

COMMUNITY

Pianist Speaks at Salem College

The Salem College School of Music presents a lecture by Armata Adams Hummings, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. in the Shirley Recital Hall of the Salem College Fine Arts Center. The lecture, titled "Forging New Paths" a part of the Career Spectrum Series, is free and open to the public.

Hummings is the organizer of the Gateways Musical Festival, an upcoming series of concerts featuring performers of classical music. As a pianist, she began her studies at the New England Conservatory of Music at age four. She was awarded a full scholarship to the Juilliard School, where she studied with pianist Sascha Gorodnitski. She made her New York debut at Town Hall and has performed at the Alice Tully Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall.

She has performed in Africa, South America, India, Pakistan and received an award from the State Department for her contribution to international relations.

N.C. School of the Arts To Present Series Oct. 5

The N.C. School of the Arts presents "South Pacific," as part of the something for everyone series, at the Stevens Center, Downtown Winston-Salem, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. Originally South Pacific was for one show only but due to popular demand there will be a matinee at 2 p.m. also.

available by visiting the NCSA Box Office at Stevens Center, 405 West Fourth Street, or by calling the box office, during office hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday - Friday, at (910)-721-1945.

Tickets for both performances are \$28 for adults and \$26 for students and senior citizens group rates are available by contacting the administrative offices. Tickets for "South Pacific" are

Sorority Inducts Five New Members

Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated inducted five new members into their organization in August.

These intelligent, enthusiastic ladies who started as Lomepas were proudly pinned Sorors, or sisters: Tracie Hunter, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, is District Director of Boy Scouts of America; Gloria McKissick, a graduate of Winston-Salem State, is employed by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System as a second grade teacher at Vienna Elementary School; Janice R. Jones, a graduate of N.C. Central University, serves as an operation analyst for USAir; Rosa Marie Miller, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, serves in the capacity of Director/Coordinator of Quality Improvement at N.C. Baptist Hospital; and Patricia Ann Redman Wynn, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, is employed by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System as an assistant principal at Clemmons Elementary school.

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. also held its family picnic at the home of Diane Williams-Cotton in July to close-out their fiscal year. Members were able to relax, eat heartily, and enjoy their accomplishments of the year.

It was a time for the outgoing president Ericsteen Lash, to relinquish her leadership into the hands of the new president, Nancy Green. The sorors sisters of the Beta Alpha Chapter look forward to the coming fiscal year and hope it is as successful as the year passed.

Fall Plant Sale to Be Held Saturday

A fall plant sale is being held on Saturday, Sept. 24 between 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. to benefit the Forsyth Master Gardener Volunteer program. The lower parking lot of Thruway shopping Center is the site for the event. Items for sale will include pumpkins, mums, perennials, Indian corn, gourds, dried flowers, and bargain plants for the landscape.

Mendez, Hamlin to Perform in Music Fest Sunday

By DAVID L. DILLARD
Chronicle Staff Writer

Young African-Americans need more positive role models and diverse cultural activities, according to the Rev. John Mendez. That's why he is performing Sunday in support of an upcoming classical music festival featuring African-American musicians.

Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, is known for his community activism, but at this event he plans to captivate the audience with his deep baritone voice.

"Emmanuel is bringing this concert because we recognize the very talented African-American artists we have in this city and outside the city," he said. "We're encouraging the young and the old to participate in classical music by giving them a forum."

Emmanuel Baptist Church is hosting the concert, entitled "Classics From a Different Angle," on Sunday at 7 p.m. The event is a fund raiser for the second annual Gateways Music Festival, a symposium featuring African-American classical musicians that will be held next

month. Mendez, who once studied music, will be singing the Negro spiritual *Right on King Jesus*.

Also performing are The Hyde Park Trio, the Isosceles Trio, and Larry Leon Hamlin, director of the N.C. Black Repertory Co., will recite a classical dramatization of "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson.

"I wanted to participate because this is a wonderful opportunity for people in our community to be exposed to African-American classical musicians," Hamlin said.

Hamlin, also an actor and producer of the National Black Theatre Festival, said African-American classical musicians have a difficult lifestyle because many don't understand their artistry. He said the event will expose youths to classical music so they will appreciate it more. Margaret Johnson, who sings mezzo-soprano with the Isosceles Trio, said the group will debut at Sunday's concert.

"We think it's a worthwhile cause and many of the top professional musicians will be performing," Johnson said. "This will



Rev. John Mendez



Larry Leon Hamlin

inspire young African-Americans to come together and learn another type of music."

Winifred Garrett, a renowned harpist and the Gateways project coordinator, agrees that Gateways will enlighten black youths who think the classical genre is "not our music." "We shouldn't reject what is beautiful no matter who wrote it down," Garrett said. "It's very crucial that our youth be exposed to classical music because they are

struggling. Music will help them overcome struggles because it's a disciplined art."

Other performers are Wandalee Starks Nevels, Christopher Benjamin, Kevin Harris, the Rev. Samuel Stevenson and Nancy Wurtele.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted in order to finance the Gateways Music Festival in October. For more information, call 722-2585.

Get the leg looks you want at Sears!

SEARS

Designed just for you, the ESSENCE woman!

No matter what your style, ESSENCE has the look for you! Discover an array of styles to flatter your figure and shades that complement your natural skintone beautifully. Our ESSENCE collection includes:

- Ultra Ultra Sheer 3.75
- Queen-size 4.25
- Ultra Ultra Control Top 4.25
- Queen-size 4.75
- Office Ultra Sheer Control Top 3.75
- Queen-size 4.25
- Ultra Silken Sheer Control Top 4.75
- Queen-size 5.25

Just call 1-800-ESSENCE now for the Sears store nearest you!



SEARS

©Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1994. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.

