



Shana Adams sings National Anthem at Kings Mountain 9/11 observance.

Beautiful voice singing anthem Kings Mountain's Shana Adams

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Shana Adams' voice can be heard before many Charlotte Knights' games singing the National Anthem, and at City of Kings Mountain holiday events.

The Kings Mountain woman started her singing career as a senior at Kings Mountain High School when she won a Kiwanis talent show performing "How Great Thou Art."

After hearing her sing, the late William Hager mailed a tape to Elizabeth City State University's music department. Adams was offered the four-year A.J. Fletcher Music Scholarship. While at Elizabeth City State, Adams traveled with the choir to New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama and New Jersey.

Adams joined the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte after a 2002 spring audition for Belshazzar's Feast. The Oratorio Singers

are accompanied by the Charlotte Symphony. The performance took place at the Belk Theatre and was under the direction of David Tang.

Adams' voice can be heard in a commercial for Antioch Baptist Church airing on Channel 33. She has sung for Heaven's Avenue Baptist University and Seminary in Shelby and at Antioch's second location where her father Dr. James C. Robinson serves as dean.

Adams and her sister first began singing while traveling over a 200-mile radius with their parents' business Sweep-It-Rite. The family moved from southern California to Kings Mountain when Adams was eight.

Adams is active at Antioch Baptist Church where she serves as assistant clerk in administrations and finance. Adams is a substitute teacher for the Wednesday evening program. She is den leader for Boy Scout Troop 90.

Adams works at her parents' business

Chuga-Chuga Choo-Choo in the Cleveland Mall scheduling, ordering products and computing payroll. She also helps her husband Samuel L. Adams with his business Better Lawn and Care Service.

Adams has three children James DuJuan Robinson, 14, Mikalia Butler, 10, and Donald Butler II, 8. She and her husband are expecting a child in January. Adams also has five step-children, Martisha Barnett, Tyrin Adams, Marquis Barnett, Akela Barnett and Tyler Barnett.

Adams is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James C. Robinson of Kings Mountain and the granddaughter of Winnie Robinson and the late Frazier "Slow" Robinson and the late William Griggs.

She has an associate degree in Christian Education from Heavens Avenue Baptist University and Seminary.

For booking information, call Sciandra Hush of Hush Entertainment at 704-718-3386.

Entertainment set Saturday at Barber Cabin

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Curious about how the colonists celebrated Christmas? Costumed interpreters will make the holiday come alive Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Barber Cabin, located behind the Kings Mountain Historical Museum.

They will demonstrate crafts and back country skills. Members of the Kings Mountain Backcountry Militia will line up the kids for a toy musket march. Dulcimer players and a

vocalists will entertain visitors.

Darrell Thornburg will bring his knives with handles made from deer antlers. Some will be for sale.

Don Crawford will fire his musket and cook sweet potatoes and apples. Apple butter and hand painted porcelain will be for sale.

Joey Hopper's bluegrass band "Praise in Blue" will perform from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

Docents will serve apple cider and cookies.

The event is free and open to the public.

Train exhibit set at History Museum

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Antique train sets and Christmas, the quintessential holiday combination, is on display at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum.

The exhibit will run through January 8. Train collectors from the Atlantic Coast "S" Gaugers will set up an interactive train display. The train set, a larger one than displayed last year, will feature several villages.

"It's a hands-on kind of thing," said Curator Mickey Crowell.

Lionel Trains from the 1920s and 1930s from the collection of Dr. Ron Tofolo will be part of the exhibit. The metal, pre-war originals have not been painted or redone, according to Tofolo.

Tofolo's parents bought him Lionel and American Flyer train sets in 1933 and 1937.

"When I was one-year-old I must have goo-gooed at a train in a department store window," he said.

Tofolo put his interest in trains on hold during medical school and early in his career. In the 1970s he started attending train meets and auctions, adding to his collection.

"They're lovely toys. I still set them up at Christmas," he said.

Antique dolls also will be part of the exhibit.

During the exhibit the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Santa will visit Dec. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Auditions slated for 'Into the Woods, Jr.'

The Gaston School of the Arts Playhouse will be holding open auditions for the second production of the 2004-2005 season, "Into the Woods, Jr." Performance dates are February 25 to 27 and March 4 and 5.

This special version of Stephen Sondheim's most popular musical has been especially adapted for young performers and audiences. This show requires a cast of 20 actors to play such popular fairy tale characters such as Cinderella, Red Riding Hood and Jack (of the bean stalk fame).

Auditions will be held for students between the ages of 11 and 18 on Dec. 6 and 7 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with call-backs scheduled for

Dec. 9. Students should take a prepared song. Each student auditioning will be expected to read and sing from the script.

Rehearsal schedules, participation requirements and information will be available at the audition.

Students and parents are requested to take a list of all previously scheduled commitments so an efficient rehearsal schedule can be created.

Auditions will be held at the Gaston School of the Arts, on the 3rd floor of Unity Place, 2001 W. Franklin Blvd. For more information contact Wendy Walega, artistic director, at 704-866-8001, or wsongbird@bellsouth.net.

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