

Red Beans and Rice: Take time to see it

By Nathaniel Scott

"Red Beans & Rice," a production of the Portland Black Repertory Theatre, at the Cabell Center for the Performing Arts, is well worth the time and effort to go and see.

"Red Beans & Rice," is the brain child of Rosemary Allen, a talented and beautiful young Black lady, whose views about racial prejudices, distortions of black history, and ignorance of Black culture, run throughout the three movement extravaganza, like crashing waves upon jutting rocks.

Ms. Allen is home grown, and determined to right some of the injustices of the Blacks, through her writings and play presentations. She stressed during this interview, the need for travel as a medium of continuing to learn.

The title "Red Beans & Rice" was chosen by Ms. Allen, because of its' nutrient value. She traced the origin of Black music to Africa, and as a result of Black enslavement, music was food and nourishment for the soul. That life, giving substance allowed, among others, Nat Turner to sustain in the midst of tribulations.

"Red Beans & Rice," is the combined creative talent of Rosemary Allen, Janice Scroggins, Willie Binns, Thara Memory, Norma (Sagihah) Banks and Ruby Burns, done in three stages of music: spirited, blues and jazz, with special emphasis on past and present Black performers. Its' Black music, under the directorship of Thara Memory, throbs with soul by the Soul Makers of the world: "Black people.

Black beauty abounds in Portland, in young, beautiful and talented Blacks, like the cast members of



Louis norris testifies about the history of Black music to an agreeable congregation in the Portland black Repertory Theatre original musical.

"Red Beans & Rice": talented people whose performances are heavily laden with dedication and desire; robust and energetic in their movements; and soulful and meaningful in their determination.

Time and space will not permit me to give individual credit, and to single out a few would give discredit to all, so to the entire staff and cast, let the fervor of Blackness forever

abound, roll back the curtains of ignorance and doubt, and dance your dances, sing your songs, and play your music in praise of Black culture.

A delightful way to spend a Saturday or Sunday evening in family entertainment, would be at the Cabell Center for the performing arts, enjoying and perhaps ever learning some of our black history. History that's continuously

"Red Beans and Rice." Tickets can be purchased at The House of Sounds.

(Photo by: Elmore Reese)

in the process of being made, by young gifted and talented Blacks. I urge and encourage Portlanders to support tis as well as other black ventures. Who know, your little Johnny or Ali, may derive from it, the desire to become president of these United State of America.

Once again I want to borrow the words of Portland's George Page: "Back what you believe in!"

Leslie White speaks at Bethel AME

The 89th Session of the Fifth Episcopal District, Puget Sound Annual Conference will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, starting Monday, August 4th and continuing through August 10th.

Reverend Leslie R. White will be the speaker for Missionary Night, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Reverend White received his Masters Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta on May 11, 1980. He is also a graduate of Morris Brown College, where he earned a B.A. in psychology. In September he will enter a Ph.D. program in pastoral care.

Reverend White was born and reared in Portland, where he graduated from Jefferson High School.

He is the son of Charles White of Vancouver and Mrs. Pauline H. White of Portland.

Students learn business

Among the 156 high school students and 30 teachers attending Oregon Business Week 1980 at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth were:

Eddie L. Gonzales, Washington-Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gonzales;

Kristen Del Caldwell, Grant High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Gerald;

Rosemary Owens, Jefferson High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Owens;

Joe L. Thomas, Washington-Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Thomas;

Irene Juedes, Roosevelt High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Juedes.

Cindy Mae Wackabayashi, Marshall High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Wakabayashi.

Students and teachers attended the annual summer event, which is presented by the Oregon Council on Economic Education, the State Department of Education, Associated Oregon Industries and OCE. Chairman was Paul Hathaway, vice president of Northwest Natural Gas Co.

Business Week is designed to teach the attributes of the American private enterprise system through daily lectures, seminars and discussions conducted by a faculty of 90 business executives.

BLACK UNITED FRONT

WHY BOYCOTT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND THE LLOYD CENTER?

1. Corporate leaders in Benjamin Franklin and the Lloyd Corporation are involved in a racist recall campaign which if successful, will remove even the possibility of Black children receiving a quality education.

2. The Black community must not give its money to corporations that work against our children.

3. The recall movement, "Citizens Committee for A Responsible School Board," is planned and financed by leaders of large Portland corporations. They want to show the Black community and Portlanders in general who really control the politics and economy of this city.

WATCH FOR THIS GROUP TOO!!

"The Committee For Good School Board Candidates" is comprised of many former school board members who vigorously supported Blanchard's racist policies, and other individuals who have no histories of showing genuine interest in helping the Black community. This group has arrogantly set itself up to screen candidates for the school board. Given the make-up of the committee, the Black community would never have representatives who are concerned about our children.

Remember, both movements will hurt Portland's Black community. We must remember the names of the people involved. They are considered by many to be so-called leading civic, corporate and business leaders.

Make-up of Citizen's Committee For A Responsible School Board:

Joanne Bergmann - SW Portland resident; Committee Co-Chairperson; Member-Area 1 Citizen Advisory Committee
Elizabeth Capps - Coordinator, Petition Drive; Teacher, Portland Public Schools
Robert Cameron - Former President, Portland Chamber of Commerce; Vice-President, Lloyd Corporation
Frank Chown - NW Portland resident; President, Portland Chamber of Commerce; Member-Board of Directors, Metropolitan Family Service; Owner, Chown, Inc.

(Charles Davis is no longer a member of the Committee)

Jeannette Gates (Mrs.) - SE Portland resident; unsuccessful Portland School Board candidate
Edith Green - Former U.S. Congressional Representative - 3rd District
John R. Hay - SE Portland resident; Lawyer
Robert H. Hazen - Palm Springs, CA resident; Board Chairman, Ben Franklin Savings & Loan Association; member, Portland Council of the Navy League
Harold Hart - Committee Co-Chairperson; Lawyer; former Director, Multnomah County Juvenile Court
Larry Lundborg - Former policeman; former investigator, State (Oregon) Department of Justice; conducts Private Security Firm; Member, Portland Council of the Navy League.

Roger Miles
Karen Paskill - SW Portland resident; Co-Chairperson, Petition Drive

Carlos Rivera - Committee consultant; State Director, John Connally's Presidential campaign
Emanuel Rose - SW Portland resident; Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel

Rudie Wilhelm, Jr. - SW Portland resident; Vice-President, Rudie Wilhelm Warehouse Co., Inc.
Wendall Wyatt - Former U.S. Congressional Representative, 1st District; Attorney

(Greg Baldwin is no longer a member of the Committee)

Make-up of Committee for Good School Board Candidates:

Lloyd Anderson - Executive Director, Port of Portland; former Portland City Commissioner
John C. Beaty, Jr. - Multnomah County Circuit Judge; former Portland School Board member

Howard L. Cherry - N. Portland resident; State Representative - 14th District; Physician; Former Portland School Board member

Evie Crowell - NE Portland resident; former Portland School Board member

R.W. DeWeese - SW Portland resident; former Portland School board member

Rick Gustafson - Executive Director, Metropolitan Service District; former State Legislature

John R. Howard - President, Lewis & Clark College

Paul Howe - Former Portland School board Member; Senior Vice-President, Northwest Natural Gas Co.

Norman L. Lindstedt - Former member Portland School board; Attorney

Gladys McCoy - N. Portland resident; Commissioner, Multnomah County; former Portland School Board member

Jonathan U. Newman - SW Portland resident; Lawyer; Former Portland School board member; Member, Portland City Club

Robert L. Ridgley - Former Chairman, Portland School Board; Lawyer

This information is provided by the Black United Front as a community service.

Prison Ministries, Inc., seminar and volunteer training session Friday, August 1, 1980, 7:00 p.m., Morning Star Baptist Church, 106 NE Ivy, the Reverend Lee Arthur Madison, Pastor.

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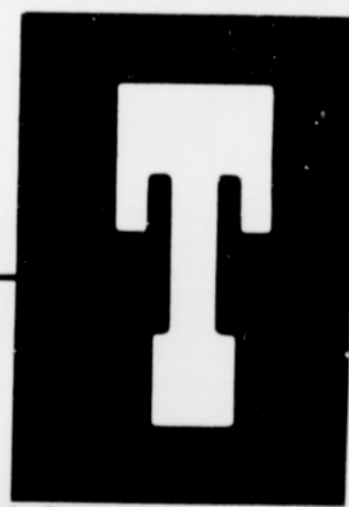
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