

# State Fair world premiere is in W-S

Beginning this week, *State Fair* will introduce to the world a new Rogers and Hammerstein musical as American as apple pie, roller

Patterson's Broadway experience includes *Senator Joe*, *The Three Musketeers*, *Hair*, *Starlight Express* Touring Company, and

three days of unaccustomed adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. Set against the colorful and dynamic backdrop of an American tradition, *State Fair* is a story of love, of youthful awakenings, of poignant resolutions, and of the welcomed journey home.

Originally produced in 1933 as a non-musical motion picture, a second movie production of *State Fair* starring Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews, and Vivian Blaine won Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II an Academy Award in 1945 for their timeless classic, *It Might as Well Be Spring*. In 1962, a new film version featuring Pat Boone, Ann Margaret, and Bobby Darin again captured the hearts of audiences worldwide.

Rogers and Hammerstein themselves are American classics. After long and highly distinguished careers with other collaborators, Rogers (composer) and Hammerstein (librettist/lyricist) joined forces in 1943 to create the most consistently successful partnership in American musical theatre.

Next year marks the 50th

anniversary of *Oklahoma*, the first Rogers and Hammerstein musical, a ground-breaking milestone of a new genre, the musical play. This success was followed by such favorites as *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *Flower Drum Song*. Most of their stage musicals transferred to the screen as well, winning 14 Academy Awards. *The Sound of*

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coasters, and corn-on-the-cob. Also being introduced to the Winston-Salem area is Raymond Patterson, an African-American actor bringing his extensive experience in film, television, Broadway, and off-Broadway to the role of "Hank" in *State Fair*.

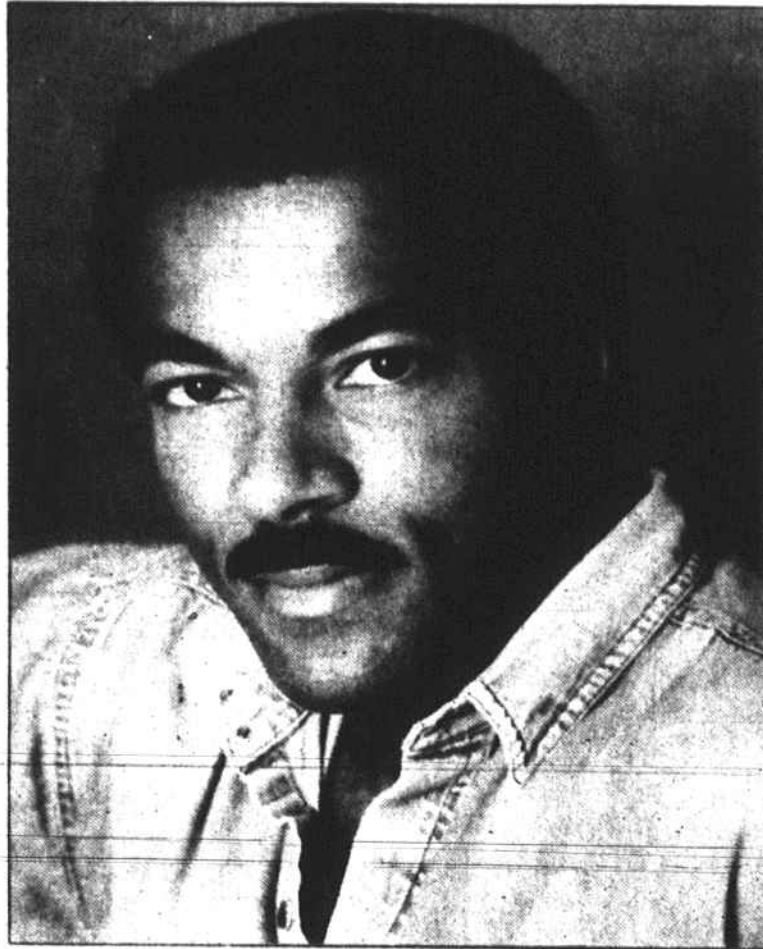
Patterson brings not only good looks and charm to his character, but also a long list of credentials and experience in the performing arts. After studying acting with Peggy Feury at The Loft Studio with Nina Foch at La Mama E.T.C., and at the University of Maryland, as well as voice with Michael Warren and Vicki Starr, Patterson has begun to create an impressive resumé. And though his name may not be all that familiar, his talent promises to take him a long way.

Some of you may have seen him in such movies as *Undercover*, *Cameron's Closet*, *Scorpion*, and *The First Time*. But more of you may have caught this rising star in *The Young and the Restless*, *Capitol*, *Hill Street Blues*, *The Guiding Light*, *Nightingales*, *What's Happening Now?*, and *Hard Copy*.

*Comin' Uptown*.

*State Fair* itself is another first for North Carolina. As in the tradition of the Broadway Preview Series bringing Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* and *Jake's Women*, and Horton Foote's *Dividing the Estate* to Winston-Salem for their world premiers, we also have the first stage production of this Rogers and Hammerstein collaboration. A classic by the most successful partnership in Broadway musical history, it has only been produced on film — three times! This summer, in its world premier stage debut, this love story will come to life on the Stevens Center stage.

The play is set in America's heartland during the summer of 1945, that relatively uncomplicated and innocent age of traditional values, when the end of World War II was in sight and American spirits were once again flying high. By turns that are both funny and heart-breaking, the play explores in affectionate detail the events encountered by the Frake family as they leave behind the routine of the farm for



Raymond Patterson

Music, in particular, has become the most popular musical film ever made.

*State Fair* will continue its run at the Stevens Center through August 16. Tickets are on sale now at the Stevens Center box office.

## 1992 Candace Awards



Candace Award recipients gather for a photo session at the 1992 Candace Awards held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Pictured (left to right) are Camille Cosby, Ph.D., philanthropist; Robert E. Allen, chairman & CEO, AT&T corporate sponsor; Jessie Carney Smith, Ph.D., author; Maya Angelou, mistress of ceremonies; Jewell Jackson McCabe, chairperson, National Coalition of 100 Black Women; Harold "Hal" B. Jackson, broadcast pioneer; and Sybil Haydel Morial, dean, Xavier University. They were honored by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women during the 10th anniversary of the annual Candace Awards.

## Guillaume new spokesperson for sickle cell

Two-time Emmy Award winner Robert Guillaume has been selected as national spokesperson for the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease Inc.

Guillaume succeeds Danny Glover, who acted as the organization's spokesperson for three years.

The new executive director, Lynda K. Anderson, made the official announcement earlier this

week. "On behalf of the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease Inc. (NASCD), we are proud to have Robert Guillaume associated with our organization. He is highly visible and an outstanding role model. He presents a positive image for bringing attention to the need for continued support for sickle cell disease programs nationally."

As ambassador, Guillaume will add a dimension of clarification and insight to the sickle cell condition in this country and abroad.

His involvement with the NASCD national convention in Washington, D.C. in October, sickle cell member organization activities, public appearances, and public service spots will heighten the scope of sickle cell awareness with his peers and the public.

NASCD is a Los Angeles-based organization with nationwide community sickle cell programs.

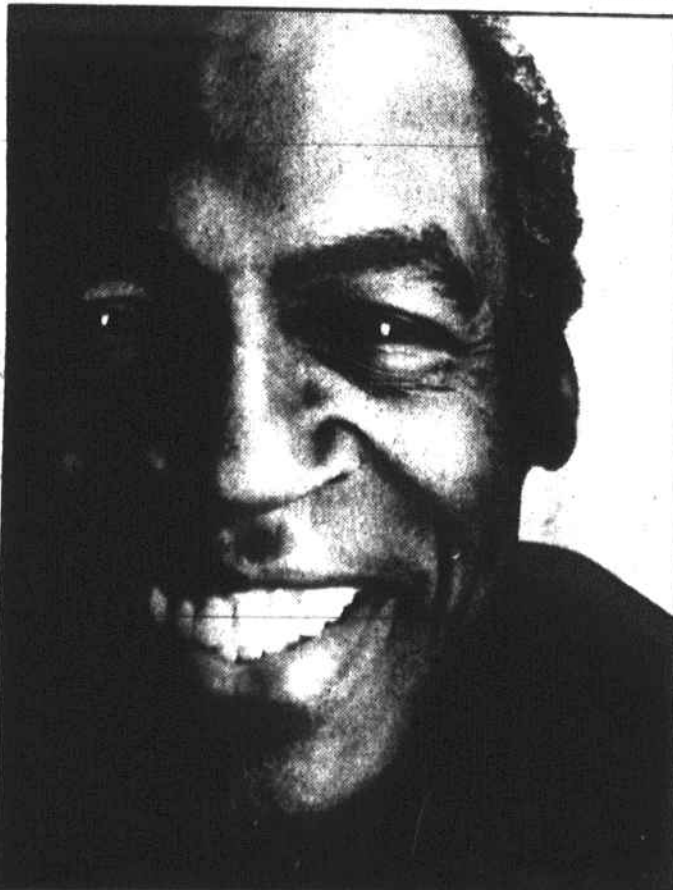
The organization

recently celebrated 20 years of providing education, research, and patient services centering on the sickle cell conditions.

Sickle cell disease is an inher-

ed, incurable condition that primarily affects African-Americans.

Guillaume is currently in Baltimore filming Robert Townsend's "Meteor Man."



Robert Guillaume

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