

Coiffure Creations

The Natural Look Is Reborn In Brilliant New Show

Beauty of Negro Womanhood Theme of 'Naturally '63' Hair, Fashion Revue



ROSE NELMES displays an Ethiopian-influenced natural hair style of her own design. A Grandassa Model, Miss Nelmes will be among the stars of the African Jazz-Art Society &

Studios, Inc., production of "Naturally '63," which spotlights the beautiful and talented vocalist Abbey Lincoln, wife of jazz drummer Max Roach.

Rebels Against European Look

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Perhaps no group of people in the history of the world has had its cultural heritage so systematically and ruthlessly demolished as have Negro Americans.

For more than 300 years their minds have been assaulted by slavemaster and teacher, pulpit and paper, textbook and primer, television and radio with the hold propoganda that they are second class citizens — and that they look the part.

HERE IS WHERE "Naturally '63," an African fashion and coiffure extravaganza, makes its point. It is designed to display and define the natural beauty of the world's dark people. It stars the artistic and lovely vocalist Abbey Lincoln, wife of jazz drummer Max Roach, and the Grandassa Models.

Miss Lincoln designs the clothes, performs, models and serves as commentator. The models feature hair styles "au-natural," representing various areas of Africa; African styles, and Western fashions. The show is causing sensations wherever it appears.

THE IDEA FOR THE extravaganza was conceived by two Afro-American brothers, Cecil and Ronie Braithwaite - age 26 and 25 — with the express purpose of showing the natural beauty of the Negro woman.

Miss Lincoln and Cecil Braithwaite told Muhammad Speaks that the production will appear at Roberts Show Lounge in Chicago on February 24; at Mr. Kelley's in Detroit, on February 23, and at the Aubon ballroom in New York on February 17.

Asked the reason for the show's success, Miss Lincoln said:



WANDA SIMS, Grandassa Model, wears a western version of the West African Ntama, one of the styles to be shown in "Naturally '63" production in New York, Chicago and Detroit. The Chicago show will be February 24, at Roberts Show Lounge.

"I first cut my hair when my husband, Max Roach, let me know that he thought my kinky hair was beautiful. So, I went to the beauty parlor and had it cut.

"DURING MY TRAVELS I discovered that many women were kind of pleased to see me wearing my hair natural; that a lot of them would like to wear theirs likewise. The reason they didn't was because they wanted to please their husbands or the men they planned to marry.

"All women want to look