

# Artists to honor MLK's birthday at Black Rep

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will present its third annual "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration" on Friday, Jan. 15, the actual birthday of Dr. King, at 7 p.m. in the Arts Council Theatre Lobby. The Arts Council Theatre is located at 610 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem.

Performers include Elder John Heath, Carlotta Samuels, international vocalist Sharon Frazier, "The Voices of KMS," who recently appeared on Bobby Jones' national television show; and Felicia McMillan performing her new rap titled, "What's Happened to the Dream."

A special performance will be offered by Nathan Ross Freeman, playwright in residence with the NCBRC.

Larry Leon Hamlin, the executive and artistic director of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company said that, "The Black Rep feels that it is unfair to Dr. King to allow his actual birthday to go unnoticed and uncelebrated."

## Investment group plans special event

"Economic Investments for the Present and Beyond - What's Hot and What's Not," is the theme for the Executive Investment Council's Investment Fair scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16 at 9 a.m. The fair will take place at the First Baptist Church on Highland Ave.

The Executive Investment Council is an umbrella organization of Afro-American investment clubs in Winston-Salem.

Six workshops are being planned for the fair, all of them designed to provide information that will help Afro-Americans improve their economic capabilities in 1988 and beyond. The titles of some of the workshops are "How to Start a Credit Union," "The New Tax Laws," "Getting

Hamlin said that, "although there will be many programs and activities in Dr. King's honor on Monday, Jan. 18 in Winston-Salem, Dr. King's actual birthday for the most part will go unnoticed."

The company's last two Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebrations were also observed on Dr. King's actual birthday and were very successful, attracting standing room only crowds. Those planning to attend should call for reservations (723-7907) or arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to be assured a seat.

Hamlin said also that "African-American artists in Winston-Salem wanted to publicly show their love and respect for Dr. King and to continue to help keep his dream alive. We did not want to compete with the numerous activities and programs that our Afro-American artists contributed profoundly to the civil rights struggle including marching hand in hand with Dr. King, praying with him and going to jail with him."

Into Venture Capital," and "Real Estate." A special workshop is being planned for young adults.

The keynote speaker for the Investment Fair will be John Winters, an economic developer in Raleigh.

The Executive Investment Council was organized in June of 1986. One of its major functions is to facilitate joint economic ventures among all of the investment clubs. The Investment Fair is the second one sponsored by the Council.

A registration fee will be charged for the Investment Fair. For more information, call either 785-2848 or 785-0953 during the evening hours.



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he's taken photos of his school's campus and that of Duke University.

Compliments have come from his peers who look up to him. He has many admirers. "And I'm not saying that to be an egotist but I just really don't think about it much." He says that his courses at the school and his early pilot training will help him navigate his future. "It's one of those things done in preparation for my life."

He encourages other young people to take intelligent risks for the sake of readying themselves for the challenges ahead. "One day they'll have to do something to prepare for their lives. I hope they make the right decisions too."

Instructor Wiginton said that Mathewson has been one of the easiest students to train because he realizes the importance of on-the-ground preparation. "Willie is probably above average. He's readily adapted to flight training and more importantly he's realized he must spend more time studying the books. A lot of younger pilots just want to get in the plane and fly, but 70 percent is bookwork and 30 percent is actually flying," Wiginton said. "Willie has got it the correct way. I'm pretty proud of him."

Ron Troutner, director of operations for Piedmont Airlines, said the Flight School accepts youngsters of all ages, however students may not take solo flights until age 16. The price for flying lessons ranges from \$62 per hour to \$142 dollars per hour.

Mathewson said that sometimes his Mom worries about him, but he doesn't believe she does so

each time he takes off from Reynolds Airport.

His mother, Nancy Green, said she doesn't worry about him. "I feel very confident in his instructor and in his ability to fly. And I'm confident as long as he has confidence in himself," she said.

Green, who's been with Piedmont for 14 years, is the company's Human Resources planning supervisor. She said that on 'touch and go' flights she in which she was invited to attend, she brought Mathewson along when he was 10 years old.

'Touch and go' flights are routine instruction for commercial airplane pilots, Green said, which includes flying from one airport to another in the Triad area.

On these flights, Mathewson was in awe. "he'd sit in the cockpit" she said. "He was just fascinated by the flying. It really gave him a charge."

She said her son really became committed to learning to fly after they visited the Piedmont Flight School's Open House. "After he went up for a test flight, he told me 'I know this is what I want to do,'" she said.

Green is hopeful about her son's future aviation career. "I'm looking forward to him being able to fly the public, then I know he'll be making the money to reimburse me," she said.

Mathewson had been naturally low-keyed, however, he's overcome this. Green characterizes her son as a typical teenager. "He's kind of laid-back, but, for those things he's interested in, he goes full speed ahead."

pace and within their individual levels of ability. Sawtooth's classes offer personalized instruction by professionally active artist-teachers.

For registrations, call weekdays between 9 - 1 p.m. through Jan. 2 or 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. daily after Jan. 4.

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"Right Brain" techniques. Parents and children will assemble for gallery walks, studio visits and group lectures which complement class content and facilitate verbal communication about art between family members.

All students will be encouraged to develop skills at their own

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