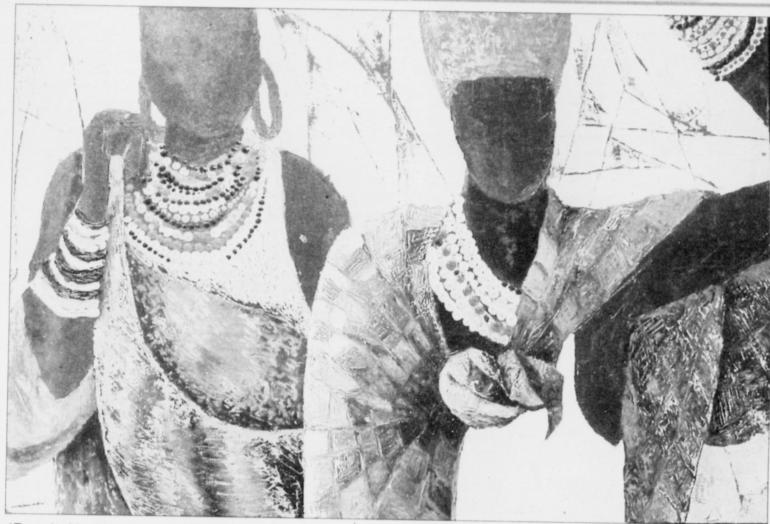
ENTERTAINMENT



'Royalty' by Veroniccah Muwonge.

'Africa in My Eyes'

Drawing on a deep cultural heritage of her native Uganda, oil and

207 S.W. Pine St.

Muwonge employs a painting acrylic artist Veroniccah Muwonge style of simple figure and object presents the exhibit "African in My shapes accented by textured sur-Eyes" this month at Gallerie Rene, face treatment to portray an almost rary sensibility of her work.

minimalist interpretation of African life. Her use of intense warm colors, balanced by cool, tropical blues and greens, accentuates the contempo-



Oh, What a Tangled Web

Lauren Bair stars in Agatha Christie's 'Spider's Web,' opening Friday, Jan. 15 and running through Feb. 21 at the Lakewood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego.

Jazz Artist on Blues Trail

(AP) -- Jazz vocalist Cassandra Wilson can easily explain why the Mississippi Blues Trail would embrace jazz artists.

"Blues is an essential component of jazz. It's like one of the building blocks. It's what we use in order to navigate changes. You always have to keep close ties to that original sound and feeling," Wilson said Thursday after a blues marker was unveiled in her honor at a Jackson, Miss. school she attended as a child.

The ceremony drew a crowd of some 200 students, friends and Cassandra Wilson



other musicians, including singer Dorothy Moore and bluesman Bobby Rush.

Wilson, a two-time Grammy Award-winner whose eclectic repertoire has included covers of blues tunes, absorbed music from her earliest years. Her father, Herman Fowlkes Jr., was a bassist who played with blues harmonica icon Sonny Boy Williamson II.

The marker is the 100th on the trail, created as part of a project designed to bolster the Mississippi's blues tourism industry.

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