

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Reynolda House Museum to Feature African-American Perspectives

In the next few weeks local arts organizations have scheduled a number of unique events that speak directly to the experiences and realities of being African American and

The Reynolda House Museum of American Art will present "A Tribute to Mattye Reed and the African Heritage Center." The event will include the display of Africa arti-

pling (with a chance to taste) authentic African foods.

In addition to her many other accomplishments, Mattye Reed's name graces one of the most important exhibitions of African art in United States. The Mattye Reed African Heritage Center, located on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, has one of the nation's largest collection of African art and artifacts. The Center has over six thousand items from thirty-five African countries.

The tribute is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call the Reynolda House Museum of African Art at 725-5325.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m., the Reynolda House will also be sponsoring a luncheon and book discussion on SULA by Toni Morrison. The discussion will be led by Elwanda Ingram, faculty member at Winston-Salem State University.

The cost for both the lunch and discussion is \$8. Lunch reservation can be made by calling 725-5325. To attend the discussion only, the fee is \$2.

On Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m., The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art will present the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange. In conjunction with the second workshop in their

Lift Off series, the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange will give an evening performance on Feb. 12 in the McChesney Scott Dunn Auditorium. New works featured on the program include: Recipes From My Aunt, a sequel to Kimberli Boyd's moving work, Anatomy of an Inside Story, which addresses her experience growing up in the South as a black female child. Additionally, Safe House: Still Looking is a commissioned work evolving from a project at the University of Delaware exploring the significance of the Underground Railroad and This is Who We Are, one of the few works Liz Lerman has choreographed without language. The

music for Safe House. Still Looking is a collaboration between the Dave Exchange and Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Nationally known for her experimental modern dance work, Liz Lerman is an artist who wrestles with the "content" of art. Her resulting works bring contemporary subjects to dance. The Liz Lerman Dance Exchange is an intergenerational, multicultural dance company whose works are defined by the philosophy, and political commentary.

Tickets for the performance are \$8 for SECCA members; senior adults and students, and \$12 for general public. For more information, contact SECCA at 725-1904.

ARTS REACH



By REGGIE JOHNSON

living in the South.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, at 3 p.m.,

facts, a performance by the Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble and a sam-

Whitney Houston Receives Top Honors at 26th Annual NAACP Image Awards

Entertainer of the Year Whitney Houston received top honors at the 26th Annual NAACP Image Awards, which took place on Jan. 5 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The yearly black-tie event honors individuals and organization who have contributed to the positive portrayal of African-Americans in motion pictures, television, literature and recording, earning the description, "the Oscars, Emmys and Grammys all rolled into one."

Escorted by her husband, singer Bobby Brown, Houston was given a musical tribute, performed by her mother, Cissy Houston, and her brother, Gary Houston. Whitney received an additional four Image Awards, sweeping the recording categories for Outstanding Female Artist, Outstanding Soundtrack Album and Outstanding Album ("The Bodyguard"), and Outstanding Music Video ("I'm Every Woman"). Visibly moved by the multiple awards, Houston treated the audience with an impromptu Capella version of "Yes, Jesus Loves Me," and dedicated an award to both of her parents.

The highlight of the evening

was the arrival of surprise presenter of Micheal Jackson, who made his first official appearance since canceling his "Dangerous" tour. Jackson, who was honored last year with the Entertainer of the Year Award, was greeted with a five-minute standing ovation and cheers of "Michael! Michael!" as he appeared on stage to present the Outstanding Choreography Award to winner Debbie Allen ("The 65th Annual Academy Awards").

In the motion picture categories, "Malcolm X" was a top winner. Denzel Washington accepted the award for Outstanding Lead Actor for his portrayal of the slain civil rights leader. The Outstanding Supporting Actor award went to Al Freeman, Jr., for his role as Elijah Muhammad. Previous NAACP Hall of Fame inductee Ossie Davis accepted the Outstanding Motion Picture award for filmmaker Spike Lee, and was joined on stage by Washington and co-star Angela Bassett, who won the award for Outstanding Supporting Actress for her performance as Betty Shabazz.

Overcome with emotion, a tearful Bassett barely had time to regain

her composure before returning to the stage to receive her second award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Motion Picture for her portrayal of Tina Turner in "What's Love Got To Do With It?"

In the television categories, Martin Lawrence, won the award for Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series. On stage to receive his award, Lawrence noted the need for acceptance of creativity and artistic freedom in all forms — rap music, comedy and acting. His show, "Martin," also won Outstanding Comedy Series.

Image Award favorite Jasmine Guy once again received the honor for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series ("A Different World"), and Blair Underwood accepted his award for Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series for his work on "L.A. Law."

"The Young and the Restless" swept the daytime drama series, categories, with the show's star Kristoff St. John and Victoria Rowell on hand to accept their awards for Outstanding Actor and Outstanding Actress, respectively. The show was also named Outstanding

Daytime Drama.

In the categories of music, recording group Shai received the award for Outstanding New Artist for their hit single, "If I Ever Fall in Love." Blue legend B.B. King accepted the Image Award for Outstanding World Music Artist for his album, "Blues Summit."

The Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Fiction went to author Bebe Moore Campbell for her work, "Your Blues Ain't Like Mine."

The show also included musical tributes to NAACP Hall of Fame inductees Curtis Mayfield, Earth, Wind & Fire and The Pointer Sisters. Gladys Knights performed a medley of Mayfield's hits, who spoke via satellite from his home in Atlanta, paying tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire, were The Emotions joined on stage by Siedah Garrett, Howard Hewett and Shai. Earth, Wind & Fire members spoke individually, and The Pointer Sisters were on hand as well to receive and thank the NAACP for their honor.

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TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
This week may be the best time to start a new partnership, whether in business or romantically, the results will definitely be very positive. Keep your physical energy high. Money dealings with others will intensify in the next few months, be very careful to find out all details.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Although your mind may be totally on pleasure and free time during the week, it is time to think about improving your financial and job situation. Be cautious and heed others' business suggestions. You have the capabilities to tackle all challenges thrown your way, and win.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
There is a new chapter in your love life ready to be written, but be patient, all the details will unfold in due time. Romance will continue to be a dominant theme for the next several months, so enjoy it. Even if you are tempted, refrain from making any hasty decisions which will later haunt you.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)
The thought of work doesn't do much for you this week, but it will be surprising just how much you will accomplish if you just put your nose to the grindstone. Keep in mind in the future that you will benefit from a more intellectual approach to moneymaking ideas and finances.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Hard work is the key throughout this week. There is possible friction on the job which can be avoided with a little diplomacy. The chance to enhance your working skills is good, look for all opportunities, however small they may seem. The solution to a nagging problem is now evident.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
This week will be a lot more active and rewarding than the past couple of weeks. Real estate could be a particularly profitable area now. Your financial bandwagon rolls along, producing profits which will be more evident in the next few weeks. Concentrate on doing things on your own.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Try to look at things with a fresh perspective this week. If you go about accomplishing things differently, you may be amazed at how much you will get done. The next several weeks will favor financial planning, it may be best to work closely with someone who knows the business well.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
The prevailing theme for the week is tranquility. Evenings may be filled with enjoyable social events and romantic interludes. You have attracted the attention of a VIP in the workplace, someone who can help you advance your career and personal goals. Keep your attitude upbeat.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Your friends are very supportive this week, and if you are working on a personal goal, they will be able

to give some good advice. A very lucky opportunity may enable you to climb up a few additional rungs on the ladder of success. Trim down your expectations to parallel with reality.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You will no doubt soon meet a whole new circle of people who can be very stimulating on an intellectual level. These new friends will help you clarify any important objectives which have been a bit fuzzy. Steer clear of any known troublemakers in the workplace, they may hamper your progress.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Distant friends or family will dominate your thoughts and actions during the week. Start working on that special project or plan which may have to do with a home matter. Beware of being overly optimistic concerning a financial decision - remember to not count your chickens before they're hatched.

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