

# ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

## Goldberg's Latest Film, "Corrina, Corrina" Is Falling at The Box Office

**Jason's Lyric Sparks Heated Exchange:** The battle between the director and producers of "Jason's Lyric" and the Motion Picture Association of America heated up when Doug McHenry, one of the producers took out a radio ad, blasting the MPAA as racist. The MPAA had threatened to brand the film as NC-17 unless some scenes described as too sexually explicit were cut. In his counter, MPAA president Jack Valenti accused McHenry of using the press "to get free publicity" for his film. Producers subsequently cut some 50-60 frames from the film

(including one showing the naked buttocks of Allen Payne) to secure an R rating. Additionally, the film's promotional ads were altered in compliance with the MPAA. Jason's Lyric, which stars Payne, Bokeem Woodbine, Forest Whitaker and Jada Pinkett, is set to open September 30.

In other film news, Blankman debuted at no. 11 with \$3,715,480 in box office revenues. And despite New Line's beefed up TV ad campaigns and critic's raves, Whoopi Goldberg's latest film, "Corrina, Corrina" is falling fast at the box

office. It's three-day-weekend take total of \$312,274. A major regga

### BEHIND THE SCENES

with...



Lisa Collins



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Whoopi Goldberg



Corrina (Whoopi Goldberg) and Molly (Tina Majorino) go poolside in New Line Cinema's heartwarming family comedy Corrina, Corrina.

festival in Jamaica last weekend served as the backdrop for "Klash", a new action movie drama starring Jasmine Guy and featuring Cedelia Marley, daughter of the late Bob Marley. The film's storyline centers in on the dancehall world. Those slated to perform included Shabba Ranks, Buju Banton and Mad Cobra.

**On the small screen,** Natalie Cole will star as a housekeeper (circa 1950s) in Universal TV's "Lily In Winter", to air on the USA cable network. Cole, who has long aspired to do more serious acting roles, plays "Lily" opposite Brian Bonsall in the teleplay which takes a hard look at the deep South's Jim Crow practices (sounds a bit like "I'll Fly Away"). George C. Scott has been cast as Cus D'Amato, Mike Tyson's mentor and trainer in HBO's "Mike Tyson Story", now in development. And it's a stretch but Paul Winfield will play Don King (with a hairstylist, no doubt, working major miracles). Michael J. White, as earlier reported, will play Tyson in the biographical script

based on the Jose Torres' book, "Fire & Fear." Ironically, the film will not concentrate on Tyson's highly-publicized rape trial. Instead it will trace his meteoric rise to the top of the boxing world.

**Lover's Lane:** Whoopi Goldberg is all set to walk down the aisle with Lyle Trachtenberg on October 1 at her recently purchased home in Brentwood. Blair Underwood will say his I do's to longtime girlfriend Desiree DaCosta. 350 friends and relatives will be on hand to witness the celebration next month. And a wedding is also back on again for Martin Lawrence. Only this time, it's not actress Lark Voorhies, with whom he broke off an engagement last year. This time, it's to a former beauty contestant, who is also a longtime friend, though no date has been set. Meanwhile, reports are that there is trouble in Paradise for Charles "Roc" Dutton and his soap

actress wife, Debbi Morgan (of ABC's "Loving"). The couple, who wed five years ago, were separated once before.

**Straight to the top:** Boyz II Men have another bonified smash with their new single "I'll Make Love to You" that is already no. 1 on Billboard's R&B Singles Chart as well as the Billboard Hot 100 Singles Chart. Nell Carter stepped in for Jennifer Holliday at a recent Hollywood Bowl performance. Holliday canceled due to the death of her mother.

**By the way:** Former "A Different World" co-star Cree Summer has joined the cast of the new NBC drama "Sweet Justice", starring Melissa Gilbert and Cicely Tyson. And Eddie Murphy and wife Nicole know the sex and already have a name for their third child, due in October. It's a girl and her name will be Shane.

## The Third Annual Community Street Festival Will Feature the Latino Culture

Festivals are a good way to experience and share in the culture of other ethnicities. The Latino culture will be celebrated with Fiesta '94, the third annual community street festival sponsored by the His-

panic League of the Piedmont Triad. The festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Corpening Plaza at First and Liberty Streets. The event is free and open to everyone.

The Hispanic League is a non-profit organization that helps in-

clude she truly wanted to play jazz in the late 1940's she began performing at the Downbeat Club playing opposite Dizzy Gillespie. From there she went on to lead a trio at

the Embers, sharing the bill with one of her early piano idols, Art Tatum, her reverence for great jazz performers parallels that of two artists in the Reynolda House col-

lection, Romare Bearden and Stuart Davis, who also celebrated this Black American music art form.

Reservations are required and for ticket information call 725-5325.



## ARTS REACH

By CHERYL HARRY



panic League of the Piedmont Triad. The festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Corpening Plaza at First and Liberty Streets. The event is free and open to everyone.

The afternoon will be packed with live music featuring the Mariachis Los Viajeros from Greensboro, Latin American Dancers in native costume, Cayari, and band from Virginia kiosks will feature international foods from Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, the Caribbean, Mexico and more. Arts and crafts booths will create a Hispanic market. Children's activities include pinatas, face painting, art activities and games. The domino tent will feature lively domino games. There will also be health and information

ing Hispanics with housing, health, education, transportation, recreation and communication needs. Proceeds from Fiesta help provide these services.

For additional information, call 519-2954

### ▲ Pianist Visits

A New York jazz pianist, Barbara Carroll, brings her distinctive style to the Reynolda House Museum of American Art in a performance entitled "Jazz in the Round" on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. and reception will follow the performance.

Carroll was classically trained from age eight through high school, but while in her teens, she found

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### ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

## Artwork Gallery to Show Works of New Members

The Artwork Gallery, 564 N. Trade St., will show works of the new members. The new members are Inez Ruchte, Chris Flory and Duncan Lewis. The premier of the artwork will be Aug. 2 - Sept. 2. For more information, call 723-5890.

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### ▲ Fall Festival

The Gibsonville Merchants Association will host a Fall Festival on Oct. 8th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For additional information

The Chronicle will be closed on Sept. 5th, Labor Day. Community News deadline will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

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