.

"This administration gutted that law. You've been paroling people by the thousands, 500 a week."

One of Hunt's questions to Gardner asked about Gardner's record of failed businesses and what steps the state should take against businesses that fail to pay their taxes.

"All small businesses face tough times," Gardner responded. "You faced them when you failed the Bar exam."

"I met a payroll. How many have you ever met?" Gardner asked.

"I agree that state government should be run like a business," Hunt said in rebuttal.

"But I hope it isn't run like one of your businesses," he said.

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FRIDAY
1 p.m. UNC Juggling Club will meet at the flagpole between Wilson Library and South Building.
4 p.m. BCC, Political Science Department, and African and Afro-American Studies Curriculum will sponsor a lecture by James Sidani on "The Social Dominance Theory of Racism, Confidence in the Police and the Rodney King Beating" in 100 Hamilton.
8:30 p.m. Newman Catholic Student Center will have its "Backyard Bash."

SATURDAY
7 p.m. Carolina Union Activities Board will sponsor Friends of Percussion/Alex Weiss in the Union Cabaret.

SUNDAY
3 p.m. Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will have a reception open to everyone on the fourth floor of New East.
5 p.m. Graduate and Professional Student Federation will hold its first meeting in 224 Union.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
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