

PHOENIX COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Young Black Writers' Workshop

The Young Black Writers' Program, a series of free, creative writing workshops for Black youth ages 14-18, sponsored by the Arts Council of Winston-Salem/Forsyth Co., Inc. and the North Carolina Writer's Network, is scheduled to begin January 11, 1992 in Winston-Salem.

The workshop series will give Black youth a chance to write - poems, plays, short stories, and scripts - and introduce them to the rich heritage of African-American writing.

The first of ten workshops will be held on Saturday, January 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Art-Is House at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 1625 East 12th Street, in Winston-Salem. Classroom enrollment is limited. Youth interested in the program should call Sandra Toney at the Arts Council (919) 722-5293 to register.

"Black Nativity" At N.C. A&T

A perennial favorite returns to cast its spell once more as the Richard B. Harrison Players of North Carolina A & T State University present BLACK NATIVITY at the Paul Robeson Theatre on the A & T campus.

Langston Hughes' song-play is the story of the Birth of Christ told from a black gospel perspective, using gospel songs and dance.

A & T State is pleased to welcome a guest professional staff to this production. Directing BLACK NATIVITY will be Mical Whitaker, currently on the faculty of Georgia Southern College. Among his many production credits as an actor, director, producer and teacher, this award-winning artist has acted as consultant to SESAME STREET, produced the OSSIE DAVIS AND RUBY DEE STORY HOUR syndicated radio show, and directed numerous plays in New York.

Chuck Davis, choreographer, is the founder of the African-American Dance Ensemble, a nationally recognized company based in Durham, and of the New York based Dance Africa. Mr. Davis is from Raleigh and has studied with Babtunde Olatunji, the Bernice Johnson Dance Co., and extensively in West Africa.

The musical director is Donald Smith, who styles himself an "old church pianist." Mr. Smith has worked with many churches in the area as choir director and pianist and served as director of the N.C. A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir for nine years. Rounding out the production staff, A & T's own R. Paul Thomason and D.E. Coffey will be providing scenery and lighting, and costumes, respectively.

Performances of BLACK NATIVITY will be at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6th; Saturday, December 7th; Monday, December 9th, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday,

December 8th. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for general admission, \$5.00 for senior citizens and students, and \$3.00 for children under 12 and A & T students. Group rates are available. Tickets may be reserved after 11/18 by calling (919) 334-7852 Monday-Friday, 1:00-5:30. Tickets may be purchased at the box office beginning 12/2, 1:00-5:30.

For additional information, call (919) 332-7519 or -7766.

NCWN Sets Fiction Contest

The deadline for the North Carolina Writers' Network's Fiction Competition is February 29, 1992. The first, second and third place winners will be awarded prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively. The competition chair and Network staff will work to have winning entries published in a North Carolina literary publication, pending approval of the editor.

Submission Guidelines:

- The competition is open to any writer who is a legal resident of North Carolina or a member of NCWN.

- Stories must be original and unpublished. They must be typed, no longer than six double-spaced pages. Two copies of each entry must be submitted. One entry per writer.

- The author's name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript. The author's name, address, telephone number(s) and title of story

should be typed on a separate sheet.

- Entry fee must accompany ms.: \$3 for current NCWN members, \$6 for nonmembers. (Authors may join with their submission by sending the NCWN annual membership dues of \$25 and paying the member entry fee of \$3.)

Please make checks payable to NCWN.

- A list of winners will be sent to entrants who enclose an SASE. No mss. will be returned.

- Selection will be based on literary quality and on suitability for a general newspaper/magazine audience.

Deadline: Manuscripts must be postmarked by February 29, 1992.

Send Submissions and Entry Fee To:

Alice E. Sink, Chair
1992 Fiction Competition
1727 Raleigh Rd.
Lexington, N.C.

Xmas At New Zion Baptist

The Youth Department of New Zion Baptist Church will have its annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and a special visit from Santa!! The church is located at 158 North Highland Avenue (corner of Second Street and Highland Avenue). Rev. Isaac Carter is the pastor.

The Heavens Declare The Glory - December Predictions

By Artis E. Hinson

Body Ecology - Greensboro

Capricorn (December 23 to January 20): Changing thoughts of self and personal desires cause you to deeply reflect upon your present aspirations. Religion, philosophy, education, and travel are part of the changing circumstances in your life.

Aquarius (January 21 to February 18): You and friends, through a group effort, work to create higher circumstances for the less fortunate. Greater reflection upon life after death is yours at this time.

Pisces (February 19 to March 18): As you actively assist friends and associates, your reputation as a caregiver soars to new heights. Prophetic, new relationships bring spiritual and physical changes to your life.

Aries (March 21 to April 20): Your unwillingness to follow

conventional attitudes may activate your desire to travel or make a significant career change. You may desire to study alternative healing and the New Age spirituality.

Taurus (April 21 to May 21): Your desire for the finer aspects of life include higher education in law and government, knowledgeable investment opportunities, knowledgeable children, and the will to activate effective speculative ventures.

Gemini (May 22 to June 21): A new relationship may bring great change to your life. Joint partnership agreements may effect increased investment opportunities as well as a new home for you and your significant others.

Cancer (June 22 to July 23): Fears die quickly as you suddenly hook up with an unexpectedly fulfilling partner. Increasing oppor-

tunities for travel and the desire to study finer communication techniques, may spice up your career.

Leo (July 23 to August 24): Speculative ventures bring about dramatic increases in income. Real estate transfers and home improvement unite to increase available wealth. Partnerships may break off or become a lot more serious and burdensome.

Virgo (August 25 to September 24): Cleanliness, order and health care positively affect your well-being, while writing and communicative abilities dramatically increase in substance and style. Structural changes in the home aid your personal comfort and thereby your creativity.

Libra (September 24 to October 23): Reflection upon your ancestors and present family traditions creatively inspires greater

artistic expression. Breakthroughs in communication may further your knowledge of alternative healing methods.

Scorpio (October 24 to November 23): Supportive friends dramatically increase your personal power and drive as transforming energies are yours. Investment changes may positively affect your fortunes as knowledge of dramatic changes in the business environment become more easily understood by you.

Sagittarius (November 24 to December 21): Increase in personal power and knowledge, stimulated by personal love or business developments, dramatically increases your public trust as new breakthroughs in politics and law further your potential. Monetary gains create greater growth potential.