

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

ROBERT CRAY

He's a modern-day journeyman whose approach to making music has remained consistent through the ten albums he's released since 1980.

As on his previous nine recordings, Robert Cray brings a real love and passion to creating music. The 1997 release of 'Sweet Potato Pie' not only shows that passion but continues the rich tradition of great Southern soul music.

Recorded in its entirety in Memphis, Robert's latest work harkens back to the mid-60s and early '70s when legendary labels like 'Stax' and 'Hi' dominated the R&B charts.

Utilizing the renowned Memphis Horns (Wayne Jackson and Andrew Love) and his own road band (Jim Pugh on keyboards, Karl Sevareid on bass and Kevin Hayes on drums), the Grammy-winning singer, guitarist, songwriter and producer has crafted an album that faithfully recreates the "feel" of Southern-style R&B, at the same time ensuring that the music bears his own personal stamp and distinctly contemporary feel.

"Most of our records have been recorded in the Bay area, which is where I'm based," notes Cray. "This time, we wanted to go somewhere



else and Memphis felt like the right place. John Hampton - who had worked as an engineer on some of my previous albums - was there and of course if you're going to use horns, who better than Andrew and Wayne

who were on so many of the great records that were made in Memphis in the late '60s and the '70s. I've often dreamt about what it must have been like to be in the studios in Memphis when many of my musical

heroes like Otis Redding and O.V. Wright were recording. I must say the spirit of that time is still there somewhat and making this album in the city was a great experience for all of us."

Rexall Rose Cafe & Theater

Rexall Rose Cafe & Theater is unique to Portland. As you pass through the yellow door on Alberta & 24th you can escape the world for a moment by trying an organic Cafe Mam espresso mocha or an Oregon Chai or having one of the many creative vegetarian dishes. During the early morning this a coffeeshop that you can start the day with fresh pastries, bagels, hot oatmeal, Odwalla Juice and much more.

The affordable menu is available morning, noon and night, seven days a week. It includes homemade daily soup and salad specials, cheese and bread plates, homemade humus and pita, bagels desserts and more. The famous 'Rexall Wrap' is a "create your own tortilla wrap" with many tasty choices to fill it.

Rexall Rose Cafe & Theater is carrying on the tradition of the local corner coffeeshop as a gathering place for our diverse Northeast Portland community and takes it a step further by exploring our uniqueness through a wide range of art, performance, film, and music for all ages. Since it opened in May 1995,

Rexall Rose has held over 300 events which have included full length plays, a circus, trapeze artists, all types of live music (funk, techno, acoustic, jazz, bluegrass, reggae, soul), independent film screening, bellydancing, break-dance, radio plays, and cabarets of many themes.

The space is also used for bicycle workshops, group and business meetings, and rehearsals.

Every event or performance is charged on a sliding scale, allowing each person to choose within that scale what they will/can pay for the artist/performers' work.

New ownership took over in May 1996 and renovated in the winter of 1996. It has become neighborhood place to share stories, experiences, art, projects and a good cup of coffee. Many come to enjoy the monthly art shows, write a letter or journal entry, engage in a conversation across the antique red floral couches, to check the housing notebook for rental listings and roommate requests, and to pick up their favorite local newspaper.

Oregon Society of Artists arts competition

An officially endorsed arts competition during Portland's Rose Festival. This event is sponsored by the Oregon Society of Artists (OSA) and will be hung in the OSA Gallery during the Rose Festival.

It will also be listed in the calendar of events which are part of the Rose Festival.

Entry is open to artists living in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and British Columbia, Canada.

Any medium may be used but must be in two dimensional representational style. No photography. Subject matter must relate to the

'Rose Festival' or the 'festival theme' which this year is "Just for Fun." Three active members of OSA will act as jurors of selection.

Award winners will be chosen by a juror yet to be named. Awards of cash and merchandise totaling \$2,000 will be given. Sweepstakes

award to be \$500 in cash and merchandise. Gallery releases will be available for signing at the time the art work is delivered.

Shipped delivery is due between May 15 and 21, 1997. Hand delivery at OSA on May 21 and 22, 1997. Work accepted for the show must remain in the gallery until the show closes. Pickup of hand delivered work will be June 28, 1997.

For a prospectus send a #10 envelope SASE to: Lois Larson, 5537 North Burrage Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97217.

Matrons of Motivation' Dinner

'Matrons of Motivation' Dinner Honoring Mrs. Fannie Mae Smith Sunday, May 18, 1997 - 4:00 - 6:00 J.J. North's Grand Buffet, 10520 N.E. Halsey \$8.50 per person (Dinner only)

"Faith of Our Mother's..." is the theme for the 1st Annual Celebration honoring 'Matrons of Motivation' - women from the Portland area who have provided inspiration to their family, friends and community.

A special honorarium will focus on Mrs. Fannie Mae Smith, a long-time residence & business woman, who has been a grandmother, mother, teacher, counselor, disciplinarian & hair stylist to many.

Mrs. Smith will be honored along with other African-American women who have made a difference in the lives of many. If you're looking for a strong role model, this is the place to be.

For more information contact Renee Ward @ 240-6444.

Come on down

The Children's Choirs of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, West Linn and St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church, Portland, are joining together for a Spring Musical. "Hurry on Down" by Donald Marsh tells the story of Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector.

The Musical will be presented at St. Philip's Church, 120 NE Knoll, Saturday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. and at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 19200 Willamette Drive (Highway 43), Saturday, May 17th, 7:00 p.m.

If you have a child who is interested in joining the choirs, call Anne Clark at 282-1839.

Lazarus Art Society, Inc.

Fund Raising Garage Sale, Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11, 1997: sponsored by Lazarus Art Society, Inc., 8112 N. Denver Ave., Portland, Oregon. Brand new clothes, T-shirts, office furniture & chairs, computers and computer parts, typewriter & Savin Copier, answering machines, ceramic tiles, art items and more. Ribs & Hot Dogs for sale! Call 285-0995 for more info.

Lazarus Summer Art Camp, June 30-August 22, 1997, Ages 4-19 years: Our highly creative staff of professional artists offer your child experiences including painting, life drawing, sculpting, pottery, mural and print making, silk screening, theater, dance, and photography. Lazarus Art Camp provides the opportunity to explore the world of art in a fun learning environment. Allow us to expand your child's creative abilities while giving them skills which they will carry with them into all aspects of their life. Art Camp is held Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Cost is \$35.00 per week. Extended care available Monday-Friday as follows: 6-10AM - \$7.00 per day; and 3-6 PM - \$5.00 per day. We serve two convenient locations: Matt Dishman Recreation Center, 77 NE Knott, 823-3165; and Lazarus Art Center 8112 N. Denver, 285-0995. Spaces are limited. Call today to reserve your child's space.

Join us for an open house at our Denver Ave. location Saturday, May 31ST 10AM - 3PM. Drop by and see our newly remodeled facility and register for Summer Camp at the same time. A raffle will be held for two free summer camps. Must be present to win.

The Captain's Global Grooves



photo by Rick Rose

ARTIST	CD	LABEL
LEROY VINEGAR QUARTET	"INTEGRITY"	JAZZ FOCUS
THE CLAYTON BROTHERS	"EXPRESSIONS"	OWEST/WB
ANTONIO HART	"HERE I STAND"	Impulse
GARY BURTON & FRIENDS	"DEPARTURE"	CONCORD
TRIBUTE TO OSCAR PETERSON	"LIVE AT THE TOWN HALL"	TELARC
SHIRLEY HORN	"LOVING YOU"	VERVE
WARREN RAND DUO/QUINTET	"DAMERON"	ASEN GROVE
JIMMY MCGRIFF	"DREAM TEAM"	MILESTONE
ELIAS HASLANGER	"MILES MODE"	HEART MUSIC
K-JAZZ ALLSTARS	"STRAIT-AHEAD"	K-JAZZ
LEONARD HOCHMAN	"MANHATTEN MORNING"	JAZZ HEADS
CHARLIE HUNTER QUARTET	"NATTY DREAD"	BLUE NOTE
MICHEL CAMILO	"THRU MY EYES"	TROPIC-JAZZ
DIANE SCHURR	"BLUES vFOR SCHURR"	GRP
KURT ELLING	"THE MESSENGER"	BLUE NOTE

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