

August 1995 Press Releases  
Monthly Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject of Release</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
08/02/95	Painting Churches	80
08/17/95	Theatre Season 1995-96	76
08/28/95	Yvonne Hair Art Exhibit	60
	Total Releases	216

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 2, 1995

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

### **METHODIST COLLEGE OPENS THEATRE SEASON WITH 'PAINTING CHURCHES'**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College will launch its 1995-96 theatre season with a benefit production of *Painting Churches*, a Tina Howe play about family relationships. All proceeds will go to the Methodist College Theatre Department to support this year's productions.

The play is being cast and directed by the Bloodworth family Bob Bloodworth, his wife Shannon Bailey, and Bob's daughter DeDe Bloodworth. All have acted professionally.

Shannon Bailey will direct the play and also play the role of Fanny Church, the family matriarch. Bob Bloodworth is cast as Gardner Church, a retired poet preparing to move from his Beacon Hill home to a summer cottage on Cape Cod. Mags (DeDe Bloodworth) has come home to help her parents pack and to paint the Church family portrait. While Mags is "painting the Churches", the three family members come to terms with past hurts and future hopes.

*Painting Churches* will be performed "back stage, on stage" in Reeves Auditorium. It runs August 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and August 20 at 2 p.m. Show times for the second weekend are: August 24, 25, and 26 at 8 p.m. and August 27 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person.

The Bloodworths are professional actors. Fayetteville native Bob Bloodworth, associate professor of communications at Methodist, began his acting career while a student at UNC Chapel Hill, playing Simon Fernando in Paul Green's outdoor drama, *The Lost Colony*.

Local audiences have seen him in *Inherit the Wind*, *The Lion in Winter*, and *Driving Miss Daisy*. He spent most of his career in New York, where he performed in off-Broadway productions and in TV soap operas. From there he moved on to regional theater, motion pictures, TV production, and college teaching.

Shannon Bailey worked in community theater in Raleigh for 15 years. She moved to Fayetteville last year after her marriage to Bob Bloodworth. She received her training at Bryn Mawr College and Wroxton College in England. Some of her favorite roles have included Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Jessie in *Night Mother*, and Eleanor of Aquitaine in *The Lion in Winter*.

Ms. Bailey is no stranger to *Painting Churches*, having played Mags in a Raleigh production nine years ago. This time she will play Fanny Church, Mags mother. "It is a privilege to help to life once again this beautiful, moving play," she said "directing it, as well as exploring it from the mother s point of view."

Like her father, DeDe Bloodworth began her acting in a Paul Green production; at age four she played the daughter of Lt. Alvarez in *Cross and Sword*. The Atlanta-based actress received excellent reviews for her recent portrayal of Gwendolyn in Peter Herdy s new play, *Lubricant*. She toured in *Frankie and Angie Get Married* and has appeared in numerous TV commercials, and four feature films.

She and her father last appeared together when she was 12 years old, in a movie called *Day of Judgment*.

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August 18, 1995

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Director of Public Relations

### **METHODIST COLLEGE THEATRE DEPARTMENT SETS 1995-96 SEASON**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist College Theatre Department will stage 15 productions during the 1995-96 season.

Monarch Playmakers will open their season August 18-27 in Reeves Auditorium with *Painting Churches*, a Tina Howe play about family relationships directed by Shannon Bloodworth. The play is a benefit for the Theatre Department. The cast will include Robert, Shannon, and DeDe Bloodworth.

*All in the Timing*, six one-act comedies by David Ives, is set for October 5-8 in Reeves. Jack Peyrouse, chairman of the theatre & speech department, will serve as director.

For their annual children's production November 15-19, the Playmakers will present *The Velveteen Rabbit*, directed by children's theatre instructor, Phoebe Hall.

The first major production of the spring semester—*Crimes of the Heart* is set for February 8-11. It is a comedy by Beth Henley about three Southern sisters who gather at the family home to discuss some outrageous personal problems. Summer Brock, associate vice president for institutional advancement, is the guest director.

The Playmakers will conclude their season April 18-21 with an amphitheater production of *The Tempest*, a Shakespearean comedy. Paul Wilson, associate professor of theatre and speech, will direct the play.

### **OTHER PRODUCTIONS**

*Hail Dionysus!*, Alpha Psi Omega's annual presentation of original plays by students, will be held March 4-6.

Circuit Players, the college's touring group, will present four plays: *Players at Play II*, August 19, *Prodigal*, by Susan Paschal, September 15; *Follow the Leader*, by Jodie Young, October 15, and *Dueling Shakespeare*, February 1.

### **THE NEW STAGE**

In a new development this year, a group of seasoned theatre people from the Fayetteville community will present *The Cemetery Club* March 22-31. It will be directed by Florence Cohen.

*Jay Dowd*  
*Yvonne Harris*  
*Dr. Hendricks*  
*Dr. Purouse*  
*Bobby Uggie*  
*Don Devlin*  
*Lynn Clark*

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August 28, 1995

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Director of Public Relations

**YVONNE HAIR TO PRESENT ART EXHIBIT SEPTEMBER 1-9 AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Yvonne Hair, a student at Methodist College, will present her senior art exhibition September 1-9 at the Mallett-Rogers House on the college campus. The show is entitled "Modern Fables Interpreted: Every Picture Tells a Story."

An opening reception will be held Friday, September 1 from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public daily from 2-4 p.m.

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