

Donald Byrd Headlines Minority Arts Festival

PITTSBURGH, PA. - Donald Byrd and the 125th Street Band, Rufus Harley, noted black bagpipe artists, and a host of internationally and nationally acclaimed dramatists, dancers and musicians will perform at "Expressions in Excellence: A Festival of Black, Hispanic and Native American Arts," to be held August 21-23 in Pittsburgh, PA. Fine artists and crafts people will also participate in the Festival with an invitational exhibition, a juried show and an outdoor open show.

To date, seven dance companies will perform during the three day event. They include the internationally known Arthur Hall and his Afro-American Dance Ensemble; Philadanco from the City of Brotherly Love; the Pittsburgh Black Theatre Dance Ensemble; Armonia Folklorica, a Hispanic group; New Jersey's Inner City Ensemble Theatre and Dance Company; and two Native American groups: Delaware's Nanticoke Fancy Men's Dancer's and the Thunderbird Dancers from New York.

Drama companies include Philadelphia's New Freedom Theatre, which is ranked among the top six black theatre groups in the nation; the Kuntu Repertory Theatre from the University of Pittsburgh Department of Black Studies; Karamu-Theatre Company from Ohio; the New Theatre of Washington; the National Black Theatre of New

"Alice"

Mel's Diner is the end of the road for Jolene Hunnicutt, a young, lady trucker, when she tells her over-ambitious trucking partner, Burt, to take the truck and hit the road - alone - on a rebroadcast of "Alice," Sunday, August 23, at 9 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Joelene is upset about leaving her truck but she gets no sympathy from Mel, especially when the angry and rejected Burt manages to lock everyone in the ladies' room before shoving off.

Belle calls from Nashville to announce she has a new job, which leaves Mel without a waitress and with the added burden of a stranded lady trucker waiting to change her life direction. With a little pressure from Alice and Vera, Mel softens and Jolene gets to change hats and try her luck at dishing out Mel's chili.

"The Jeffersons"

The "Boys" big sporting night out goads the "Girls" into taking a sporting night out of their own - to an all-male strip show - on a rebroadcast of "The Jeffersons," Sunday, August 23, at 9:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Tom and George are outraged to learn where Helen and Louise have gone and set off on a mad dash to retrieve their "errant" spouses.

"Archie Bunker"

Murray's marriage plans come to an abrupt halt when the sudden death of his mother leaves him devastated with guilt for having left her "alone," in the first part of a two-part story, on a rebroadcast of "Archie Bunker's Place," Sunday, August 23, at 8 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

York; La Familia, a Hispanic group, also from New York; and New Jersey's Crossroads Theatre.

The music will range from intimate performances by soloists to soulful gospel sounds and from opera to the brassy big band beat. Philadelphia's professional black opera company, Opera Ebony; Pittsburgh's favorite trumpeter Harold Betters; the New Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club; Creative Artists Music Ensemble, a

big band group; Natalie Hinderas, concert pianist, and the Rev. Tommy Brown and the Gospel Now Singers are among the many musicians who will perform at "Expressions of Excellence."

The fine arts and crafts exhibits will include photography, paintings, prints, sculpture, weaving, jewelry and wood carvings. Invited artists include Hembert Howard, Reba Dickerson-Hill, Native American Peter Jemison,

sculptor Oliver LaGrone; and photographer Adal Maldonado.

Seminars on arts management and marketing will be conducted by experts during the festival.

Dr. Nathan Davis, associate professor of music at the University of Pittsburgh and a saxophonist who has performed all over the world, is on-site coordinator of "Expression in Excellence: A Festival of Black, Hispanic and Native American Arts."

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