

B/N Samuels, Oliver

Theatre arts take centre stage

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Actress Deon Silvera and Audrey Reid of Dancehall Queen fame received special notation from Mr Samuels as persons with whom he shared unique relationships.

Mr Samuels also thanked BWIA executive Carrole Guntley-Brady whom he said, fed him "the best banana split" and offered constant encouragement throughout his early days in theatre. He promised to continue to enrich the Jamaican landscape through what he does

"Let people overseas see that we in Jamaica have a culture," he concluded. Mr Samuels will receive a computer courtesy of Computer Boutique which credited him for its success after he was featured in an advertisement for the company.



Audrey Reid (left), Oliver Samuels and Tony Hendriks at the thanksgiving service for the opening of Centre Stage Theatre at which Mr Samuels received the Jambiz award for 'Excellence in Theatre Arts'.

Center Stage Theatre, located on the grounds of the former Cinema Two on Dominica Drive, will showcase the best theatre pro-

ductions and literary works of persons involved in the industry through Theatrefest, a month-long celebration of theatre, which

kicked off on Friday, July 24.

Three local award winning box office hits, **Guava Jelly**, **Against His Will** and **Ecstasy**, as well as the critically acclaimed one-man show **Halley's Comet** by famous American stage, screen and television actor John Amos are among the line-up of plays which also include a Sunday Mawnin Brawta series featuring literary readings, performances and story telling by some of Jamaica's best story tellers .

Among the guests spotted were Fae Ellington, Grace McGhie, Glen Campbell, Carrole Guntley-Brady, Dervan Malcolm, Lois Kelly, Leonie Forbes, Erica Allen, Cecil Cooper, David Heron, Carol Reid, Tony Hendriks, Audrey Reid, Lenford Salmon, Lloyd Anderson, Paul Nicholas and Dr Carolyn Cooper. ✓

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