



ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK
Joe "Bean" Keller, Entertainment Editor

Napata Mero to perform

Born in Chicago in the 1950s, Napata has been performing professionally since the age of five. Raised in the rich rhythm and blues and soul traditions of the 1960s, Napata made her mark early, recording solo with Jackie Wilson, Jerry Butler, Maxine Brown and Gene Chandler.

Since leaving Chicago, Napata's career has taken her through New York, New Orleans, Los Angeles, the Northwest, Canada, Hawaii and Japan. 1982 brought Napata to San Francisco, which she has established as her home.

Upon returning from Japan in 1983, Napata joined the cast of San Francisco's longest running musical *Beach Blanket Babylon*. She bid a fond farewell to *Beach Blanket Babylon* in 1984 and resumed touring.

Napata has just completed recording six contemporary tunes which show her broad versatility and fabulous voice. Two of the cuts, "Are You Man Enough?" and "If I Fell For You" were shot as videos in Vancouver, B.C. in July 1985. With the video completed, Napata headed south, appearing in Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco. After some Southern California appearances in September, Napata will make a return tour of the Northwest in October.

Wherever Napata performs, she touches her audiences with an emotional and energetic show. She is an electrifying performer. The critics have agreed, and have been unflinching in their support of her numerous concert, radio and television appearances.

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Extravaganza

On October 18th and 19th B.E.A.N. (Better Entertainment Attractions Network) and Clean Cut Inc. will present a two-day Hair Show, Fashion Show and Musical Extravaganza, to be held at the Lung Fung Dragon Lounge, at 8001 S.E. Division (82nd & Division). The two-day show will showcase models, music and entertainment from some of Portland's top local talent.

On Friday, October 18th the show will feature the *Clean Cut Fashion Troupe*, in "Autumn Essence," a total look concept hair and fashion presentation. The hair will be styled by LaShay's Place, located at 3606 N. Williams Ave. The show features clothing from The Gap, Mariposa, Grodins (Lloyd Center), Nudelmans Formal Wear, plus others. The show will also feature wigs and makeup, Ebony Essence Cosmetics, by Mrs. C's Wigs, located at 707 N.E. Fremont. The music for the evening will be performed by the *Raw of the Raw Band* and the *Disco by the Musical Technicians*.

On day two, October 19th, the show will showcase Portland's musical/vocal talent, featuring the sounds of *Velvet*, *The Strawberry Gamblers*, *Clean Cut* and the *Clean Cut Band*, *Disco by The Chaz*, also a Special Guest from Los Angeles, California.

Tickets are available in advance at LaShay's, 281-3136; House of Sound, 287-1960; Mrs. C's Wigs, 281-6525; Music Millennium, 231-8926. One-Day ticket, \$6.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door. Two-Day ticket, \$10.00 in advance; \$12.00 at the door. Plus door prizes (21 and over) only.

Tropical rainstorm

There will be showers of fun as we celebrate a Caribbean Weekend Get Away to introduce our new food and beverage specials; \$1.00 a glass voodoo grog plus \$1.00 off any item on our tropical dinner menu. \$2.00 cover charge gives you a chance to win a weekend get away for two at Rippling River; Key Largo T-shirts; record albums. Pacific Northwest steel drum band Tropical Rainstorm will provide Caribbean rhythms. Additional prizes will be awarded for topnotch tropical attire. Caribbean Get Away weekend at Key Largo, Portland's favorite live music club and restaurant, Friday and Saturday evening, October 11 and 12. Mark your calendar!



Memphis Slim performing

It's a long way from Memphis to Paris, but Memphis Slim can navigate it in one bittersweet autobiographical boogie. Born Peter Chatman on September 15, 1915, Slim took his nickname from the city of his birth and the slender figure of his youth. He learned the piano first from his father, and later from the legendary Roosevelt Sykes. By the age of 15, Slim was a working musician on Beale Street.

Slim soon moved to Chicago, where his career as a recording artist and touring performer flourished in the 1940s and '50s. His hit songs included "Every Day I Have the blues," "Angel Child," "Mother Earth," "Messing Around" and "Come Back," which was popularized by both Count Basie and Duke Ellington. Altogether, Memphis Slim has composed and recorded over 500 songs and instrumentals.

Life on the road took Slim from Hollywood to Carnegie Hall. In 1958 he was a featured performer at the first Newport Jazz Festival. Slim also toured with Sen. S.I. Hayakawa. Hayakawa was on the faculty of the University of Chicago at the time, and lectured on jazz and blues. Slim's hot trio, the House Rockers, came along as the "demonstration" part of these "lecture-dems."

An overwhelmingly successful European tour in 1961 led Slim to emigrate to France the next year. An enthusiastic patron helped him start a club, and Slim immediately became a fixture of the European folk and jazz festival scene. He soon met his current wife, Christine (or Madame Slim as she is more formally addressed by her compatriots). Slim and Christine continue to live in Paris with their daughter.

In 1978 the U.S. Senate recognized Memphis Slim's value as a cultural emissary by officially designating him as Ambassador-at-Large of Good Will of the United States. Bob Hope is the only other U.S. performer to be so honored, and Memphis Slim's agency, Traditional Arts Services, may be the only agency in the country which receives promotional records via diplomatic pouch. Aside from a rare club date while on a personal visit, or an occasional honorific presentation (a Smithsonian Concert in 1983 or the Beale Street Festival), the only way U.S. blues fans could hear Memphis Slim for the past 20 years was on record or in Europe. Then, in 1983, Slim decided to accept an extensive tour in the U.S. each year. The reviews tell the story... welcome back, Memphis Slim!

Memphis Slim will be appearing at Key Largo for two shows on Oct. 10 at 8:00 and 10:30 p.m.



Northwest African American Ballet concluded an outstanding performance this past Friday evening at the Home-coming at Lewis & Clark College. Master Drummer Bruce Smith is to be commended for his drive and dedication to present African Dance to all walks of life.

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