



Edward Correll (left) and Romona Rorrie perform in "Day of Absence," performed by the North Carolina Black Repertory Company.

## Black Rep Plans King Celebration

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company has lined up an impressive array of talent for its 9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration to be held this Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Arts Council Theater, 610 Coliseum Drive.

The event is free and open to the public; however, reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 723-7907. A standing-room crowd is anticipated.

Larry Leon Hamlin, executive and artistic director of the North

Carolina Black Repertory Company and producer of the National Black Theatre Festival, was last seen on stage in Winston-Salem as "The Gatekeeper" in Maya Angelou's musical, "And Still I Rise," starring Clifton Davis and Ja'Net DuBois. Hamlin will perform a scene from the comedy "Day of Absence" which the company will perform its entirety Feb. 18-27.

Other members of the company performing include: J.W. Smith, Randy Johnson, Kenneth Mallette, Sharon Frazier, Nathan Ross

Freeman and Sabrina Rowdy.

Guest artists from the Triad include vocalists Janice Price and Fredrick Roundtree, poets Bill Jackson and Darrin F. Glenn, and actors Mingo Long, Phillip Williamson, Wadanne Herbin and Charlene Duncan.

Youth artists performing include Dontonica Ricks and Demareo Little, Kandace Davis, Delicia Earl and Elisha Oliver.

For information call 723-7907.

### LOCAL MARTIN LUTHER KING ACTIVITIES

**January 15** - N.C. Black Repertory Company will presents its Ninth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration performing "A Day of Absence," written by Douglas Turner Ward, founder and artistic director of the Negro Ensemble Company. Performance starts at 6 p.m. at the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. Admission is free, but reservations must be made due to limited seats.

**January 17** - 7:30-10:45 a.m.: Breakfast and gospel fest at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St.

11 a.m.: "From Violence to Victory" walk from Mt. Zion to Benton Convention Center.

Noon: Commemoration of Dr. King's 65th birthday at Benton Convention Center. Featured speaker will be Mutter D. Evans, general manager of WAAA radio.

2 p.m.: Symposium at Mt. Zion Baptist Church featuring youth speakers.

7 p.m. Rev. Ronald P. Davis Sr., pastor of St. John's CME Church, will speak at Macedonia TVPH Church of God, 500 Kinard Drive.

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