



# TUBE BEVERLY DORN

TV Writer

## Dream Girl!

Barbara Ferguson, Executive Director/Founder of the Afro American Children's Theatre has always dreamed of some creative outlet for her children in the Charlotte community. That dream became a reality when she opened the theatre in 1981.

WTVI, Channel 42's OUT-REACH will take a look at the Afro American Children's Theatre on Sunday, May 29, at 5:30 p.m. Host Ruth Sloan will talk with Ferguson, along with Dee Dee Murphy, Parent/Volunteer Coordinator and Artistic Director Doris Frazier.

The Afro American Children's Theatre gives blacks a chance to perform in terms of dance, theatre, and art. They also have a chance to discover and learn about their culture/heritage. Its primary goal is to enhance one's self-image, by developing existing talents, participating in hands-on projects, writing, etc.

The theatre not only displays the visual and performing arts, but also shows what a staff and supportive volunteer/co-op with commitment can achieve.

Volunteers are urged to contact Dee Dee Murphy to serve as role models and provide a supportive atmosphere for both the children and the staff. Corporations are welcome. For more information, call 364-4972 or write 1122 River Oaks Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226.

A ten-minute performance by the children, NOAH BUILT THE ARK, will display some of the local talent.

"One way to know a story is to live a story," says host Ruth Sloan, Executive Producer. Burrell Brooks, Director; Tyrone Steele.

## JACKSONVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL VIII

Get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime superstar jam when George Benson, Dizzy Gillespie and Al Hirt come together for the first time ever. The three mega-stars of the jazz world headline JACKSONVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL VIII airing Monday, May 30, at 10 p.m. on WIVI/42.

This three-day mega event has attained an international reputation and the public television special distills the best performances capturing the excitement of this world class celebration.

THE JACKSONVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL VIII is held each October in Jacksonville, Florida, and although only eight years old this unique event has grown into one of the largest totally free jazz festivals in the world. It all takes place in one of the most extraordinary performing arts facilities in the country—the Florida National Pavilion in Jacksonville's Metropolitan Park.

The performance opens with George Howard performing his smash hit, DANCING IN THE SUN; Al Hirt fronts the St. Johns River City Band next for an all-brass rendition of FORKED TONGUE; Dizzy Gillespie and his quartet follow with Thelonus Monk's ROUND MIDNIGHT. The hour ends on a magical note as Dizzy is joined on stage by Al Hirt and George Benson. The three world-famous musicians come together for the first time ever in a spontaneous jam session that lights up the north Florida night.

# Miracles Happen!



MICKEY MOUSE, JOHN SCHNEIDER, MOIRA QUINN & MARIE OSMOND at SNOW WHITE CASTLE in DISNEYLAND. The stars are preparing for the 21-hour Children's Miracle Telethon.

CHARLOTTE -- Mike McKay and Moira Quinn will host the local portions of the 21-hour sixth annual "Children's Miracle Network Telethon," beginning Saturday, June 4th, at 9:00 PM and continuing til Sunday, June 5th, at 6:00 PM on WBTV, Channel 3. National portions of the telethon will originate from Disneyland, Walt Disney World and Tokyo Disneyland. Local segments will be broadcast live from Carowinds, and the public is invited to attend.

The telethon is for the benefit of pediatric and infant services and activities at Charlotte Memorial Hospital & Medical Center, the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital, and University Memorial Hospital. All money raised in the Charlotte market will remain in the Charlotte community. All administration costs will be paid by a grant from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority Foundation.

In addition to donating 21 hours of air time for the telethon, WBTV will produce 20 minutes of local participation during each hour. Along with hosts McKay and Quinn, WBT, WBCY and WBTV personalities including Mike Collin Mike Donovan, James K. Flynn, Bob Lacey, Randy & Spiff, Don Russell, Barbara Stutts, C.J. Underwood and Sarah Van Allen will take part in the telethon.

The other 40 minutes of each hour will be produced by the Osmond Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by the performing Osmond family. The national co-chairmen and hosts will be John Schneider and Marie Osmond. Mary Hart, Marilyn McCoo and Merlin Olsen will be co-hosts. Rich Little serves as Canadian Chairman, Jim McMahon as Sports Chairman, and Malcolm-Jamal Warner a Youth Chairman. Bob Hope, Chairman of the Honorary Board of Trustees of the Osmond Foundation, will appear, plus Mickey and Minnie Mouse and all their Disney friends. In addition, over 100 celebrities will contribute their time and talent to provide this weekend of fabulous entertainment in celebration of the "miracles" that occur daily in Hospitals for Children.

Charlotte Memorial Hospital & Medical Center, Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital, and University Memorial Hospital treat children with all afflictions, including cancer, birth defects, accidents and muscular and cardiovascular diseases. The "Children's Miracle Network Telethon" makes it possible for the community to donate necessary funding to maintain and upgrade the hospitals' programs for children and infants.



# MUSE

## Myriad

The scarecrow stood at the crest of the hill, confirmed guardian of the grain & the crows that did suffer could not but to offer their tears disguised as the rain I watched with a burning curiosity at the life they all seemed to live filled with a selfish generosity & giving out all they could give The lonely girl, walked down cobbled streets so pretty in every way she wanted to cry 'cause she didn't know why she lived all alone everyday no one could even answer her or give much comfort besides there's nothing left here for her, but a few more heartfelt sighs & here I am, I'm at it again I drink coffee without cream there's nowhere to go now time' a moving slow I wonder, 'what does it mean?' think I will try to return to my own more innocent days where I will try to relearn the virtue of forgotten days

M. L. L'Neay



RUTH SLOAN

## New Kid Vid!



MILTON CLARK Jr. & friends

By Earl Weirick  
TV Writer

Milton Clark Jr. portrays Miles in the new children's show, "Gerbert," and it's a role which mirrors his own personality, the New York actor said.

Miles is the friend of Gerbert, the puppet with a childlike heart, who stars in the show "Gerbert." "Gerbert" is original and exclusive and airs on CBN Cable Network, beginning in May.

Clark said his behavior at the auditions startled the casting director. "I was reading Miles and I started laughing and the casting director looked a little taken aback and said, 'What's so funny?' because I was breaking the standard decorum of an audition, which you know is a terribly serious, formal thing.

Miles functions as an older brother of a sort, one who en-

courages Gerbert. Clark has been involved for four years in a youth ministry, directing summer student productions in Philadelphia of "Godspell," "Fiddler on the Roof," etc. He's listened to many a problem. Also, both Miles the character and Milton the actor have extroverted, friendly personalities.

People who have seen Clark act have remarked on the sincerity, believability and warmth that come across. Clark also has a certain wild spark, a zest. "I think people can be so tied down to ways of behaving that are just dead," Clark said. God made us different and life lies in being who we are."

Clark is a native of Philadelphia who grew up in Media, a suburb of that city. He sang in high school and state choirs and acted on stage as a teen in school productions. He trained

in acting at Carnegie-Mellon and the University of Southern California.

Most recently, Clark appeared in "Broadcast News" as a member of the newsroom who learns he is fired. Although he did not have speaking lines in the final version, he did have "a great crying scene," he said, laughing. He is currently featured in the films "No Way Out" and "Hairspray."

He has performed in dramas, comedies, operas and musicals, from commercials to theater. He was a repertory artist with Tri-Cities Opera Company in New York, played the role of Frederick Douglass in "A Scattering of Seeds" in Philadelphia's Freedom Theatre and had the role of the governor in "Candide," directed by Tony Award-winner Rae Allen at the Bing Theater in Los Angeles. "Candide" met with outstanding reviews in the L.A. press. Clark has appeared in television shows, including "We the People 200: The Constitutional Gala."

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