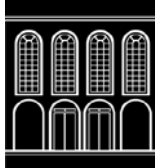




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**MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO AND TARGET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS, TOURISM & SPECIAL EVENTS,
THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, THE BOSTON
YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS AND BOSTON CARES COME
TOGETHER TO PRESENT A DAY OF SERVICE AND CELEBRATION IN
HONOR OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events, the Museum of African American History and the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) will present a free tribute concert in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 17, 2011, at 1:00pm at Faneuil Hall. The program will feature a moving selection of classical music, spirituals and freedom songs performed by the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' Intensive Community Program, conducted by Marta Zurad.

"The City of Boston is proud to be part of this Day of Service and Celebration in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King's message of justice and peace is just as relevant today as it was during the Civil Rights Movement. What better way to honor this iconic civil rights leader, then by uniting communities through music, spoken word, history and volunteer service opportunities. I invite all Bostonians to join us in this celebration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

– Mayor Thomas M. Menino

Renowned poet, writer, activist, and educator Nikki Giovanni will deliver the keynote speech. Nikki Giovanni is one of America's most well known poets. Her first poetry volume, Black Feeling, Black Talk, was published in 1967 and she has continued to write and publish work for over forty years. Giovanni was born and raised in Ohio, received her bachelors degree from Fisk University and studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. She is a prominent Professor of English at Virginia Tech, where she has been teaching since 1987. In addition, a distinguished roster of leaders will read from some of Dr. King's most memorable writings and speeches. This roster includes Rena Clark, Partner at GenNx360 Capital Partners; Phillip Clay the Chancellor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); and The Honorable Roderick Ireland, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

In keeping with the spirit of Dr. King's legacy, the City of Boston and Boston Cares are organizing a service event at the Curley School in Jamaica Plain on Monday, January 17, 2011. Hundreds of volunteers will be given the opportunity to choose from various service projects. These projects include creating quilts for the organization Room to Grow, fleece scarves and dental care kits for homeless shelters, flash cards and bookmarks for students at the Curley School, and Valentine's Day cards for seniors. There will be two volunteer sessions; the first session will be from 10:00-12:30 pm and the second will be from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Registration will be available through the Boston Cares website, www.bostoncares.org and the City of Boston calendar section, www.cityofboston.gov/calendar. This is a family friendly event.

Music, spoken word, history and a day of service create an exquisite memorial to one of the world's most beloved freedom fighters.

About Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

The Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), now in its 53rd season, has served thousands of young musicians from throughout New England. Throughout the years BYSO has evolved from a single orchestra to one of Boston's most prestigious arts organizations, with a programmatic scope that includes three full symphonic orchestras, a string training orchestra, a preparatory wind ensemble, four chamber orchestras, a chamber music program, and a nationally recognized string training program for underrepresented youth from inner-city communities. In residence since its inception at Boston University, BYSO currently serves 450 students, ages 6 to 18, from more than 140 communities from around New England. Widely regarded as one of the country's finest youth orchestra programs, BYSO is recognized nationally as a model music and arts education organization. For more information visit www.bysoweb.org

The Intensive Community Program (ICP), conducted by Marta Zurad and directed by Nicole Cariglia, is a rigorous string instrument training program within the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) that brings quality classical music instruction to students of underrepresented communities by providing subsidized lessons, instruments, and need-based tuition. After two to three years of rigorous study, ICP students are typically prepared to audition into one of the BYSO's orchestras and are eventually expected to progress into the Boston Youth Symphony, the BYSO's premier ensemble. At BYSO, we believe that the elements of music can be learned and enjoyed by anyone, and this program was developed to provide an energetic, hands-on introduction to many musical instruments. Once accepted into the program, all students will have the opportunity to experience the fun of making music together. Through discipline and creativity, individuality and teamwork, students will accomplish personal and group goals. The results are young people who develop high aspirations and love to work hard towards excellence

About Museum of African American History

The Museum of African American History is New England's largest African American history museum dedicated to preserving, conserving and accurately interpreting the contributions of African Americans. Through exhibits and programs at its four historic sites in Boston and Nantucket, the Museum highlights the powerful story of community leaders, activists, and ordinary citizens who helped to shape this nation's history from the Colonial Period through the 19th century. The Museum's collections include paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints, manuscripts, antique and contemporary journals, documents, books, and material culture. For more information or to schedule a Black Heritage Trail® tour, visit our website www.maah.org or call 617-725-0022 x 223 (Boston) or 508-228-9833 (Nantucket).

About Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events and Faneuil Hall

The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events fosters the growth of the cultural community; promotes public participation in the arts and public celebrations; and advances cultural tourism in Boston. Visit our website at www.cityofboston.gov/arts.

About Boston Cares

Boston Cares organizes and leads team oriented volunteer opportunities throughout Greater Boston that have a positive impact on individuals and communities.

"A Day of Service and Celebration in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." is presented by TARGET and co-sponsored by Metro Boston. Events are free and open to the general public. For further information visit, www.cityofboston.gov/arts or call 617-635-3911.

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