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## Black Arts

# Festival At D.U. Next Week

Denver-area Black musicians and performers will be featured at a Black Arts Festival beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the University of Denver.

Sponsored by the DU chapter of Theta Chi national social fraternity, the festival is open to the public and will be held in the DU General Classroom Building Auditorium, 2040 S. Race St. Tickets, at \$1 each, will go on sale Monday, March 30, at the following locations: Big Chef Bar-B-Q, 2419 Welton St.; Pat's Record Parlor, 3380 Dahlia St.; Selman's Record Shop, 2334 Welton St.; Solar Sounds, Inc., 1550 California St.; and Sundiata Book Store, 2878 Colorado Blvd. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.

The Black Arts Festival will culminate University of Denver student efforts to aid needy residents of Sunflower County, Mississippi. A city-wide clothing drive is now being conducted and will end April 10, with the festival. A portion of the festival proceeds will be donated to the Sunflower County fund. Theta Chi fraternity also hopes to establish the festival as an annual campus cultural event.

The festival will include a wide variety of the performing arts — from an Afro-Drum Ensemble under the direction of Robert Ragland, neighborhood representative of Denver's East Side Action Center, to the Colorado premiere of Ben Caldwell's contemporary one-act drama, "The Militant Preacher." Melvin Brisco, technical director of the theatre workshop of the Model Cities Residence Cultural Center, and director of the Melvin Brisco Players, will appear in the 35-minute play.

Mistress of ceremonies will be Mrs. Reynelda Muse, news reporter and staff specialist for Station KOA Radio and Television in Denver.

Vocal performances will be given by Miss Cheryl Barnes, University of Denver student who has appeared with the DU Jazz Band; and the Wills Community Singers, a group of Denver gospel singers.

Poetry readings will be presented by Don Todd, 1969 recipient of the Larry Tajiri Memorial Award for the performing arts, and an instructor of English, speech and drama at the University of Colorado Denver Center.

Other program highlights will include native dances by The Smith Dancers, under the direction of Mrs. Ernestine Smith, recreation specialist for the Denver Parks and Recreation Department; instrumental selections by The Group Three, a Denver trio; and a movie of the Black experience in America, "Just Like Me."

Art, clothing and books will be displayed in the General Classroom Building lobby prior to the festival. Co-chairmen of the event are Don Wofford, University of Denver junior from Kansas City, Mo., and Patrick Washington, DU junior, of 3630 Josephine St., Denver.

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