

N. C. Museum Of Art Acquires African Art

RALEIGH - The N. C. Museum of Art has acquired, through gifts or purchases, more than 100 works of art including a collection of rare African objects from the Congo River Basin.

The works, whose acquisition during the last part of 1976 was approved at a December meeting of the N. C. Art Commission, will be displayed in various museum exhibitions during 1977.

A major gift of African art was donated to the museum by the Bronson family of California. Lee Bronson, his wife Dona and his brother Robert gave the museum 38

pieces from Nigeria and the Congo River Basin.

The objects include masks, fetishes, instruments, and symbols of tribal royalty made of wood, fiber, hide, feathers or ivory. A significant addition to the museum's growing collection of the ethnographic art of various continents, the objects represent the Bakuba, Hemba, Basonge, Dengese, Bajokwe, Bayaka, Basuku, Bapenda, Mende, Balege, Dan and Yoruba tribes.

Lee Bronson, chairman of the board of the sportswear firm Bronson of California, was recently named to the N. C. Art Commission.

Concert Date Changed For Durham Chamber Group

The Durham Chamber Players will open the Raleigh portion of their concert series on Wed. January 26 at 8:15 p.m. at Peace College Auditorium. This is a change from the earlier date of January 23. The program will feature the Mozart Clarinet Trio and the Brahms Piano Quintet.

The Mozart will feature Donald Martin, Clarinet; Christine Martin, Viola; and John Ruggero, Piano; Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the North Carolina Symphony and Ruggero is a member of the faculty at Duke University.

After intermission, the Brahms Piano Quintet, will feature Ruggero and the Haydn String Quartet. The members of the Quartet are Michael Ma,

Violin; Suzanne Kelly, Violin; Christine Martin, Viola; and Dorothy Gilmore, Cello.

This is a significant event in Raleigh musical circles as it signifies the opening of a new large concert series performed by members of the North Carolina Symphony.

Upcoming concerts will feature performances of Beethoven Quartet Op. 74 by the Gomag String Quartet, Bach Kantata 51 performed by members of the N. C. Symphony and Melinda Lieberman. Soprano: Schubert Shepherd on the Rock, as well as many others.

Admission to all performances will be by season admission or \$2.00 at the door.

THE MANHATTANS AT THE BABY GRAND



THE MANHATTANS PERFORM AT CLUB BABY GRAND AND ON THE SAME BILL ARE THE DURACHA BAND MEMBERS (BELOW)



The Manhattans, in town at the Club Baby Grand last weekend, let a packed house know what's in store for the future as they turned the crowd on to a predicted hit of their new album "It Feels So Good." In addition to Mind Your Business, which the audience thoroughly enjoyed, the new Columbia release will contain other original songs of the popular singing group.

According to Blue Lovett, one of the original group, the album will contain such tunes as "I Want To Dance A Love Song", "On The Street Where I Live", "I'd Like To See You Tomorrow", and the title song.

They are hoping the new release will approach or surpass the success of "Kiss And Say Goodbye," which sold greater than three and one-half million as a single and over 500,000 as an album, which qualifies it as a gold record.

The engagement at the Club Baby Grand was seen by the group as a "homecoming" of sorts since members, Joe Alston, is from Henderson, N.C. and Kenneth Kelly is from Fayetteville, N.C. Blue hails from Jersey City, N.J. and Sonny Bivins is from Macon, Ga.

They have a lot of exciting plans for the future which will take them to perform in President-elect Jimmy Carter's inauguration and a three-month tour of Europe. While in Europe they will be working in a new movie which will focus on a travelling love story.

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LOLA FALANA will receive the "Song and Dance Star of the Year" award on the "Entertainer of the Year Awards" show, airing Sunday, January 16, 10 - 11:30 p.m. (ET). In addition to receiving the award Ms Falana will perform.

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CHARLIE GOODNIGHTS, 861 W. Morgan St., Raleigh.

any more. Maybe I'll grow into Grady."

"Old Man" In His '40s

Television has made Whitman Mayo an old man.

Mayo, who plays Grady on NBC-TV's "Sanford and Son" was, a few years ago, head of a talent and writers agency in New York. He went to Los Angeles to find work for his clients, then, partly due to his acting ability and partly due to his looks, he was persuaded by casting people to play Grady, a one-episode role that grew into a regular character in the series.

"It's the beard," says Mayo. "I'm only 46 years old and I've never played a role on TV in which I was under 60. If I shaved the beard off, I might never work again."

Grady is 68 years old. Mayo has played two roles on "Baretta" of men in advanced years; and on KNBC, the NBC television station in Los Angeles, he plays an old man on the children's series, "That's Cat."

He said: "I think underneath this beard I'm a 46 year old man, but I may never find out. The late Cliff Arquette, when he was a young man, made himself up to look like the elderly Charley Weaver. Then one day he realized he didn't need the make-up

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