

# National Television Debut

## Set for Peoria Entertainer

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Peorian Richard Pryor will make his national television debut Wednesday at 9 p.m. on WMBD-TV in the show "On Broadway Tonight."

The show, enceed by Rudy Vallee, brings top talent before a national television audience. Participants normally are chosen from night clubs or the coffee house circuit.

Pryor, 23, was influenced by Juliette Whittaker of Carver Center to move into every and any stage he could find.

After a two-year hitch in the Army, he got his first job in New York at the Cafe Wha?, where he spent a year. He then moved uptown where he appeared at The Living Room with Denice Darcel. He also worked with Gloria Lynn at the Uptown Theatre in Philadelphia, the Bitter End, the Cafe Au Go Go and the Champagne Galery in New York.

He is a comic, singer, dancer, impressionist and pantomimist.

He was born in Peoria shortly after his father, LeRoy, retired as a singer on the vaudeville circuit.



**RICHARD PRYOR**