

## Tours Take Bicentennial Celebration Across Nation

WASHINGTON — More than 90 American communities are expected to join in the national celebration of the Bicentennial by hosting groups of folk artists from around the world. Following appearances at the summer-long Festival of American Folklife in Washington, folk performers will go on tour in a Bicentennial program made possible by the Smithsonian Institution, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and host communities.

Entitled ON TOUR, the program enables cities and towns with a strong interest in their ethnic heritage to participate in a national Bicentennial program while creating a local celebration that reflects the unique ethnic experience within each community.

Sponsorship of the ON TOUR program is open to a variety of community organizations. Ethnic community groups, bicentennial committees, art councils, parks and recreation departments, museums, and universities work together to plan for each ON TOUR engagement.

Smithsonian field researchers join foreign folklorists to select the dancers, singers, musicians, and craftspeople who best illustrate the living folk traditions of each nation.

Among the nations invited to participate in the 1976 ON TOUR program are Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania,

Senegal, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, and Zaire.

The tours are organized in two programs: "Old Ways in the New World" European, Asian, and Hispanic origins with their cultural cousins from abroad. "African Diaspora" presents the rich heritage that reflects the continuity of the Black experience from Africa to the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America, and its dramatic influence on worldwide cultures.

ON TOUR began in 1973 with the participation of folk singers, dancers and musicians from Yugoslavia. Additional financial support from General Foods and American Airlines, sponsors of the Bicentennial Festival of American Folklife, has permitted expansion of the 1975 and 1976 ON TOUR programs.

More than 250,000 Americans in 38 cities attended ON TOUR events last summer and by the end of 1976, folk artists from more than 50 nations will have performed in more than 150 American communities since the program began.

People-to-people involvement is key to the ON TOUR experience. The two or three days of activities in each city are planned individually with each sponsor. Events may include a welcoming reception by city officials and ethnic community leaders; an ethnic community gathering for an informal sharing of music, dance, and food traditions; a more formal public concert, and workshops in which visitors can participate.

## WSSU Presents Nat'l Theatre February 3

The Winston-Salem State University Lyceum Events Performing Arts Series will present the National Theatre Company on Tuesday, February 3 at 8:15 p.m. in Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

The Company will present "Feelin' Good" a musical tribute to the black entertainer in America. Through song, dance, and humor, "Feelin' Good" traces the history of the Black American's contribution to the world of musical entertainment.

The production opens where much of the music we enjoy today had its beginnings — the black church. We are taken from a demonstration of the transplanted African rhythms on a Southern plantation to the first black influence on the American stage — the minstrel show. Using music, sketches and narration "FEELIN' GOOD" travels through the history of jazz, the black vaudeville circuit, the black Broadway stage including a parade of music and personalities which span half a century. From Broadway the performers take us to Harlem's Apollo Theatre, which has hosted practically every black performer of the last fifty years.

Admission for the performance will be Lyceum Season Tickets or single admission tickets — \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

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## Morehead Planetarium Expects Boost In Programming

CHAPEL HILL — The Morehead Planetarium expects a boost in its programming when "Laserium," the cosmic laser light show now being presented in seven other major planetariums in the U. S. and Canada, begins regular performances in the Chapel Hill education and entertainment facility.

"We've been trying to get Laserium for over a year," said Planetarium Director A. F. Jenzano. Jenzano said that cosmic light concert also stimulates interest and attendance in regular planetarium programming by as much as 30 percent.

"A public service facility like the Planetarium operates to pay its own expenses but usually incurs an annual deficit, and affinity activities like Laserium help make up for some of that in support of principal programming," said Jenzano. He added that Laset Images Inc., which produces the show, provides a significant advertising service to inform and generate greater public enthusiasm and attendance.

Subtitled "A Live Laser Concert Under the Stars," Laserium uses a Krypton laser beam projection system to produce geometric, symmetrical, and textured visual illusions. Each show is unique—with a laser artist or laserist at the controls, and arrangements of electronic jazz, classical and rock music.

The Los Angeles Times has said, "Laserium is a trip; something experienced in the senses rather than in the mind." The San Francisco Examiner says, "The effect is consistently stunning." According to the Toronto Globe and Mail, "Half the time you can't believe your eyes." "Laserium" experiences are scheduled at 9:15 and 10:30 every evening Thursdays through Sundays, with midnight performances on Fridays and Saturdays, and family matinees at 4:15 each Saturday and Sunday. The single admission per person of any age is \$2.75 and tickets are available only at the Planetarium Box Office before each show.

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## PFJ May No Longer Save Driver's License

RALEIGH — A Prayer for Judgment Continued (PJC) may no longer save your driver's license according to Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Powell announced today that a new law, effective January 1 provides that a third or subsequent PJC received within a five-year period constitutes a final conviction and all PJC's must be reported by the courts to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles.

The new law which applies to all Prayers for Judgment Continued in traffic cases which are entered after January 1 was enacted by the 1975 General Assembly.

Commissioner Powell said, "This law can greatly aid our efforts in traffic safety. Prior to the passage of this Act, a sizeable number of drivers were avoiding convictions on their records by obtaining a PJC and thus preventing the Division of Motor Vehicles from taking any action to improve their driving habits or suspending their driver's license. This former loophole of the law (PJC) allowed certain drivers to possibly continue their bad driving habits while others who did not receive such treatment lost their licenses. This law will help to place all of our citizens under the same rules."

## Feast for Year of Dragon



Luckily for those who have already forgotten their New Year's resolutions, a second New Year celebration comes on Saturday, January 31. That's the Chinese New Year, when the Year of the Rabbit will give way to the New Year of the Dragon.

To welcome the coming year 4674 (in the ancient Chinese calendar), home economists for La Choy Food Products have planned an Oriental feast for you to serve. Cantonese Soup is on the menu, along with Stir-Fried Chicken Breasts, hot cooked rice, and tea and fortune cookies.

**STIR-FRIED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH CHINESE VEGETABLES** (4 Servings)

1 clove garlic, finely minced  
2 thin slices fresh ginger, finely minced, or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
2 whole chicken breasts, skinned, boned, and cut into 1/2-inch squares  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1 tablespoon sherry

1 tablespoon La Choy soy sauce  
2 tablespoons oil  
1 package (10 oz.) La Choy frozen fancy Chinese Style Vegetables, thawed  
1/4 cup unsalted roasted cashews or almonds

Place chicken squares in large bowl and sprinkle with cornstarch, tossing to coat evenly. Add sherry and soy sauce; toss again. Place a large skillet or Chinese wok over high heat for about 30 seconds. Add oil and swirl to coat pan. Add garlic and ginger and cook, stirring, until golden. Remove from pan with slotted spoon and discard. Add marinated chicken and cook, stirring constantly, until chicken turns white and firm. Add Chinese vegetables and cook one minute longer. Add nuts and stir to heat through. Serve at once with La Choy chow mein noodles or hot cooked rice.

**CANTONESE SOUP** (6 Servings)

1/2 pound lean pork, sliced thin  
2 tablespoons cooking oil  
2 tablespoons La Choy soy sauce  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon ground ginger

1 1/2 quarts chicken broth  
3 cups thin sliced Chinese celery cabbage  
La Choy Chow Mein Noodles or Extra Wide Chow Mein Noodles

In large saucepan, lightly brown pork in hot oil, stirring frequently. Stir in soy sauce and seasonings; cook 5 minutes. Add broth; simmer 15 minutes. Add cabbage and cook until cabbage is tender, about 5 minutes. Garnish each serving with chow mein noodles.

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