

A JUMPING JUBILEE: It was an eclectic event this week when the Alliance Theatre's "Jubilee" enjoyed its first presentation in a reading complete with noted local composer **Dwight Andrews'** music, sound effects and a chorus line that did every-



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Writes musical

thing from minstrel numbers to tap. Commissioned by the Alliance and on hand for the reading, **Regina Taylor**, star of the TV series "I'll Fly Away," wrote the musical comedy-drama in homage to Tennessee's Fisk University Jubilee singers. "Before the Fisk singers," Taylor says, "spirituals had mainly been kept within the black community. [The Fisk singers] traveled the world, saw the president and sang for Queen Victoria. It's an exciting story of the courage and talent of these young people." **Kenny Leon**, the Alliance's artistic director, says, "I like Regina because she doesn't write linear. It's all over the place and opens our mind to explore things in different ways." When "Jubilee" opens next year, Leon promises effects, such as "Aunt Jemima flying through the air."