

# "Blackstone Magic Show"

## Coming To Town January 28

The great BLACKSTONE MAGIC SHOW, the world's largest and most spectacular illusion production, starring Harry Blackstone, Jr., will be staged at Ovens Auditorium on Sunday, January 28, at 6.

America's foremost magician, Harry Blackstone Jr., and a company of 28 assistants, dancers, and musicians will present many of the most original and startling illusions ever seen on a stage during

this dazzling two-hour magic show.

Blackstone will recreate several illusions made famous by his father, the Great Blackstone, as well as many new illusions never before included in the Blackstone Magic Show.

One of the highlights of the production will be the performance of the chilling Buzz Saw Illusion, in which Blackstone saws his assistant in half using a 30-inch circular saw.

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**GORGEOUS JA'NET DUBOIS**

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# DuBois: "Someone Reached Out To Me And I Reached Back"

by Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Ja'Net DuBois—actress, singer and writer, was the special guest at the ninth annual WBT-WBTV Blood-Give-In in Charlotte on January 3.

On vacation from her filming schedule for the television series "Good Times" (Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Ch.3) in Los Angeles, Ms. DuBois came to Charlotte for the Blood-Give-In as one of her four charity projects a year.

Ja'Net said her role at the blood drive was to distract the volunteers from their discomfort.

What will Ja'Net remember most about Charlotte?

A telephone conversation she has with a 63-year-old woman, stands out in her memory, Ja'Net recalled. During their discussion the woman requested a recording of a song Ja'Net wrote and sings called "Movin on Up," the theme from the series "The Jeffersons."

"Someone reached out to me and I reached back," Ja'Net briefly reminisced.

As Willona, the fun-loving neighbor of the Evans family on "Good Times," Ja'Net said she considers herself fortunate to have worked on the series for five years, earning much money and having contract security.

Yet, she laments, "The job is nice, but I can't grow. If you don't grow, go! Not growing is the way you die."

Although Ja'Net admitted she likes working on the series, she observed that her role does not offer her the opportunity she deserves to further develop her talents.

Ja'Net will continue taping "Good Times" until March, 1979, but then what does her future hold?

Should the series be contin-

ued she will have a contract for another year. If the show is cancelled because of its declining ratings, Ja'Net will fulfill some of her other ambitions.

Having centered her career around television acting at present, Ja'Net is enthusiastic about focusing her talents in other areas, such as singing, composing songs or writing love stories.

Is Ja'Net DuBois romantic? One of her ambitions is "to fall in love and get married again." She has been married and divorced twice.

Ja'Net is no newcomer to the arts. She has spent 18 years in show business. "I started when I was two," she exclaimed jokingly and with reluctance to divulge her age.

Living on Long Island, New York, for the first 15 years of her life provided Ja'Net with "early experiences at being poor and a stutterer."

Even if she weren't involved with the arts Ja'Net could revert to her experience as a licensed cosmetologist. She taught at Queens Beauty Institute in New York and conducted drama classes for welfare mothers at Stonybrook College.

As a personal philosophy for day-to-day living, Ja'Net said she incorporates "You reap what you sow," into her life.

In harvesting the rewards earned through her talents, Ja'Net is a singer and has written lyrics for songs recorded by Lou Rawls and Letta Mbulu.

Opening a disco in Charlotte, Atlanta, and Baton Rouge, where she would have a showcase for her singing is

one of Ja'Net's future goals.

She not only sings but writes two songs a day and is presently co-authoring a novel, "Love, No Promises..."



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