



A STATUE FOR DUKE ELLINGTON - Internationally renowned soprano Jessye Norman and cabaret artist Bobby Short drew sell-out crowds at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in New York City recently for "Salute the Duke," a gala fundraising concert for the Duke Ellington Memorial Fund. The festivities included a black-tie supper/dance following the performance sponsored by event underwriters, Philip Morris Companies, Inc. and Gazelle

International. Guests and performers included, from left, Mrs. William F. Buckley, Jr., chairman of the event; Patricia French, Gazelle International; The Honorable David Dinkins, Manhattan Borough President and honorary chairman; Jessye Norman; Bobby Short and George Knox, Philip Morris Companies, Inc. The Fund plans to erect a statue of Duke Ellington in New York City's Central Park.

Arts And Science Council Announces Vanguard Awards

The Vanguard Awards, presented by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Arts and Science Council on November 21, at 8:15 p.m. at the Convention Center, is a major new event celebrating the vitality and growth of the arts in the Carolinas. Special guests will include Walter Cronkite, Lynn Redgrave, and Susan Bennett King, President of Steuben Glass, whose company has designed the Vanguard award.

Patterned after the Oscar Awards, the Vanguard Awards will recognize individuals in seven categories for their contributions to the arts: corporate philanthropy, individual philanthropy, personal commitment, artistic achievement, arts and science education, and staff leadership. The Martin Lee Award, commemorating the outstanding contributions that Lee, the first President of the Arts and Science Council, made to the community, will be presented to an individual whose life-long contributions to the arts and sciences are truly notable.

Many local performing arts groups, including the Charlotte Symphony, the Charlotte Children's Choir, the Charlotte Folk Music Society, mime Hardin Minor, and the Chuck Davis African American Dance Ensemble will furnish entertainment for the evening. Dr. Charles O. Hadley, Dana Professor of English at Queens College, is the Director of the Vanguard ceremony.

Preceding the presentation of the Vanguard Awards, sponsors of the event will welcome special guests at the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company at a black-tie cocktail party.

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Charlotte, NC, is the major underwriter of the evening. Other sponsors include Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, which is underwriting the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra performance at the ceremony, and First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, which is hosting the cocktail party and providing strolling violinists for the party. Piedmont Airlines, the Radisson Plaza Hotel, and the Park Hotel are providing travel and accommodations for the special guests. Ivey's is providing printing services.

Dr. Clyde S. Rent, President of the Arts and Science Council Board of Directors said, "As in so many other areas, Charlotte, NC, is becoming known for quality. This time it is in the arts and sciences. It takes a lot of money, talent and dedication for a city to emerge as a leader in an arena such as the arts and sciences. The Vanguard Awards is the event at which the Arts and Science Council will proudly recognize and honor those who have helped to make Charlotte the major cultural center of this area. In the future, we hope that these awards will be made in Charlotte's new regional Performing Arts Center and that they will be expanded to honor cultural leaders from both Carolinas."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dalton, Jr. (Bob and Gwin) are the Co-Chairmen of the Vanguard Award Program Committee. "What a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of our local talent and leadership. I just can't imagine where anyone would go for a better buy in the entertainment world than to be in our Conven-

tion Center on the evening of November 21. Lynn Redgrave, Walter Cronkite, and some of the best artistic talent in this region - all for \$7.50 including refreshments. Wow!" said Bob Dalton.

Other committee members are: Mrs. Edgar Cato, Mrs. Catherine Fleming, Mrs. Floyd Hansen, Ms. Dorothy Hodges, Miss Meg Hripko, Mrs. Robert Karney, Mr. and Mrs. John Knier, Mr. Hardin Minor, Mr. W.G. (Buddy) Reid, and Mr. Richard Schwab.

Tickets for the Awards ceremony are available for \$7.50 in the

Spirit Square Box Office (704/376-8883), the Development Office of Discovery Place (704/372-6261 ext. 29), and at the Queens College Community Affairs Office (704/337-2205). Awards ceremony is open to the public and all ages are welcome.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Arts and Science Council is the umbrella organization for 47 organizations such as the Charlotte Symphony, Spirit Square, Opera Carolina, the Mint Museum, and Discovery Place who are members or affiliates.

Campaign News Program Begins

To report and analyze the most wide open presidential race in over 25 years, CNN is adding a newscast devoted exclusively to political news to its weekday programming. **INSIDE POLITICS '88**, which began November 2, provides a live weekday, half-hour chronicle of the election year. The program goes beyond traditional political reporting to give viewers an inside perspective on the process by which Americans will elect their next President and other national leaders. CNN election anchors Bernard Shaw, Mary Alice Williams and Lou Waters will contribute to the program, with National Political Correspondent Frederick Allen providing analysis.

During the first three weeks, each candidate will appear live on **INSIDE POLITICS '88** for interviews:

Thursday, November 5, Rev. Jesse Jackson;
Friday, November 6, Representa-

tative Jack Kemp;
Tuesday, November 10, Alexander Haig;

Wednesday, November 11, Representative Richard Gephardt;

Thursday, November 12, Pat Robertson;

Friday, November 13, Senator Paul Simon;

Tuesday, November 17, Governor Pete DuPont;

Wednesday, November 18, Governor Bruce Babbitt;

Thursday, November 19, Governor Michael Dukakis;

Friday, November 20, Senator Albert Gore, Jr.

According to Bob Funnad, CNN vice president and executive producer in charge of election coverage, **INSIDE POLITICS '88** is a political buff's dream and will prove invaluable. "It will allow CNN to break new ground in political coverage in terms of originality and depth - we have so many story ideas. I already wish the show were an hour long."

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BURBANK - After capturing the hearts of millions on their award-winning television commercials, those dancing 'n grooving **CALIFORNIA RAISINS** have at last made their album debut.

The **California Raisins**™ was released today on Priority Records, distributed by Capitol Records. The debut single, "I Heard It Through The Grapevine," the same song made famous in the TV commercials, will ship to stores on November 2.

Produced by Ross Vannelli and featuring the legendary Buddy Miles on lead vocals, the LP includes many additional classic hits such as "Lean On Me," "Stand By Me," "La Bamba," "You Can't Hurry Love," "When A Man Loves A Woman," "Mony Mony," "Heartbreak Hotel," and "Respect."

Other top musicians contributing their talents to the LP include Ed Grena on keyboards, guitarist Pat Kelly, Dave Marotta on bass, and Dave Stefanelli on drums. The album ships in LP, CD, and cassette configurations in identical packaging to allow for the inclusion of a full-color poster of THE **CALIFORNIA RAISINS**™ in action.

The debut of the clay-animated **CALIFORNIA RAISINS** TV commercials, as part of a multi-million dollar promotional campaign launched by The California Raisin Advisory Board, catapulted the Raisins to superstardom. Priority Records approached Applause Licensing, Licensor for THE **CALI-**

FORNIA RAISINSTM, with the idea of recording an album by the Raisins, and with their go-ahead, the project got under way. Along with the release of The

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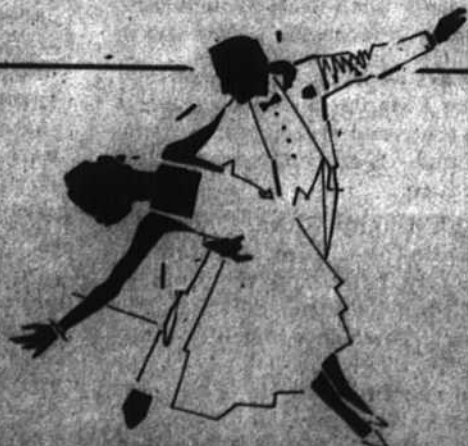
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