



Flip Wilson is co-host, along with Lola Falana, of the 6th Annual Rhythm & Blues Award Special, Thursday night, May 28, 12:10 a.m. on WBTB, Channel 3.

Jay Hoggard Brings New Sound To Popular Music

When most people think of the vibes, they think of Lionel Hampton. Milt Jackson, Bobby Hutcherson, or Ray Ayers.

Jay Hoggard also plays the vibes. And if you assumed that that also means he plays jazz, you'd be right. He is one of the best young musicians in the world. But jazz is not the only music Jay plays. And jazz is not the only music the vibraphonist can play.

At 28, Jay has already earned the praise of his peers and the critics. He has performed with such well-known artists as Roberta Flack, Candi Staton and McCoy Tyner. For three years straight, Jay has been voted the No. One vibraphonist deserving of wider recognition in "Downbeat" magazine's International Jazz Critics Poll. The national newspaper, "USA Today," named Jay one of the ten best young musicians of the 80s.

Jay has appeared on 23 albums, six of them under his own name. His newest LP on the Gramavision label is "Love Survives" and it features his hit single, "Don't Quit."

Jay sees the new album as an important step in bringing his music—and the vibraphone—to a new and larger audience. "With 'Love Survives,' I tried to show that the vibes can play just as funky or as mellow as any other instrument.

"The music that Lionel Hampton and Duke Ellington played back in the 30s

and 40s was considered the popular dance music of that time. I'd like to see people dancing to my music in the 80s as well."

Born in Washington, D.C. Jay was raised in Mount Vernon, NY, the son of a prominent bishop in the AME Zion Church. At 11, Jay decided to be a musician after his father introduced him to Duke Ellington during the Duke's Second Sacred Concert in Harlem.

Piano lessons were provided by Jay's mother, and he studied saxophone with a neighbor. At 16, Jay switched to the vibraphone after having a dream about playing them. "I knew from then on that this was what I was supposed to do," he said.

In 1972, Jay enrolled in Wesleyan University, and majored in ethno-musicology. While there, he received a grant to study East African xylophone music in Tanzania. Upon graduating, Jay worked briefly as a teacher, then he returned to New York where his reputation has been growing ever since.

"I think I've been fortunate as a musician to have played a broad variety of music. And based on those experiences, I don't think there's any instrument that captures the total essence of all black music better than the vibes. I'd like to show more people how hip the vibes really are."

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"Movie Blockbusters" Are WBTB Entertainment Special

"Movie Blockbusters: The 15 Greatest Hits of All Time," an entertainment special during which the most successful motion pictures of all time are saluted by musical production numbers and a galaxy of the film world's top names, including stars who appeared in and provide a unique behind-the-scenes look at some of the memorable films, will be broadcast Tuesday, May 24, at 8 p.m. on WBTB, Channel 3.

The winners, in order of their box-office success, are "E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial," "Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back," "Jaws," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Tootsie," "Grease," "The Exorcist," "The Godfather I," "Superman I," "The Sound of Music," "The Sting," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Gone With the Wind" and "Saturday Night Fever."

Some of the stars appear in person before the invitational black-tie audience to reminisce, and others are seen in specially taped interviews to recall the filming of the blockbusters, which were selected by the annual survey compiled by "Variety" as the films that the public, by flocking to theatres throughout the

United States and Canada, selected as the champions of the past 50 years.

Introducing the films, from which clips are shown, are Drew Barrymore, Jeff Conaway, Anthony Daniels (C3PO), Olivia de Havilland, Carrie Fisher, Harrison Ford, Maurice Gibb, Mark Hamill, Robert MacNaugh-

ton, Butterfly McQueen, Christopher Plummer, R2D2, Henry Thomas, John Travolta, Mrs. Marie Von Trapp and Dee Wallace.

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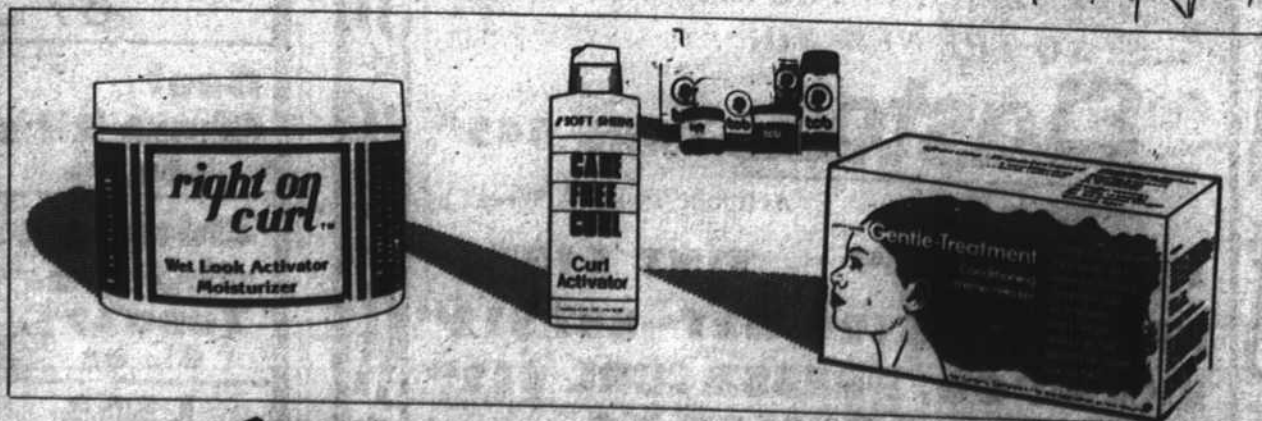
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