

Bits And Pieces From The Entertainment World

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The motion picture version of "The Wiz" is scheduled for release very soon by Universal Studios. It will star Diana Ross, Lena Horne, and Richard Pryor sparked by the many talents of Geoffrey Holder.

Motown Records is making a step in the right direction in the motion picture industry. It is in the process of establishing their own in-house film company. Motown's founder and chairman of the Board, Berry Gordy has announced that he will direct "Nightmare Alley," Tyrone Power's powerful epic. Billy Dee Williams will play the starring role.

American musical influence is finally penetrating the iron curtain country of Russia. In prior years, American pop artist have had their music banded by the Soviet government. Abba was the force that brought on this historic incident. An undisclosed amount of Abba's new album was smuggled into Russia. It was so well received that the Soviet government decided to capitalize on the profits. They are now playing music by Russian artist on their airwaves.

In and around the Carolinas there are many events coming up for the holiday weekend.

"South Pacific" will premier in the Queen City on Thursday, June 29. Bootsy Collins and company will be here on Friday, the 30th with their all new show for geepies and funkateers. The Carolina Jam will highlight the holiday week festivities with an outdoor show to include George Duke, Mother's Finest, Kool and the Gang, Sun, Cameo, Wild Cherry, Jimmy "Bo" Horn, and several regional groups. Less than half an hour away, Enchantment and Eddie Kendricks will rock Lancaster Memorial Stadium in Lancaster, South Carolina on Wednesday, July 5, at 7 p.m.

Lesley Wilson of New Birth is endeavoring on a new career as a solo artist. The only problem is that his solo career is at an all time low since no record company has agreed to sign him.

The ABC Television Network's presentation of "Roots" has been selected as the winner of the 1978 Clarion Awards. This competition is sponsored by Women in Communications Inc., which was established for the purpose of recognizing excellence in all areas of communications, providing incentive for further achievement, and demonstrating the role of communications in dealing with current issues.

The 1978 award will be presented on October 14 in Detroit at a luncheon.

Delores Kilgo, WBT Education Reporter, has accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from the North Carolina Association of Educators. The Certificate was awarded to her for her work on all of her education related news stories over WBT.

Colleague Ray Gooding will be a judge at this year's Charlottetown Mall Show. Known to his listeners as Rockin' Ray, Gooding has also accepted a Certificate of Appreciation for WBT from the Mecklenburg Jaycees. This Community Directors helped in the North Carolina Zoo-A-Thon raising over \$225,000.

Starting July 1, there will be a major change involving the local television stations. The change concerns the network affiliation of our stations.

WCCB Channel 18 will become independent with WSOC Channel 9 picking up its ABC Television affiliation. WRET Channel 36 will acquire the NBC affiliation from WSOC Channel 9.

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WTVI Receives

Honorable Mention

WTVI, Channel 42 has received Honorable Mention at the annual Michigan State University Broadcaster's Promotion Association Awards competition recently held at their Broadcaster's Promotion Association Annual Seminar.

The award was presented to Promotion Manager Dolores Richards and Producer Walt Lloyd for a sixty second program guide promo. WTVI is the first public television station to receive an honor of this nature. Their entry competed with those from commercial and public stations throughout the United States and Canada.

Over 700 entries competed in 32 categories of radio and television.

The Mint Museum of History will host a demonstration of 18th century weaving every Sunday for the remainder of the summer at the Hezekiah Alexander Home-site. Traditional colonial patterns will be weaved before

your eyes on an 18 century loom as the weaver explains the workings of the loom.

Woven creations will be sold at the Mobcap, the Museum shop run by the Alexander Ladies Auxiliary at the Museum of History.

The Alexander Homesite is open to the public each Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. Weekday tours of the homesite can be scheduled for groups by calling 568-1774 for a reservation at least two weeks in advance.

Worrell's Concert

Louis Worrell will be performing in concert with the AIM Ensemble of the Charlotte Summer Pops Orchestra at 8:15 at the Visulite Theatre on July 3. Worrell is a musician of national acclaim who has received the concert grant from the National Endowment of the Arts, sponsored locally by Spirit Square.

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