

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

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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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Topic Parish Churches

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- Challenger
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- Spring Lake News
- Tiger Times
- Arts & Leisure
- Sanford Herald
- Raeford News Journal
- Sampson Independent
- The Fort Bragg Post
- Cumberland County Outlook*

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- NC Christian Advocate
- Mount Olive Tribune
- Red Springs Citizen
- Smithfield Herald
- Business North Carolina
- Bill Norton NC Conference UMC (Raleigh)
- News Reporter (Whiteville)
- Goldsboro News Argus
- Durham Herald-Sun
- Spectator Magazine (Raleigh)
- Daily Tar Heel
- Bladen Journal (E-Town)
- Harnett County News
- The Robesonian (Lumberton)
- Charlotte Observer
- Greensboro News & Record
- Wilmington Morning Star
- Rocky Mount Evening Telegram

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