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(Left to right): Nancy Benner as Rosie, Rick Jones as Randall and Steven Clark Pachosa as Mr. Glas.

"Slow Dance On The Killing Ground"

The multi-award winning play, *Slow Dance on the Killing Ground* by William Hanley will open February 12th and run through March 20th at the Wilson Center for the Performing Arts. The production is being directed by Robert Markley, an 11-year veteran of Portland theatre. Markley served as lighting designer in an award winning presentation of "Slow Dance" at Mt. Hood Community College in 1971.

This contemporary American drama stars Steven Clark Pachosa, Nancy Benner and Rick Jones. Pachosa, winner of the 1980 Willamette Week Best Actor Award for his portrayal of Dylan Thomas, brings 15 years of theatrical experience to his role of Mr. Glas. Nancy Benner reprises her role of Rosie which she performed in the Mt. Hood Community College presentation, thus bringing an 11-year perspective and involvement to the current production. The part of Randall will be portrayed by theatre veteran, Rick Jones, recently applauded for his compelling performance in Storefront Theatre's *Short Eyes*. The role of Randall is acclaimed as the "modern, Black Hamlet" and is a rare and solid vehicle for a Black actor to perform subtle and powerful work in an extensive role.

The play and its author are the winners of three Broadway awards during the years 1963-1965. The production of *Slow Dance* in the YWCA's Wilson Center marks a re-opening of that space for community access to individual performers. The show also speaks directly to the YWCA's One Imperative: to eliminate racism.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm at the Wilson Center, 1111 SW 10th in the Downtown YWCA. Tickets for opening are \$5.50, reception to follow the performance, and general admission for all performances is \$4.50 on Friday and Saturdays and \$3.50 Thursdays. Students and Seniors receive a \$1 discount. For further information or reservations, please call the Wilson Center office at 223-6281, ex. 217.

The Urban League Presents "Voices Of Our People"

Recent budget constraints have forced the Urban League of Portland to eliminate two programs—the occupational awareness program and the labor education advancement program. Governmental budget cuts and increased demands on traditional sources of private funds could have a further impact on the League's programs. In light of these circumstances, the League had undertaken an evaluation of how it can continue to provide needed services to minority and low-income residents of Portland.

In an effort to secure financing to continue the League's programs, we are today announcing the first of what we hope to be a series of fund-raising programs this year.

On February 27, the League will present "Voices Of Our People," a readers theater performance by the Media Forum Players of Hollywood, California. The performers include six nationally known Black actors, including Robert Hooks, the actor who appeared in the television series "NYPD" and most recently in the NBC mini-series "Sophisticated Gents." Joining Mr. Hooks will be actors Denise Nicholas, who also appeared in "Sophisticated Gents" and the series "Room 222," Brock Peters, acclaimed film and stage actor, Janet MacLachlan, Tracee Lyles and Charles Floyd Johnson, producer, co-star of the New Maverick Show.



The media forum was formed in 1979 when a group of Black professionals in the entertainment industry came together to address the issue of Black images in the communications industry. The Media Forum Players is a professionally produced community outreach and fund-raising component of the organization.

The performance will be at 7 pm in the Jefferson High School performing arts center. There will also be performances of drama, dance and music by local artists. The performance will include a commemoration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. For ticket information, call the Urban League Main Office, 224-0151 weekdays.

Also, from 2-4 pm, on Saturday, the actors will conduct a community workshop focusing on the images of minorities in the media. The workshop, which will be held in the Jefferson High School gymnasium is free to the public, but donations to the League will be welcome.

"The activities planned for the 27th are an opportunity for Portland residents to contribute to important social programs and to enjoy high quality educational and cultural programs. It will be a highlight of Portland's commemoration of Black History Month."



Steve Jacob on drums and Ronnie Resek on guitar, members of The Bachelors, will appear at the Copper Penny at 92nd and Foster

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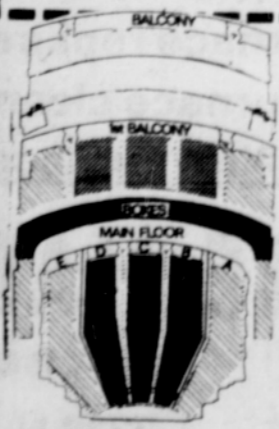
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