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Cicely Tyson plays Harriet Tubman, the former Maryland slave who escaped and became a leading conductor on the underground Railroad prior to the Civil War, in "A Woman Called Moses," Dec. 11-12 on NBC-TV.

In Review: By Sharyn Bratcher

## A Woman Called Moses

...the story of Harriet Tubman, will be shown on WXII, Channel 12, Monday and Tuesday night, December 11th and 12th. Cicely Tyson, who won an Emmy for her portrayal of Miss Jane Pittman, stars as Harriet Ross Tubman, a slave who escaped North to freedom, and then made many journeys back into slave territory to rescue other slaves via the "underground railroad." The program is divided into two parts, and will be shown Monday and Tuesday from 9-11 p.m. Part One begins with the

... on a Maryland plantation. It traces her quest for freedom as she saves up her money to buy her freedom, only to be told by her owner that the sum is too little. Later, she loses even that money when her freedman husband John Tubman steals it from her. It ends with her escape to Philadelphia. Part Two chronicles Harriet Tubman's journeys back into the slave states to free others, and the dangers she faced with a bounty of \$40,000 posted for her. The drama features Robert Hooks as William Still, head of the anti-slave society, and Will Geer, in his last role, as a Quaker abolitionist. One is inevitably tempted to compare the program to its predecessors "Roots" and "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." "A Woman Called Moses" is not as good as either of those masterpieces.

The characters seem to lack the depth of those in the previous program. The whites are still stereotyped, but apparently a conscious effort has been made not to "offend" anybody, because even the bad guys behave kindly occasionally. There seems to be no detail in this production: it is like a tour of the city by helicopter. The program covers many events, but at too rapid a pace to generate much suspense. The minor characters are not developed well enough for motivation or understanding. But Cicely Tyson, is, as always, magnificent. It is well above average television fare, and certainly worth seeing.



Odyssey [pictured] above will be one of the featured acts in "King of the Gypsies" Premiere Party on ABC-TV [Channel 8 locally] Dec. 16 at 9 p.m. Also featured will be Shelk, and the Trampas.

## Sounds By Joe Daniels

...SPIRIT is gearing up for VAGANZA this Friday the MUSICAL EXTRA night (Dec. 8) at 8:01 P.M.

### Summer Hosts Awards

WGHP-TV 8 joins with stations all over the country in presenting the premier ceremonies of the American Black Achievement Awards on Sunday, December 10, 1978 from 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Hosted by Harry Belafonte with co-hostess Donna Summer, the event recognizes black Americans who have climbed the ladder of success in their respective fields, in the setting of a formal dinner hosted by celebrities from political, fine arts, athletic, journalistic and entertainment fields alike. The hour and a half format is enhanced by star vocalists, production numbers and notable presenters. After the awarding of college scholarships to two outstanding high schoolers, the show will conclude with a presentation by Coretta King of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. Other notables whose appearance is scheduled at this time are comedian Red Foxx, "Roots" author, Alex Haley, basketball star Bill Russell, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and Esther, "Good Times" Rolle. The premiere presentation of The American Black Achievement Awards Show is more than just an award show. TV8 is proud to present it on Sunday, Dec. 10th, at 11:30 p.m. for 8 Country viewers.

The band has worked very hard preparing for the engagement and although it's not their first contract performing as the accompanying band it is one of their most demanding (musically). But everything is working very smoothly. Fanchon Enterprises, producer of the showcase is proud of the affair and big things should fall in line because of it. Many club owners, business men, D.J.'s, as well as musicians will be in the auditorium at Winston Salem State University to spectate and speculate possible week-end work with some acts involved and just seeing other talent in the area.

There are reports of some A & R men from a couple of major recording companies (Capitol, ABC, and Epic were mentioned) being in the area this week-end. The Gospel segment hosted by Zavior Prait will feature four major Triad area groups. So it will be a rather interesting, action-packed and fun filled evening. See you there...

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| <b>12<br/>WXII<br/>NBC</b><br>Winston-Salem | 7:00 Newswatch<br>7:30 Dating Game<br>8:00 Different Strokes<br>8:30 51-80 Beauty Show<br>9:00 The Story of Christmas<br>10:00 NBC Reports<br>11:00 NewsCenter Twelve<br>11:30 Tonight Show<br>1:00 Midnight Special<br>2:30 Nitelite Theater<br>It's Only Money | 7:00 Name that Tune<br>7:30 Match Game<br>8:00 Ripps<br>9:00 WXII Cinema Twelve<br>Breakfast at Tiffany's<br>11:00 NewsCenter Twelve<br>11:30 Saturday Night Live<br>1:00 Sign Off  | 7:00 Wonderful World of Disney<br>Christmas at Walt Disney World<br>8:00 The Big Event<br>Contestants:<br>The Shepherds<br>Reading, Writing and Reffer<br>11:00 Rat Patrol<br>11:30 NBC Late Movie:<br>All You Need is Cash<br>1:45 Sign Off   | 7:00 Newlywed Game<br>7:30 The Dating Game<br>8:00 Little House on the Prairie<br>9:00 NBC Monday Night Movie:<br>A Woman Called Moses<br>11:00 NewsCenter Twelve<br>11:30 Tonight Show<br>1:00 Tomorrow<br>2:00 Meditations<br>2:05 Sign Off           | 7:00 Newlywed Game<br>7:30 The Dating Game<br>8:00 Grandpa goes to Washington<br>9:00 The Point: A Woman Called Moses<br>11:00 NewsCenter Twelve<br>11:30 Tonight Show<br>1:00 Tomorrow<br>2:00 Meditations<br>2:05 Sign Off  | 7:00 Newlywed Game<br>7:30 The Dating Game<br>8:00 TBA<br>9:00 National Rodeo Finals<br>11:00 NewsCenter Twelve<br>11:30 Tonight Show<br>1:00 Tomorrow<br>2:00 Meditations<br>2:05 Sign Off  | 7:00 Newlywed Game<br>7:30 The Dating Game<br>8:00 Doug Henning's World of Magic<br>9:00 A Holiday Tribute to the Radio City Music Hall<br>11:00 NewsCenter Twelve<br>11:30 Tonight Show<br>1:00 Tomorrow<br>2:00 Meditations<br>2:05 Sign Off  |
| <b>8<br/>WGHP<br/>ABC</b><br>HighPoint      | 7:00 Joker's Wild<br>7:30 Donny Fargo<br>8:00 Journey Back to Or<br>10:00 Merry Christmas With Love-Live<br>11:00 Eyewitness News<br>11:30 Friday Late Show<br>2:00 Eyewitness News  | 7:00 Lawrence Welk<br>8:00 Rudolph's Shiny New Year<br>9:00 Love Boat<br>ABC News Brief<br>10:00 Fantasy Island<br>11:00 Eyewitness News<br>11:30 Shock Theatre<br>Blood Mania<br>It Came From Beneath the Sea<br>ABC NEWS<br>Weekend Report<br>2:30 ABC NEWS<br>2:45 Help Yourself | 7:00 Santa Claus is Comin' To Town/ABC Min. Mag<br>8:00 The Honeymoons<br>ABC News Brief<br>9:00 ABC Theatre<br>The Gathering<br>10:54 ABC Fill<br>11:00 Eyewitness News<br>11:30 ABC News<br>Weekend Report<br>11:45 The Big Valley<br>12:15 ABC NEWS<br>12:45 In Search of a Moral Understanding | 7:00 Joker's Wild<br>7:30 Hee Haw Honey<br>8:00 The Year without a Santa Claus<br>ABC News Brief<br>9:00 ABC Monday Night Football<br>Bangals vs Rams<br>11:45 Eyewitness News<br>12:15 The Big Battle<br>Battles of Stalingrad<br>1:00 Eyewitness News | 7:00 Joker's Wild<br>7:30 Sha Na Na<br>8:00 Happy Days<br>8:30 Why the Bears Dance At Christmas<br>9:00 Three's Company<br>9:30 Taxi/ABC<br>News Brief<br>10:00 Starsky & Hutch<br>11:00 Eyewitness News<br>11:30 Tuesday Movie of the Week<br>1:00 Eyewitness News | 7:00 Joker's Wild<br>7:30 Family Feud<br>8:00 Frosty's Winter Wonderland<br>8:30 Nestor, the Long-Eared Christmas Donkey<br>9:00 Perry Come Olde<br>English Christmas<br>ABC News Brief<br>10:00 Merry Christmas I<br>The Grand Ole Opry House<br>11:30 Policewoman/<br>S.W.A.T.<br>1:45 Eyewitness News | 7:00 Joker's Wild<br>7:30 The Gong Show<br>8:00 Mork & Minky<br>8:30 Arlo & The Magic Machine Special/<br>of Flight from Kitty<br>to the Stars<br>9:00 Barney Miller<br>9:30 Soap/ABC News<br>10:00 family<br>11:00 Eyewitness News<br>11:30 Starsky & Hutch<br>/S.W.A.T.<br>1:45 Eyewitness News |
| <b>2<br/>WFMY<br/>CBS</b><br>Greensboro     | 7:00 PH: Magazine<br>7:30 Crosswits<br>8:00 Christmas on Sesame Street<br>9:00 Danny Thomas<br>Christmas special<br>10:00 Flying High<br>11:00 News<br>11:30 New<br>12:30 Avengers<br>Movie<br>Nightmare   | 7:00 ACC Basket Ball Tourn<br>11:00 News<br>11:30 Movie<br>The Misfits  | 7:00 60 Minutes<br>8:00 All in the Family<br>8:30 Alice<br>9:00 Kuz<br>10:00 Dallas<br>11:00 News<br>11:30 Gene Little's<br>12:00 Mary Tyler Moore<br>12:30 Odd Couple   | 7:00 PM Magazine<br>7:30 Cross Wits<br>8:00 The White Shadow<br>9:00 MASH<br>9:30 One Day At Time<br>10:00 Lou Grant<br>11:00 News<br>11:30 Rockford Files<br>12:00 McMillan & Wife   | 7:30 PM Magazine<br>8:00 Cross Wits<br>9:00 Paper Chase<br>9:30 America Salutes<br>11:00 Performing Arts<br>11:30 News<br>12:30 Barnaby Jones   | 6:00 News<br>6:30 CBS News<br>7:00 PM Magazine<br>7:30 Cross Wits<br>11:00 News<br>11:30 Movie: TBA<br>12:00 "Love Boat"<br>1:00 Kojak   | 6:00 News<br>6:30 CBS News<br>7:00 PM Magazine<br>7:30 Cross Wits<br>8:00 The Waltons<br>11:00 News<br>11:30 MASH<br>12:00 Columbo  |
| <b>5<br/>HBO</b><br>Movies                  | 5:00 The Amazing Dobermans<br>7:00 Inside the NFL<br>8:00 Skateboard<br>10:00 Another Man, Another Chance<br>12:15 Shampoo   | 7:00 King Goes to Queens<br>8:00 Thunder & Lightning<br>10:00 David Brenner Returns<br>11:00 Julia<br>1:00 Across 110th Street  | 5:00 A Little Night Music<br>7:00 Uplouse<br>8:00 Semi-Tough<br>10:00 The Pack<br>12:00 Equus  | 6:00 Julia<br>8:00 Christmas in New York<br>9:00 King Goes to Queens<br>10:00 Coma<br>12:00 Cousin Cousine  | 6:00 The Medusa Touch<br>8:00 The Spy Who Loved Me<br>10:30 At the Fair<br>12:00 Thunder & Lightning  | 6:00 Old Yeller<br>8:00 College Basketball<br>10:00 Rollercoaster<br>12:00 Bobbie Jo And the Outlaw  | 6:30 At the Fair<br>8:00 Inside the NFL<br>9:00 Inside the NFL<br>9:00 Semi-Tough<br>11:00 Slapshot   |
| <b>4<br/>WUNL<br/>PBS</b>                   | 7:00 ECONOMY SPK.<br>7:30 MACNEIL/LEHRER REPORT<br>8:00 WASHINGTON WEEK<br>8:30 WALL ST. WEEK<br>9:00 CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK<br>9:30 FIRING LINE<br>10:30 SIGN-OFF  | 6:30 BLACK PERSPECTIVE<br>7:00 20th CENTURY VIOLA<br>7:30 LARYAT SAM WEEK<br>8:00 ONCE UPON A CLASSIC<br>8:30 BIG BAND BASH   | 7:00 You the Deaf<br>7:30 Japan: The Living Tradition<br>8:00 National Geographic<br>9:00 Masterpiece Theatre<br>10:00 Evening at Symphony<br>11:00 Sign Off   | 7:00 Juritron: The Choice is Yours<br>7:30 MacNeil/Lehrer Report<br>8:00 Nova<br>9:00 To Fly<br>9:30 Affair in the Air<br>10:30 Turnabout<br>11:00 Sign Off   | 7:00 N.C. People<br>7:30 MacNeil/Lehrer Report<br>8:00 Soundstage<br>9:00 Nobel Prizes<br>10:30 Hannukah<br>11:00 Sign Off  | 7:00 Ebony Exposures<br>7:30 MacNeil/Lehrer Report<br>8:00 A Place of Dreams<br>9:00 Great Performances<br>10:00 Jurl with the incredible Feeling<br>11:00 Sign Off  | 7:00 N.C. News<br>7:30 MacNeil/Lehrer Report<br>8:00 The Long Search<br>9:00 Bernstein at 50:<br>A Appreciation From Wolf Trap<br>11:00 Sign Off  |

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