



**Much more than an actor, Ben Vereen is a multi-faceted performer equally adept at singing a tender ballad or dancing a high-energy routine on any stage in the world.**

### One Man Show

Ben Vereen, the consummate song, dance and screen star, is the featured artist of the annual gala performance to benefit the UK College of Fine Arts. Scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10th, at the Singletary Center for the Arts, this is one of the many special events planned during Homecoming Week.

The College of Fine Arts Benefit, now in its fourth year, is a showcase for both star and student talent; appearing with Vereen will be students, faculty and alumni of the College's music, theatre and art departments.

The Tony and Emmy award-winner launched his career on the stage where he continues to perform musical, comedic and dramatic roles with equal precision. He has made Broadway appearances in Sweet Charity, Hair, Jesus Christ Superstar, and the long-running musical Pippin. His television

career has included starring roles in Booker, J.J. Starbuck, Tenspeed and Brownshoe, Webster, and the unforgettable portrayal of 'Chicken George' in Roots. This was followed by his own network special, Ben Vereen — His Roots, which received nine Emmy nominations and won seven Emmy Awards. In his big screen debut, he defined his role as the quintessential entertainer in All That Jazz.

Valvoline Oil Co. and the Lexington Herald-Leader are co-sponsoring the gala, making it possible for all proceeds to benefit the College of Fine Arts. Funds are slated for student scholarships, technological advancement and academic enrichment. A total of more than \$90,000 has been raised during past benefit performances.

Tickets are \$20, \$50 and \$100 and are now on sale at the Singletary Center for the Arts Ticket Office (606-257-4929.) Holders of \$100 tickets may attend a surprise party for Ben (his birthday is October 10th) after the show.