

"Raisin" To Feature

Original Broadway Cast

RAISIN, Broadway's Tony and Grammy Award winning "Best Musical," will be staged at Ovens Auditorium, January 4th, at 8 p.m.; January 5th, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

It stars the original Broadway cast and has had record-breaking months on national tour and three smash years on Broadway.

Currently playing to "standing room only" audiences and standing ovations nightly, RAISIN has become a significant break-through for Black musical theatres on the national scene while stimulating the revival of first class Broadway tours in general. Breaking records across the nation, RAISIN is a box office feat unequalled since "Hello Dolly!" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

Over 3 million happy theatergoers saw RAISIN in its three year run in New York and first year on tour as it topped the attendance records of "Gypsy," "West Side Story," "Purlie," "Camelot," and others to become one of the most beloved and longest running superhits in musical comedy history.

RAISIN won the highest honor the American theatre bestows on its own; the coveted Tony Award for "Best Musical of the Year" thus providing this proud Black entertainment its place for all time in the select company of America's truly great musical comedies.

RAISIN is based on Lorraine Hansberry's immortal play "A Raisin In The Sun" which opened in New York in 1959 and fast became the pivotal play in the emergence of Black theatre in America and won for its young Black author the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for "Best Play of the Year." Ms. Hansberry thus became the youngest American, fifth woman and only Black playwright to win the award. Her fine play also significantly opened the door for a new generation of Black artists, writers and performers.



YOUNG LOVERS - Arnetia Walker as Beneatha and Milt Grayson, as an African exchange student, Asagai, make up the central love interest of the Tony and Grammy winning Best Musical RAISIN.

Perhaps most significant, "A Raisin In The Sun" had etched within its seemingly simple tale of a Black family's refusal to sacrifice human dignity to the demands of a racist society the multiple themes and levels of the Black revolution in social consciousness that was to erupt with stunning swiftness in the

1960's. RAISIN stars Sandra Phillips, Gregg Baker, Vanessa Shaw and Arnetia Walker. Co-starring are Milt Grayson, Nate Barnett and Altyrone "Deno" Brown.

Tickets are on sale at the Charlotte Coliseum Box Office, National Hat Shop, Sears, and Sears Area Stores.

Cole To Appear In Christmas Dream

Singer Natalie Cole and five life-size puppets created by Sid and Marty Krofft join Oral Roberts for "Christmas Dream," a Yuletide special to be colorcast on Channel Nine Thursday night, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The program opens with a weary parade of animals (the Krofft puppets created especially for this production), symbolic of those who were at Bethlehem on the first Christmas. They find themselves in a dream, following a star,

unaware of their destination. Natalie Cole comes on stage to sing a Christmas medley, accompanied by Richard and Patti Roberts and the World Action Singers. Then, in a nostalgic mood, she shares with the Roberts family her loving memories of her father, Nat King Cole.

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Singer Roberta Flack To

Appear In "The Tiny Tree"

Oral Roberts' "Christmas Dream" will have an encore colorcast on Channel Nine Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m. Singer Natalie Cole and five life-size puppets created by Sid and Marty Krofft will be featured on the Christmas special.

The program, taped on location at the Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, blends fantasy and reality to conjure up visions of twinkling lights, happy giggles of children,

mountains of toy treasures and the beautiful sound of carols wafting on the crisp night air.

Natalie Cole joins the celebration, bringing memories of her famous dad and singing his all-time favorite, "The Christmas Song." Life-size puppets from the world of Sid and Marty Krofft prance on the scene, captivating the hearts of their human companions and adding a festive note to the occasion.

Songs include "The Christmas Song" and "O Holy Night" by Miss Cole; a medley of Christmas favorites by the full cast; and several sacred numbers by Richard and Patti Roberts. Oral Roberts' message tells how to turn one's impossible dreams into miracles of reality.

Moore Is Soul Train's Top Attraction

Two top vocalists, O.C. Smith and Dorothy Moore, entertain aboard Soul Train this weekend.

After a two year absence from the entertainment world, O.C. Smith returns to the musical scene with his latest hit, "Together," reminiscent of "Honey" and "Little Green

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