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ROUTES ROOTS

GRANVILLE T. WOODS

FATHER OF
THE SYNCHRONOUS MULTIPLEX RAILWAY TELEGRAPH
AND MORE...



It was not uncommon for late nineteenth century railway passengers to offer up a quick prayer before boarding a train. Some, of course, prayed for protection against the menace of thieves and murderers along the road. More often, however, these prayers were a plea to God to see the train through its journey without a catastrophic collision. For prior to 1887, there was no system of

communication between moving trains. Motormen had no way of knowing what the train behind or in front of them was up to—and often found out too late. And so, travel by railroad was pretty much a game of Russian roulette until Granville T. Woods' invention and patent of the Synchronous Multiplex Railway Telegraph in 1887.

Woods was born in Columbus, Ohio, on April 23, 1856. He began his electrical and mechanical training at the "ripe old age" of ten when he left school to earn his keep as a machine shop helper. Woods later held various jobs on the Missouri railroad, eventually completing his education in electrical engineering at an Eastern college. By the age of twenty-two, Woods was employed as an engineer on the Ironsides, a British steamer. In 1880, he was employed by the Danville and Southern Railroad. But, as is still the case some one-hundred-ten years later, Woods soon reached the glass ceiling in the American corporate system and left to found his own company.

In its early days, The Woods' Railway Telegraph Company was located in Cincinnati, Ohio. An article in the January 14, 1886, Cincinnati, Ohio *Catholic Tribune* described Woods and his work "Granville T. Woods, the greatest colored inventor in the history of the race, and equal, if not superior, to any inventor in the country, is destined to revolutionize the mode of street car transit." A year later, the same newspaper wrote, "Mr. Woods, who is the greatest electrician in the world, still continues to add to his long list of electrical inventions."

Among the more than fifty products Woods' inventive genius has given the world are: the "steam boiler furnace", an "egg incubator" which was the forerunner of modern machines and the "automatic air brake" which was eventually obtained by the Westinghouse Air Brake Company.

Woods later moved his company from Cincinnati to New York City where he continued to produce and sell devices to large electrical manufacturers such as the American Bell Telephone Company and The General Electric Company. Many of the modern appliances and electrical devices which we take for granted are ours due to the creative genius, prolificacy and entrepreneurial spirit of Granville T. Woods.

Woods died in New York City, in 1910, at the age of fifty-four. A brief but well spent life.

—Toni Roberts

CABARETS

• Michael Cochrane Quartet
Jul 22

• Joe Chambers & The Jazz Connection, featuring Eddie Henderson & Kirk Lightsey
July 26 & 27

Birdland 2745 Broadway /
105th St. 749-2228

Jim Hall & Ron Carter duo
plus Joe Pass

July 23-28, 9 & 11pm

The Blue Note 131 W. 3rd St.
475-8592

• Charles Brown
July 22 & 23

• Marty Jones & Don Dixon
plus Sonny Curtis
July 24

• Buster Poindexter & His
Banchees of Blue
July 26 & 27

The Bottom Line 15 W. 4th St.
228-6300

• Geoff Keezer Trio, piano
Ray Drummond, bass
Ben Riley, drums
July 22-26

• Mulgrew Miller, piano
Javon Jackson, Sax
Ray Drummond, bass
July 28

Bradley's 70 University
Place / 11th St. 228-6440

Ahmad Jamal
July 23-20

Condon's 117 E. 15th St.
254-0960

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- **Joan Osborne**
July 23
- **A. T. S.**
July 26
- **The Persuasions**
July 27
- **Sunday Gospel Brunch**
with **Johnny Peoples & the Gospel Crowns**
July 28

Delta 88 332 8th Ave. / 26th St. 924-3499

Illinois Jacquet Big Band
July 23-28

Fat Tuesday's 190 3rd Ave. 17th St. 533-7902

Major Handy & The Wolf Couchons, Zydeco
July 26 & 27

Tramps 45 W. 21st St. 727-7788

- **Astrud Gilberto, Samba**
Jul 24 & 25
- **Julian Marley, Reggae**
July 26
- **Kool & The Gang**
July 28

S.O.B.'s 204 Varick St/W. Houston St. 243-4940

Don Pullen Trio
Jul 23-28

Sweet Basil 8 Seventh Ave./Bleecker 242-1785

- **Billy Paul**
July 26 & 27
- **Chitlin' Circuit R & B Musical Review**
Saturdays, 3pm
- David Jennings, Mable Lee, Dennis Legree, Boncella Lewis, Tunde Samuel, Jan Mickens**

Sweetwater's 170 Amsterdam Ave./68th St. 873-4100

Michael LeDonne Trio
Jul 24-28

Village Gate Bleecker/Thompson Sts 475-5120

Gerri Allen Quartet
Jul 23-28

Village Vanguard 178 7th Ave South 255-4037

Jane Jarvis, piano
Kenny Davern, clarinet
Jul 23-27

Zinno 126 W. 13th St. 924-5182

RESTAURANTS

Abyssinia
Ethiopian cooking, very informal

35 Grand St. / Thompson St. 226-5959

B. Smith's
Southern & American cuisine

Trendy
771 Eighth Ave. 247-2222

Caribe
Jamaican cuisine

Pleasant and informal, cash only.
117 Perry St./Greenwich St. 255-9191

Copeland's
Southern cuisine

A Harlem institution.
547 W. 145th St. 234-2457

Honeysuckle
Southern cuisine

Trendy
507 Columbus Ave. Columbus Avenue 496-8095

Jamaican Hot Pot

Restaurant of 7-8 tables inside and 3 outside—but has a large reputation for good food at bargain prices.
2060 Adam Clayton Powell, Junior boulevard / 133rd St. 491-5270

Jerk Paradise
Jamaican cuisine, Jerk preparation of meats.

252 W. 29th St. 268-7020

Jezebel
Southern/American cuisine

Scarfs, swings & sophistication.
630 9th Ave. / 45th St. 582-1045

La Famille Restaurant
Southern cuisine

Roomy & informal
2017 5th Ave. / 125th St. 534-9909

Livi's Restaurant
Caribbean & Southern cuisine

Informal
29 E. 126th St. / Madison & Fifth Avenues 831-4931

Omjavi
Jamaican cuisine

Primarily lunch hour take out
122 Chambers St. (Between Church & West Broadway) 732-1949

Sylvia's
Southern cuisine

Relaxed and informal
328 Lenox Ave. (126 & 127th Sts) 966-0660

The Blue Nile
Traditional Ethiopian cooking

103 W. 77th St. / Columbus Ave. 580-3232

The Shark Bar
Southern cuisine

Trendy
467 Amsterdam Ave. 874-8500

Third World Café
Third world cuisine

Spices are from west Africa. A very special little café
700 W. 125th St. / Westside Highway 749-8199

Wilson's Restaurant & Bakery
Southern cuisine

A Harlem institution
1980 Amsterdam Ave. / 145th St. 923-9821

• **Brooklyn** •

McDonald's Dining Room
Country home cooking - Tues.-Sun.

327 Stuyvesant Ave. (718) 574-3728

• **Queens** •

La Detente
Continental & Caribbean cuisines

23-04 94th St. E., Elmhurst (718) 458-2172

Manhattan Proper Cafe
Southern cuisine

217-01 Linden Blvd / Springfield Blvd (718) 341-CAFE

THEATER

Once on This Island
A musical set in the Caribbean, about a poor girl's passion for the son of a wealthy landowner.

Booth Theatre W. 45th St. / Broadway 239-6200

Our Young Black Men Are Dying And Nobody Seems To Care

An original music play by **James Chapman** about the destruction of young men by drug abuse, crime, police brutality, alcoholism, poverty and AIDS.

Castillo Cultural Center 500 Greenwich St. 941-5800 Broadway / 65th St. 239-6200

Looking For Love
Through Aug. 11

Written by **C. Cesar Jackson**,
directed by **Tunde Samuel**

A joyful soul searching musical. (Gospel, R&B and Jazz) The story centers on two people, Marla and CJ, who experience similar childhood traumas and how they overcome them through self realization workshops and religion. The cast of 16 certainly gives its audience glorious reasons for joyfully shouting, clapping and rocking.

Cloister Theater Riverside
Church 490 Riverside Dr.
862-4375

Ms. Hazel's House of

Heavenly Rest

Sun, 3pm through Sept. 1

A Comedy by **Hazel Smith**.

*Featuring, Jimmy Hayeson,
Louise Mike, Jerry Love, Lee
Kirk, Kim Yancy, Boysie
White & James Smith.*

Harlem School of The Arts
645 St. Nicholas Ave.
362-3681

Six Degrees of Separation

Courtney B. Vance

Set in Manhattan, about a mugger who seeks refuge at an elegant dinner party.

Vivian Beaumont Theater/
Lincoln Center Broad / 65th
St. 239-6200

The Good Times are Killing Me

*Previews through Aug. 7, Tues.-
Sat., 8pm Mat. Sat., 2pm Mat.
Sun. at 3pm*

A play with music, follows the comic coming of age of two girls, one white and one black, as they explore the mysteries of adolescence, music divided families and racism.

Minetta Lane Theatre
425 Lafayette St.
307-4100

CONCERTS

Broadway Jazz

• Vocals

Terry Burrell

July 23. 8pm

• Piano Players &
Significant Others II

**Dave McKenna, Derek
Smith, Oliver Jones, Bob
Seeley, Dick Hyman, Randy
Sandke, Milt Hinton, Grady
Tate**

July 24. 8pm

**Jim Cullum Jazz Band, Banu
Gibson. The 92nd Street
Stompers: "Doc" Cheatham.**

**Marty Grosz, Milt Hinton,
Dick Hyman**

July 25, 8pm

The 92nd Street Y 1395

Lexington Ave. 996-1100

Amateur Night

Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Apollo Theatre 253 W. 125th

St. 864-0372

• **New Jersey** •

Whitney Houston

July 26

Meadowlands Arena

East Rutherford

ART GALLERIES

Multi-Cultural Expressions

July 10 through August 18

Seven artists, associated with the Art Students League representing France, Latin America and the United States. Prints, drawings, oil and acrylic paintings and sculpture.

The Cinque Gallery 560
Broadway / Prince St. Room
504 373-2707

**Hollingsworth, Greene,
Bearden, Lawrence,
Olugbefola, Ramen**

Design Masters Intergroup
Gallerie 301 Cathedral
Parkway 666-8440

**Romare Bearden Prints,,
Stringfellow, William
Carter, Fred Jones & Lester
Gunter**

By appointment only

Essie Green Galleries 419A
Convent Ave. 368-9635

**In Search of Freedom
African-American Abstract
Paintings 1945-1975**

**C. Alston, R. Bearden, • B.
Blayton-Taylor, F. Bowling,
V. Browne, E. Clark, A.W.
Cowans, B. Delaney, S.
Gilliam, R. Grist, B. Hutson,
Z. Ingram, G. Jackson, D.L.
Johnson, R. Joseph, L.G
Kolawole, N. Lewis, A.
Loving, R. Mayhew, A.
Miller, M.L. O'Neal, J.
Overstreet, H. Pindell, R.
Piper, R. Reid, H.B. Rivera,
T. Sills, T.J. Streat, A.
Thomas, M. Thompson, W.
White, J. Whitten, W.T.
Williams, F. Wimberley, H.
Woodruff**

Kenkeleba Gallery 214 E. 2nd
St. 674-3939

Maps and Madness

*Through the Summer, Mon.-Fri.
9am-3pm*

Whitfield Lovell

Algernon Millet

Fred Wilson

The work of fourteen artists in this exhibition represents an array of ways art, through the use of maps, can chart political solutions, ecological dilemmas and the inner self.

Marine Midland Bank So Ho
Branch 599 Broad way /
Houston St. 219-9213

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Robertson's African Arts
By appointment only
Small gallery of African artifacts
36 W. 22nd St. 4th Fl.
675-4045

• **Brooklyn** •

Bedford Stuyvesant Center for Art and Culture

- **Wood Talk**, Sculpture by **James McCoy**
 - **To Tell You the Truth** paintings by **Pat Bradley**
- 1368 Fulton St. (718) 636-6948

• **Queens** •

- **Renee Green**, Multi-media works
 - **Mark Hassinger**, sculptor and installation artist
 - **Greg Henry**, painter & sculptor.
July 13-Sep 7
Reception: July 13, 2-4pm
- Jamaica Arts Center 161-04
Jamaica Ave (718) 658-7400

MUSEUMS & CULTURAL CENTERS

The Caribbean Cultural Center

The center serves as a meeting place for people of all ages and backgrounds who share a common interest in the cultural heritage of people of African descent.
408 W. 58th St./9th Ave.
307-7420

Africa Explores: 20th Century African Art

Exhibit explores the continuing vitality of traditional art which coexists today with a modern art that is uniquely African.

The Center for African Art
Through December '91

54 E. 68th (Bet Mad. & Lex. Aves.) 861-1200, and

The New Museum for Contemporary Art
Through Aug. 18

The New Museum for Contemporary Art 583 Broadway/Houston St.
219-1222

Harlem Fashion Museum

Open House, free - June 20, 12:30pm to 8pm, By appointment only, adults \$1.50 children \$.50

Designers to the Stars, Costumes from the permanent collection,

including *Ann Low: In Memoriam*; TV, Films, Theatre
155 W. 120th St. Bet. Lenox & Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard 660-1320

Joan Logue: Video Portrait Gallery
Through July 28

Focuses on important women in history.

International Center of Photography 1130 Fifth Ave.
860-1777

- **Barbara Chase-Riboud**
All That Rises Must Converge, painting
 - **Horace Pippin**
Victorian Parlor I, painting
 - **Martin Puryear**
Tango, sculpture
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
Fifth Ave & 82nd St
535-7710

Robert Colescott
Emergency Room (1990)

presently on display.
Museum of Modern Art 11
W. 53rd St. 708-9400

- **The African Presence in the Americas**
Through December
- **Cooper Moore**
July 23, at 2pm
Mr. Moore will perform on his homemade music instruments the Ashimba, Didley-Bow, And horizontal-Hoe-handle-heart and demonstrate how to build and play a straw oboe and mouth harp.

Admission to program \$2 members, \$3 nonmembers

The museum has a fine multimedia show about The Big Apple that lasts for 23 minutes.

The Museum of the city of New York fifth Avenue and 103rd St. 534-1672

African-Americans In Space Science

Through December
Guided Tours by appointment only.

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
515 Lenox Ave./135th St.
491-2000

Memory and Metaphor Romare Bearden
Through August 11

- **Painting Workshop**
August 3 & 10, 2pm
- **Workshops for groups: Mono-Printing Workshop**
Through July
"One-of-a-kind" printing techniques
- **Block Printing Workshop**
August & September
Design with cardboard stamps, printing inks and colored paper.
Two part workshop using watercolors, acrylics and tempura. \$10 dollars per person. **Reservations required**

Studio Museum of Harlem
144 W. 125th St. 864-4500

American Life in American Art: Selections from the Permanent Collection
Through Nov 10

Jacob Lawrence
The War Series, 1946-1947

Whitney Museum of American Art 945 Madison Ave/75th St. 570-3600

Painted Forms: Metal Sculpture
Through December

Melvin Edwards, Asafokra (1990), 96x168x120

Whitney Museum at Philip Morris The Sculpture Court
120 Park Ave. S. 878-2550

• **Bronx** •

James Buxton, Painted Wood and Sculpture
Through October 31

Buxton's work involves such personally significant issues as religion and motherhood.

The Bronx Museum of Art Satellite Gallery at Hebrew Hospital for Chronic Sick 801 Co-Op City Boulevard
379-5020

The Nearest Edge of the World: Art and Cuba Now
Through August 4

This exhibition comprises of drawings, paintings, collages, installations, photography and sculpture by nine Cuban artists.

The Bronx Museum of Art
1040 Grand Concourse
681-6181

In The Marketplace
Through August 4

36 young emerging artists & paintings

Sculptures, photography, works on paper and installations.

The Bronx Museum of Art
165th Street/Grand
Concourse 681-6181

•Queens•

Langston Hughes
Community Library &
Cultural Center

The second largest collection of African-American history and culture in New York City—20,000 volumes of circulating and reference materials. The cultural center is a community museum and a place for cultural activities—film screenings, art exhibits, literature and poetry readings and musical concerts.

102-09 Northern Blvd
Corona-E. Elmhurst (718)
651-1100

•Staten Island•

Black photographers:
1840-1940

Through September 2

Gordon Parks, James Van der Zee, Austin Hansen, and the Goodridge Brothers—nomads who roved in the late 1800s hundreds through New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan shooting portraits.

Staten Island Institute of
Arts and Sciences 75
Stuyvesant Pl. (718)
727-1135

MEDIA

Television

From the Heart of Harlem
Jul 25, 8pm, Channel 7

Peter Jennings, ABC News, offers an affecting portrait of **Dance Theatre of Harlem**, its dancers and its founder **Arthur Mitchell**.

CRUISE

Music Boat

Lonnie Liston Smith
Jul 25

Seaport Line South Street
Seaport Pier 16 385-0791

FREE-FOR-ALL

• **Major Handy & Loup Garou**, Zydeco & Blues
Jul 24, 5-6pm

• **Al Rapone**, Zydeco & Blues
Jul 31, 5-6pm

Austin J. Tobin Plaza/
World Trade Center

Kimati Dinizulu & His Kotoko Society
Jul 24, 12:15-1:15pm

Continental Atrium (180
Maiden Lane)

Benaswin, Rock-Reggae
Jul 25, 12:30-1:30pm

Shearson Lehman Plaza 388
Greenwich/North Moore St.
in Tribeca

Open Talent Night
Jul 27

Musicians, Singers & Rappers

Harlem Branch Library 9 W.
124th St.

Midsummer Night Swing
Through July 27

Midsummer Night Swingers are moved to a different dance band from big band to salsa to swing—every Wed. thru Sat.

Picturesque Fountain Plaza becomes an outdoor dance club, complete with dance band and refreshments. Swing, Tango or Foxtrot the night away. (\$6)

• **The Duke's Men**, *Swing*
Jul 24, 8:15

• **Bruce Daigrepoint**, *Cajun*
Jul 25, 8:15pm

• **The Jim Cullum Jazz Band**, *Swing*
Jul 26, 8:15pm

• **Frank West Orchestra**, *Swing*
Jul 27, 8:15pm

Lincoln Center Fountain
Plaza Broadway / 65th St.
877-2011

• **Bernie Worrell**, *keyboardist*

(Founding member of
Parliament Funkadelic)
Jul 27, 3pm

• **Mario Bauza & Libre**
Jul 28, 3pm

• **Bizet's Carmen**
Jul 31, 7:30pm

Rumsey Field in Central
Park, 72nd St./5th Ave. Mid
park

Classic and Cool on the Hudson

• **The Spinners**
Jul 24, 7:30-9:30pm

• **Kay Starr & the Woody Herman Orchestra**
Jul 31, 7:30-9:30pm

The waterfront plaza will be transformed into a naturally starlit ballroom.

World Financial Center
(Vesey St.) 945-0505

Women in Jazz

• **Diedre Murray**
Jul 24, 12:15-1:15pm

• **Myra Melford**
Jul 25, 12:15-1:15pm

• **Melene Bey**
Jul 26, 12:15-1:15pm

• **Kit Mo Clure Big Band**
Jul 30, 12:15-1:15pm

• **Valerie Naranjo**
Jul 31, 12:15-1:15pm

1 Chase Plaza (Nassau &
Liberty Sts)

•Brooklyn•

Prospect Park

• **Kairaba West African Dance Company**
Jul 28, 3pm

• **Saturday events** are in the concert Grove Pavilion, near Wollman Rink at Lincoln Road entrance.

• **Sunday events** are at the Picnic House, 3rd St./Prospect Park West entrance, walk to right

• **Choir Ecclesia Bridge Club Choir**
The Black Rock Jubilee Gospel Choir
Jul 26, 8pm

Prospect Park Bandshell 9th
& Prospect Park W.

YOUTH

• *Film*

Class Clown
July 1-28 - *Tickets available 10am day of performance*
Groups must make reservations

Story about a 7th grader who has a secret—he can't read.

Promenade Theatre 2162
Broadway / 76th St. 420-8202