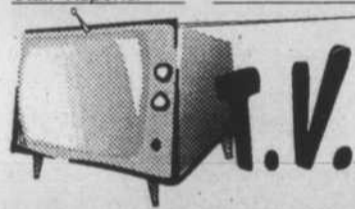




Oprah Winfrey hosts "Scared Silent: Exposing and Ending Child Abuse." Photo courtesy of NETV

Oprah's 'Scared Silent' special strikes out against child abuse

By Stacie Hakel
Staff Reporter



Airing on Nebraska television stations this evening will be "Scared Silent: Exposing and Ending Child Abuse," hosted by talk show host and producer Oprah Winfrey.

The program will focus on stopping and preventing three forms of abuse: sexual, physical and emotional.

The telecast, profiling both victims and perpetrators, will include half a dozen true stories on intergenerational child abuse.

Winfrey, herself an abuse victim, said she hoped the show would help children's pain and suffering.

"It is my hope that this film will empower children and adult children

everywhere so they know they do not have to stand alone," Winfrey said in a press release.

Almost three million cases of child abuse are reported every year in America. Other child abuse statistics include:

- In 1991, 2.7 million cases of child abuse and neglect were reported in the United States. That's more than 7,300 cases reported each day.

- In 88 percent of all abuse cases, the perpetrator is a family member.

- According to one study, 70 percent of all incestuous fathers were sexually abused as children.

- On average, at least four children die each day from maltreatment. The majority of these children are under the age of 5.

The hour-long special will broadcast today at 9 p.m. on Public Broadcasting Service, NETV, CBS and NBC television networks concurrently.

There will be an encore presentation Sept. 6 at 10 p.m. on the ABC television network.

Rap with a conscience

Band sings about society, peace, pride and history

band PROFILE

By Jill O'Brien
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The Peace Nation, a local two-man rap band, recently placed among the 20 semifinalists competing against 3,500 musicians in "Soundcheck — The Yamaha Rock Music Showcase."

Rapper Otto Green Jr., 27, a speech pathology senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, credited a friend with telling him and his partner Michael Evans about the contest.

Evans, 24, said they submitted a demo tape on "a hope and a prayer." "We just tossed it in there, hoping to get some type of acknowledgement," he said.

Three years ago, Evans and Green formed The Peace Nation. Their intent was to create rap music with a conscience — soulful music someone would pay attention to.

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— Green
Peace Nation

Someone has. Although The Peace Nation didn't win the contest, Warner Brothers Records and Def American Recordings have expressed an interest in the band, Green said.

Doc Sanders, the band's manager, said that prior to the Yamaha audition the two rappers played mainly to an audience of friends.

"Being selected as semifinalists pressured Peace Nation to perform live," Sanders said.

Evans said they weren't quite ready to come out of the closet, but "we played like we normally played or practiced at home."

That was the kind of relaxed atmosphere the Yamaha representative and the independent album repertoire man walked into, Evans said.

"We were all just having fun, making noise, going through the different songs that we had," he said.

Their songs focus on social issues, African-American pride, peace and history, sometimes using soundbites. They rap about esteem and respect —



Erik Unger/DN

Michael Evans and Otto Green make up Lincoln rap act The Peace Nation.

rap music with a conscience.

"Our music is a celebration of our African culture," Green said.

Green, originally from New York, named Kurtis Blow, Run DMC and the Sugarhill Gang as his influences from the 1970s.

Evans, raised in Chicago, Alabama and Missouri, said he went by the name of Mike Life on stage. Before The Peace Nation, he performed beatboxing (mouth sounds) with a Union College group.

Evans, a computer science major, said a Macintosh computer was hooked up to the sampler keyboard when they performed. He uses Visions software to assist him in arranging the music.

"What we're trying to do is highly different from the norm," Green said.

"There's no shake your butt, no exploitation of women, no exploitation of black culture," he said. Instead, a positive message is emphasized.

"... As mother Nubia's music travels through my nerves/There's nothin' in the world that impedes my flow words/My intellect is enriched with the esteem of being me... /So very proud of who I am/A positive brown man/With a whole lot to say and do/Accomplish, achieve and you better believe in the dream as prophesied by Dr. Martin Luther King... /And the lesson as we learn our history/We must seek the truth and teach so deprived humanity can be reached... " — lyrics from "The Lesson."

Between rapping and recording, Evans and Green manage to squeeze in full-time jobs. They also formed a nonprofit organization, Movement Enterprise, with another rapper, Grant Koffman.

On Friday nights, Green works with Koffman, a UNL broadcast major, to produce "Movement" a four-hour rap show airing on KZUM, which occasionally plays a soothing rap or two by The Peace Nation.

entertainment SHORTS

Ross Theater opens season

Now showing at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater is Expanded Entertainment's "The Fourth Animation Celebration: The Movie!"

The film, which opens the Ross Theater's fall season, features works from Bulgaria, Cuba, Germany, Italy, France, the Nether-

lands, the United Kingdom, the United States and the now-defunct Soviet Union.

Screenings will be today through Sunday and Thursday through Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday matinees are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.



Robin Trimarchi/DN

Practice makes perfect

Members of the cast of the Lincoln Ensemble Theater production, "Psycho Beach Party," do a practice run-through Wednesday evening. They are, from left, "Star Cat" (Tony Piccoli), "Kanaka" (Steve Nolan) and "Yo-Yo" (Channing Roos).

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