

Children's Art Carnival Creates for Christmas

The Children's Art Carnival in Harlem, in New York City, is a lively art center teeming with activity—ringing with the sound of children's voices, bursting with the color and form of their creativity. Sponsored by the Museum of Modern Art, it works with about 750 children each week, from kindergarten to high school ages, as they come to take lessons in painting, collage, sculpture, figure drawing, film making, and sewing. Some 45 public schools and 75 community organizations are participating in the program of the center.

What the children paint and create is directly related to their feelings about themselves, their family, and what goes on around them. So it is natural that the weeks prior to Christmas bring forth paintings that show Santa Claus, Christmas trees, snow scenes, and so on. They also make ornaments to hang on their own Christmas trees and decorations for the big Christmas party—for example, the creche made by the three teen-age boys shown in picture.

At the Carnival, they have discovered that the most exciting art activities for young children are those where materials are available for the child to use as he wishes, with as little interference from the teacher as possible. This freedom of action seems to be a real contribution to creativity.



CRECHE and its makers, all three boys being students at the Harlem Art Carnival. Their materials were double-weight cardboard, paint, and glue. A bit of collage was part of their technique in creating this traditional Christmas decoration. Photo from Harlem Art Carnival

The Executive Director of the Carnival is Mrs. Betty Blayton Taylor, herself a well-known black painter, who would like to see programs of this kind adopted on a national basis.

Eastside Baptist Stages Christmas Drama

By Sylvia Holmes

Snow or No, It's Always "White Christmas"

The traditional image of an outdoor Christmas scene brings to mind, for most of us, the brilliance of sunlight on snow-covered fields and hills. But this is an idea that originated in the northern parts of Europe and America—and of course it doesn't really apply to the climate in many parts of our country.

In southern California, for instance, roses are blooming at Christmas—indeed, we all know this if only because of the famous New Year's "Rose Bowl" football game. And in Florida, at Christmas time, there's apt to be a hot sun beaming down on sand.

On Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7:30 p.m., Eastside Baptist Church on York Road will have a Christmas Drama entitled "Ephrathah of Bethlehem" written by Alberta Howse.

The play tells of an ageless Hebrew woman who has known since birth that she would see the Messiah come to earth.

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The cast members are Mrs. Patricia King who works at Kendall drug company in Shelby and is the wife of city policeman Tommy King and Miss Vicki Chaney who is a senior at K.M.H.S. Also Chuck Ross who is employed by Winn-Dixie and Kenny Bolin who is a junior at K.M.H.S. Youngest cast member is Russell Wright who is a fifth grader at East School. The drama is under the direction of Arnold Wright.
The drama will be preceded by a short children's program and carol sing. A refreshment hour in the fellowship hall will follow the program.
Rev. Harry Vance, pastor, invites the interested public to come and worship with them during the Holy Season.



Participants in Eastside Baptist Church Christmas Drama are (from left to right) Kenny Bolin as Joseph, Chuck Ross as Jephunneh, Vicki Chaney as Amana, Patricia King as Ephrathah and Russell Wright as Chilion.

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