

ENTERTAINMENT

BEHIND THE SCENES



by Lisa Collins

And the winners are: For those of you who didn't catch the 16th annual American Music Awards televised the first week in February some of the big winners include Gladys Knight and the Pips (favorite duo of the group); Al B. Sure (favorite new artist); George Michaels (favorite male vocalist); "Faith" was voted favorite R&B album, while Freddie Jackson's "Nice N' Slow" D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince nabbed honors as favorite rap artists, while their L.P., "He's the D.J., I'm The Rapper" was voted favorite rap album. Of course, the big story at the awards was the fluff between superstars Michael Jackson and Eddie Murphy which started when Michael, who was burdened down with two trophies stepped forward to reach the mike and asked Murphy to adjust the stand for him. Murphy began to and then stopped himself saying that Michael said it "like I was working for him...and I started to do it, too" Despite the incident, the two did posed together for pictures backstage. Elsewhere backstage, Michael did congratulate George Michaels on his winnings. Michaels who said he was honored to win in the soul category still finds it difficult to believe his acceptance is that large. When asked about his crossover appeal, Michaels replied "I can't explain it. I have no idea"... Whitney Houston says that while rumor has it that she's agreed to do numerous film projects she is still just looking over scripts but does intend to make her silver screen debut soon...Natalie Cole was still stepping lightly while still recovering from her recent foot surgery... Veteran New Addition members were disappointed they didn't win (for favorite duo or group) but new member Johnny

Gill said he never dreamt he would be here this soon. And everybody was still talking about the arrest of former New Edition member Bobby Brown for lewdness during the Heartbreak tour's Columbus, Georgia stint. Brown was arrested as he came off stage but was back onstage a little over an hour later after having paid a fine of about \$700 for his bump-and-grind number. Brown who contends its the same show he's done across the country said, "the people in Georgia are a little behind the times." O.J Simpson will face Wife-beating Charges: A misdemeanor charge filed by the L.A. City Attorney's office alleges that 41-year old O.J. Simpson struck 29-year old wife Nicole with open and closed fists and pulled her hair while threatening to kill her in a quarrel that got out of hand early last month. A statement released by the couple referred to the complaint as something neither of them believed should have been done. Nonetheless, Simpson is scheduled for a court appearance on February 17. Grace Jones gets Scare: It was quite a scare for actress-singer Grace Jones early two weeks ago when hubby musician Christopher "Stanley, 38 vanished from the couple's New York apartment. He was found the next day walking incoherently in the middle of Manhattan's morning rush-hour traffic. Short Takes: Lavon Muhammad, the woman claiming to be married to superstar Michael Jackson and sporting the name "Billie Jean Jackson was sentenced to two and one half years in jail for violating a court order to steer clear of the superstar. Meanwhile superstar Michael Jackson spent the weekend in "Stockton, California with the kids that survived last month's schoolyard massacre that left five children dead. Jermaine Jackson lashed out at LaToya for her Playboy display last week in USA Today stating, "it wasn't even done in a tasteful manner.

BROADWAY BOUND REPORT



by Garland Lee Thompson

IFCC Theatre Has Smash Hit In "The Colored Museum"
After playing in Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco, George C. Wolfe's Off-Broadway hit comedy, "The Colored Museum," opened in Portland three weeks ago at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center and has been playing to sellout standing room only houses. Even during the coldest February weather in town in 30 years, this "hot ticket" show has been packing them in with all colors, ages and sizes. "The Colored Museum," directed by Al Jamison; musical director, Janice Scroggins; features Brenda Phillips, jazz singer; debuts Shirley Nanette in her first book show and also features Denise Williams, Neal Thomas, Louise Moaning and the "new comedy find of the year," Gregory Donovan.
"The Colored Museum," presents 8 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. matinees on Sunday only. The show is scheduled to run through February 19 at the IFCC. "The 11 exhibits" will move to the Winningstad Theatre in the Performing Arts Center where it will play 2 p.m. matinees for the Portland Public Schools on Tuesday, Thursday and Wednesday February 21-23. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances revert back to the 8 p.m. schedule from February 23-25. So get your tickets now, theatre fans, because this one is not to be missed. There has been some talk about an extension, but who knows?... "That shadow do." Stay tuned, theatre fans.
Just as the Martin Black Wax Museum of Baltimore, Maryland is designed to teach African-American history, "The Colored Museum," will give you "images" of African-American history in an exciting way that all of the African-

American theatre fans will love and not forget after we pass through this current Black History Month this will be an '89 living cultural treat. An African-American "Saturday Night Live" at "The Museum." "Right on, Sue Busby and the IFCC.

MAYA ANGELOU TO MAKE RARE APPEARANCE AT JEFFERSON HIGH

Some years ago back in 1973 I had the pleasure of managing "Swept Away", a Broadway show at the 48th Street Playhouse. It was directed by Rip Torn and starred Maya Angelou and the late great actress, Geraldine Page. It was a two-character play by Jerome Kilty about the life story of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Abraham Lincoln. Miss Angelou brilliantly played the role of Elizabeth, Mrs. Lincoln's personal African-American seamstress and confidante who wrote a book about her experience with the Lincoln's.
It was a great experience for me, then a new African-American stage manager on Broadway. This was my second production in New York so the chance to work with both these wonderful actresses made me their fans forever. Geraldine Page succumbed to death last year.
And now Maya Angelou, author, poet, actress, singer is coming to my old alma mater, Jefferson High School, Friday, February 24, 1989 at 9:30 A.M. to speak to over 1,200 area high school students.
Miss Angelou who is a dynamic talent and a growing legend in her own right, is visiting the Northwest to perform in the Portland Arts and Lecture series, Wednesday, February 22, 1989. Tickets for that event are sold out. She originally was scheduled to appear here in Portland last year, but had to postpone that engagement due to a conflict in her schedule

Some great men have literally failed their way to success. This leader, or substantial historical significance,
... lost his job in 1832.
... he ran for the legislature and was defeated.
... he engaged in business, failed, and spent 17 years paying off the debts.
... he fell in love and became engaged, but she later died.
... he suffered a nervous breakdown.
... he was defeated for speaker of the Illinois State legislature.
... he was defeated for nomination to Congress in 1843.
... he married a woman who was a burden to him.
... he loss renomination to Congress in 1848.
... he was rejected for land office in 1849.
... he failed dismally in his bid for the U.S. Senate in 1854.
... he was defeated for nomination for Vice President in 1856.
... he was defeated for the Senate in 1858.
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