

FRIDAY

August 19

"TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA"

William Shakespeare's comedy is directed by Adrian Hall. Valentine and Proteus travel the road to romance with detours — mistaken identities, fickle hearts and a collection of clowning confederates — along the way. Joel De La Fuente and Malcolm Gets star in this production which continues the tradition of free Shakespeare in Central Park. Two tickets per person can be picked up the day of the show at the Delacorte Theater box office, 8 p.m., (212) 861-7277.

THE BIG-BAND SOUND

This big-band show features the legendary Lionel Hampton and his orchestra; the Count Basie Orchestra, led by Frank Foster; the Duke Ellington Orchestra, led by Mercer Ellington; along with the Ink Spots as special guests. The Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, L.I., 8 p.m., (516) 334-0800.

MOSTLY MOZART

The festival's final program this season will be Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with soloists Carol Vaness, Jane Bunnell, Vinson Cole and Kenneth Cox; Gerard Schwarz conducts. Avery Fisher Hall, 8 p.m., (212) 721-6500. Program repeats on Saturday.

FRANK ZAPPA TRIBUTE

Ed Palermo and his 16-piece orchestra will evoke Zappa's unique mix of rock, jazz and Line, 15 W. Fourth St., at Mercer Street, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., (212) 228-6300.

BOSTON TAPS JAZZ

"Black and Blue" dance stars Jimmy Slyde and Dianne Walker will join forces with the Boston-based jazz ensemble Orange Then Blue



TANYA TUCKER
At Westbury.

Calendar / **PICK OF THE WEEK**

"2 Hearts Over Easy," the new comedy by Robert W. Cabell, stars Maggie Wirth and Bill Ebbesmeyer (above). The play tells the story of two best friends, a divorced middle-aged mother and a gay man in his mid-30s, who meet once a month for Sunday brunch to talk about their loves, their lives, their dreams and their fantasies. The Actors' Playhouse, 100 Seventh Avenue South, opening Wednesday, 7 p.m., (212) 779-7474 or (212) 691-6226.

and others; free at Damrosch Park, Lincoln Center, 8:15 p.m. (212) 875-5400.

SUMMERGARDEN FESTIVAL

Tonight's program, "Explorations: The New Music 1900-1929," features works by Sessions, Villa Lobos, Cowell, Stravinsky and Shostakovich, for one and two pianos, performed by artists of the Juilliard School. Museum of Modern Art, 8:30 p.m., admission free. Program repeats on Saturday. (212) 708-9750.

SATURDAY

August 20

THE HOLMES BROTHERS

The veteran bluesmen, plus singer-songwriter Ron Sunshine ("I'm in a Hole and I'm Digging It Deeper") and his band will participate in Celebrate Brooklyn (a free outdoor performing arts festival) at the Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn, 7 p.m., (718) 965-8999.

THE BAND

Featuring original members Rick Danko, Levon Helm and

Garth Hudson, the group will perform with special guests Rob Wasserman and John Wesley Harding. The Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, L.I., 8 p.m., (516) 334-0800.

SUNDAY

August 21

CHINESE DRAGONS ON THE HUDSON

Teams from across the United States will compete in the fourth annual Dragon Boat Race to earn the right to participate in the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Races in 1995. The World Financial Center will feature free interactive exhibitions of traditional Chinese arts and crafts, including calligraphy and watercolor painting. Traditional Chinese cuisine will be available. On the Hudson River, in front of the World Financial Center, in Battery Park City, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., (212) 945-0505.

PIANIST EDWARD AUER

Auer and his colleagues will play chamber works by Schumann, Prokofiev and Brahms, at Bargemusic.

Fulton Ferry Landing, Brooklyn, 4 p.m., (718) 624-4061.

TANYA TUCKER

Tucker is one of country music's most popular recording artists, with 27 albums, a string of hit singles and scores of music awards.



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She began her country singing career at the age of 9, and soon had the hit single "Delta Dawn." The Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, L.I., 7 p.m., (516) 334-0800.

WEIRD AL YANKOVIC

The master parodist (who claims Joe Franklin as his inspiration) innocently sends up songs of pop stars from Michael Jackson on down — all of whom have given their blessings to his reworkings of their material. The Bottom Line, 15 W. Fourth St., 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., (212) 228-6300.

MONDAY

August 22

GROVER WASHINGTON JR.

The smooth pop jazz saxist brings his quiet storm sound to the city for one night only. The Blue Note, 131 W. Third St., 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., (212) 475-8592.

TUESDAY

August 23

ROY HAYNES

The fleet, fiery drummer, who's worked with jazz legends Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and Sarah Vaughan, leads his own group, Aug. 23-28. The Village Vanguard, 178 Seventh Ave. South, near 11th Street, 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., (212) 255-4037.

ROY NATHANSON

Don't miss this rare chance to sample eclectic Knitting Factory-type downtown music for free, on the north plaza of Lincoln Center, 6:30 p.m., (212) 875-5400.

PAUL ANKA

Anka celebrates 35 years in the music business this year with more than 100 albums to his credit. The Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, L.I., 8 p.m., (516) 334-0800.

WEDNESDAY

August 24

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL

The British duo return to their roots with an all-acoustic performance. Their latest release, "Amplified Heart," has been described as "a bare-knuckle ride through the emotions." The Fez, 380 Lafayette St., at Great Jones Street, under Time Cafe, 9 p.m., (212) 533-7000.

TAN DUN

The Chinese-born composer, considered one of today's most important young avant-gardists, was commissioned by Lincoln Center Productions to create

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Lincoln Center show.

a new work for the Lincoln Center Out of Doors Festival. That work, "C.A.G.E. II," will be performed tonight and tomorrow night. Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park, 8:15 p.m., (212) 875-5400.

THURSDAY

August 25

BROOKLYN GETS FREE SHAKESPEARE

The Kings County Shakespeare Company presents "The Tempest." The Shakespeare classic tells the story of the sorcerer Prospero, who inhabits an island. His servant Ariel unleashes a tempest which brings a shipload of people to the island, where they are manipulated by the island's mystical forces. The Bardshell at Prospect Park, located at Ninth Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, 8 p.m., (718) 596-9685.

VIVIANA GUZMAN

Guzman, the internationally acclaimed flutist, performs a new program of classic and contemporary pieces for the flute. The program includes works by Bach, Fukushima and Szunyogh, and highlights flute/dance/spoken word and percussion combinations instead of the traditional flute/piano format. Guzman will perform a premiere of her latest work, "Ancient Rituals." Blessed Sacrament Church, 152 W. 71st St., between Broadway and Columbus Avenue, 8 p.m., (212) 563-5109.

Compiled by Amy Kean