



LaBelle
...Popular singer

Patti LaBelle

To Provide Soul

Train Excitement

The excitement of LaBelle and the versatility of Brother-to-Brother make this weekend's Soul Train show a "musical must."

Fast becoming legends in their own time, LaBelle sets a lively pace with "Get You Somebody New," "Chameleon" and "Gypsy." Bizarre in dress, yet spellbinding in song, LaBelle keeps growing in popularity in the United States and abroad.

They are probably best known for their first album, Nighthirds, and the number one single, "Lady Marmalade."

Composed of Patti LaBelle, Nona Hendryx, their chief songwriter, and Sarah Dash, the dynamic trio began as Patti LaBelle and The Bluebelles in the early 60's.

Brother-to-Brother, formerly Willie and the Mighty Magnificents, create versatile sounds with "Let Your Mind Be Free" and "Chance With You."

Leader and group organizer, Billy Jones, who sings and plays guitar, shows his talent on organ, bass and clarinet on "Let Your Mind Be Free," from the album of the same title.

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Atlantic Announces May Album Release

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

According to Skip Byrd, President of ABC Record Distributors, Inc., The Crusaders recording group heads the releases with their album "Free As The Wind," which was produced by Stewart Levine in association with the group, and comes under the label of ABC Blue Thumb.

"Free As The Wind represents somewhat of a departure for The Crusaders in that it

features Joe Sample's fine string and horn arrangements in more up-tempo melodic material than ABC came to expect from the group," Byrd said. According to Byrd, the distinctive Crusaders' sound still remains instantly recognizable.

Other ABC May release albums are John Klemmer's "Lifestyle (Living and Loving)," which is to ABC a sure bet to follow since his past two ABC LP's "Touch" and "Barefoot Ballet," Dianne Steinberg's debut album on ABC records, "Universal Child,"

Sonny Criss' "The Joy of Sax," which his producer Esmond Edwards calls "a perfect example of a brilliant jazz artist presented in a commercial context with absolutely no compromise in quality," Focus' "Ship of Memories," and many others.

Spears, Byers

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Bridge Honors

Top honors in the recent bridge tournament sponsored by the Metrolina Duplicate Club were won by Mrs. Matilda Spears and W.G. Byers who outscored their nearest competitors by three boards.

The runner-up spot was taken by Mrs. Elizabeth Dargen and W.W. Twitty and third place resulted in a two-way tie between Mr. and Mrs. William Malone and S.E. Durante and Tennyson Johnson.

In a brief ceremony at the end of the session, handsome trophies were awarded to the winning pairs.

George Johnson, who directed the tournament, presented the trophy to the first place winners. The second and third place trophies were presented by Mrs. Letha Caldwell and Mrs. Rosena Gaines, members of the club's executive committee.

The Metro Club plays bridge twice monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at the Greenville Neighborhood Center, 7:30 p.m. Persons interested in playing with the group are welcome to attend these sessions.



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