

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle



Thara Memory on trumpet and Azmer Glenn, at the piano, present "Musical Silhouettes."

(Photo: P. C. Peril)

A DRAMATIC sequence of Art in all of its phases marked this weekend for aficionados of art by Black artists. So much to see and hear that it took stamina to witness all of it.

For openers, on Friday evening at the Northwest Service Center auditorium, Aszemar Glenn and Thara Memory presented their talents in a piano-trumpet concert they called "Musical Silhouettes." Glenn, the young pianist and composer, carried the stellar role, offering for its Oregon premiere, the American Dance Suite, a composition by the late Richard Moffatt. The suite, divided into five movements for the piano, requiring great dexterity for the right hand. Much of this set employed the use of dissonance, a form favored by composer Moffatt who

used these strains liberally throughout the piece.

Silhouette II, an incomplete suite composed by Glenn himself, was a bright, lively suited followed by "Demonic Dance," bringing dark, wicked and evil incantations vividly into being. The audience loved it.

Thara Memory, a member of "Brasses," joined Glenn on trumpet for the closing numbers of Silhouette III, "Floating on Our Tears," composed by Glenn, was heard as a tender, haunting lament with words given a sensitive interpretation through the throbbing notes pouring from Memory's golden horn. "Romantic Impression," a composition by Glenn, which won first place in the 1973 State Music Award, and a short number, the pensive "B-Flat Trumpet or Cornet," (another Memory solo com-

posed by Glenn), were perhaps the favorites of the evening. Applause was loud, long and persistent, but Glenn, whose hand was still healing from an injury sustained a month ago, could not grant encores for the concert. The Metropolitan Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts were sponsors for the concert.

THE PLACE was packed all afternoon over at Al Goldsby's studios on N. Killingsworth, Sunday, when Members Gallery presented the art of their members. Art ranged the gamut of visual delights from the colorful paintings of Henry Frison, Sherrian Haggard-Warren, Phil Reid, the pastels of Glenda Payne, Janice Ingersoll Williamson, the drawings and prints of Goldsby, Reid and Thomas Unthank, and photography by P.C. Peri, Richard J. Brown and Carol Probasco. The metal sculpture of Al Goldsby, which he fashions on the premises, was placed strategically in the midst of so much color, so much fine line work, to give it all a strong, effective base.

"Members Gallery 1984" was the title of the show, Members' first independent exhibit of their art since they

were invited as individuals to participate in an art show produced and directed by The Links, Inc., in November, 1982.

Particular favorites for one viewer of the collection were the "Black Jesus," an oil by Frison that quietly dominated its end-of-the-room placement; Williamson's "Generation," an acrylic on canvas, for its originality of form and style; Probasco's beautiful outdoor scenes; the tranquil forest glen with waterfalls by Brown; Phil Reid's "Mother and Nursing Baby," an oil done in gradations of brown—or his "Blues for the Lady" done in shades of blue. Haggard-Warren did a strikingly vivid portrait called "Father's Day"—a proud father combing his daughter's hair. Several graphics by Unthank drew attention.

"Waterways," an attractive, eye-catching assembly of bronze islands, captured the imagination. Placement, against a bare wall, lent the illusion of artful cartography. It was, of course, Goldsby's.

The exhibit will be in place until February 26 with gallery hours generally from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until then. Address is 825 N. Killingsworth.



Members Gallery 1984 reception.

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