

Ithaca's top 'soul man' eager to play Cortland

By DYLAN JONES

Well hello again. A hefty amount of this article will be dedicated to the Bodacious Bluesman **Bernie Milton**, Ithaca's top male vocalist. Bernie and the Soul Patrol bowled us over with the purest renditions of numbers like: "Sexual Healing", "Walking the Dog", "Stand By Me" and Otis Redding's "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay." Bernie Milton and the Soul Patrol deserve our unending gratitude.

Between sets the ever-so-personal Bernie Milton spoke with me. What got him into the business?

"My mother was a superior woman, getting through Ithaca College's four year Music Program in three years. She started me off singing and playing piano," said Milton.

And an early start it was. At age five, Bernie won his first contest and soon became the lead singer for the Calvary Baptist Church.

"Like anybody else might be into books, I was always a music man," Milton said.

In 1953 at age 11 Bernie played Harlem's Apollo Theatre in New York City, performing a Ray Charles' song, "I Got a Woman Way Cross Town."

"I was nervous Bernie recalls. But I was cool. We did real nice."

By the time he was 15, Bernie had formed his first band, Bernie and the Cavaliers', for which he was the lead vocal.

In 1961, Bernie recorded his most recognized hit "The Waddle".

While his popularity grew, Bernie toured with the best: Chubby Checker, The Isley Brothers, Junior Walker and the Allstars, Bo Diddley, the Drifters and Martha and the Vandellas just to name a few.

Bernie is a soul man in the most grandiose sense of the term. Bernie and the Soul Patrol take the audience and hold them. Their music just beckons one to the dance floor. It's pure unadulterated rapture. Would they play in Cortland?

"Cortland's definitely ready for us."

Not only is Cortland ready, Cortland needs it! When Bernie and the Soul Patrol arrive let's give them the welcome they deserve. If you can't wait until then, Bernie will be back at the Ramada Inn in Ithaca this Saturday.

Tonight Corleone's brings us what may prove to be another Cortland favorite. "The Jive" playing funky blues tunes and a wide array of originals will undoubtedly be bringing down the house.

The rumors among the music scene in Ithaca are very favorable towards this band. This is definitely a band to keep an eye on. Take the \$2 and invest it

in their future.

Apple Gates again offers some unique entertainment tonight. **Dave Davies** and **Brian Earle** will be playing Jazz standards by the likes of Fats Waller.

I need congratulate the owners of Applegates for bringing such fine entertainment to the Cortland area.

At the Rusty Nail tonight **Burt Stratton** playing guitar and piano, does well as a one man band, mostly playing Top 40. Show time starts at 7 p.m.-11 p.m. **Sleepy Head** will be appearing again tomorrow. Last weekend they were a real crowd pleaser. There is no cover. The show starts at 9 p.m.

The Theatre Department will be having an evening of readings titled "Satire is What Closes on Saturday Night: The World of George S. Kaufman". That's in the Brockway Lounge starting at 8:15 p.m. It's free.

Monday Group Effort will be back at The Haunt. For those Deadheads who haven't seen them yet, you're really missing out.

Well that's it thanks for looking for something new. A good weekend looks like The Jive Friday, Bernie Saturday, Simeons on Sunday, Group Effort Monday. See you out.

Calendar

Music

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FRIDAY

Dan Yeener plays the Celtic harp at the Dowd Fine Arts Sculpture Court noon 'til 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Syracuse Symphony with cello soloist, Carter Brey at the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$7.50 for SUCC faculty and staff members and \$9.50 for the general public.

LOCAL

TONIGHT

Dave Davies & Brian Earle play jazz standards at Applegate's 8 p.m.-11 p.m.

Jive, blues originals at Corleone's 9:30 p.m.-1:30.

Jerry Kali at the Rusty Nail. 9 p.m.-1:00.

SATURDAY

Phineas Gage, commercial hard rock at Corleone's 9:30 p.m.

Burt Stratton at the Rusty Nail. 9:00 p.m.-1:00.

Jill Madonick at Rocci's 9 p.m.-midnight.

THURSDAY

Group Effort at Corleone's 8:30 p.m.-12:30.

Films

CAMPUS

Crossroads, Fay Corey Union Function Room. Tonight at 7:30 and 10 p.m. \$1 with ID; \$1.50 without.

The Color of Money, Fay Corey Union Function Room. Saturday & Sunday at 5, 7:30, and 10 p.m. \$1 with ID, \$1.50 without.

American Film Classics: A Raisin in the Sun at 6:30 p.m. and **Double Deal** at 9:30 p.m. Both movies shown in the Fay Corey Union Fireplace Lounge on Tuesday.

Uncommon Valor, Fay Corey Union Function Room. Thursday at 7:30 and 10 p.m. \$1 with ID, \$1.50 without.

LOCAL

Star Trek IV and Crocodile Dundee Nightly at 7 & 9 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Cinema I & II.

Little Shop of Horrors and The Golden Child Nightly at 7 & 9 p.m. at The Plaza Theatre.

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Narrative Images: Artists' Books and Suites at the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery thru February 20. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Music Department Exhibit at the Memorial Library, first floor thru February 28.

LOCAL

Seven Valley Weaver's Annual Show at The 1890 House from February 10 thru March 9.

Series, Suites and Signatures at the Cortland Arts Council thru February 13. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m.

Readings & Lectures

CAMPUS

Poetry readings by Katherin Mochan Aal & Diane Sudol Tonight at 8:15 p.m. in the Brockway Hall Lounge.

Artsights for Youths. Saturday, ages 7-9 at 10 a.m.; ages 10-12 at 1 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

Satire is What Closes on Saturday Night: The World of George S. Kaufman, a public play reading. Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the Brockway Hall Lounge.

LOCAL

Open reading Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Applegate's.

Other

Winterfest '87 Gala Reception Saturday at Dowd Fine Arts Sculpture Court following performance by the Syracuse Symphony.

Obstacle Course Saturday. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Moffett Gym.

Randy Levin: Comedian, Magician, & Mime. Fay Corey Union Function Room, Tuesday at 8 p.m. \$1 admission.

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