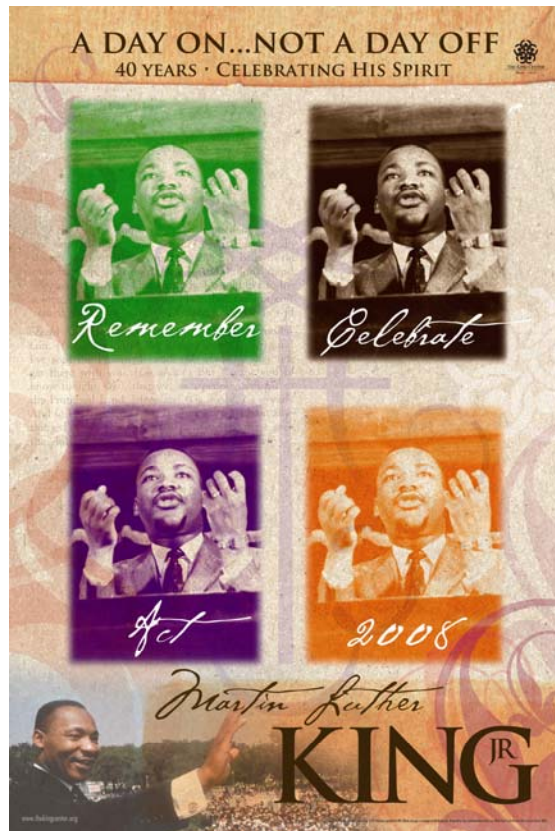




THE KING CENTER



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Sponsored by the King Center
January 17-21, 2008

The 2008 King Holiday Observance will mark the 78th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the thirty-ninth Annual King Center Program and the twenty-first anniversary of the National Holiday in Dr. King's honor. It is celebrated in some form in more than 100 countries around the world.

THEME: Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off

The theme reiterates the importance of remembering Dr. King's work and legacy, celebrating his birthday as a national holiday and acting on his teachings and principles of nonviolence and human rights. It also serves as a reminder that the holiday is a day on for community service initiatives and programs promoting interracial cooperation, not just a day off from work or school.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

"A KING CELEBRATION" WITH THE ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thursday, January 17, 2008, 8:00 P.M.

The Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel on the Campus of Morehouse College.

Presented in partnership with The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non Violent Social Change, American Public Media, Morehouse College, Spelman College and Target.

The 16th anniversary of *A King Celebration*, is the annual musical tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorating the life and work of the celebrated civil rights leader. The program features Andrew Young providing narration on the work *Lincoln Portrait* by Copland, along with spirituals featuring the Glee Clubs from Morehouse and Spelman Colleges.

Tickets, for the January 17th performance, are priced at \$25 or **buy one get one free, thanks to Target** and are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office located at 15th and Peachtree – in advance and until 3:00 p.m. the day of the concert. They can also be charged to major credit cards by calling 404-733-5000 or by visiting the ASO website at www.atlantasymphony.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel on the campus of Morehouse College starting at 6:30 p.m. the day of the concert. All seats are general admission. Student tickets, priced at \$10 or **buy one get one free, thanks to Target**, are also available for purchase in person at the Woodruff Arts Center. A valid Student ID is required for purchase.

STATE OF GEORGIA MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION PROGRAM

Friday, January 18, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - Open to the Public

The State Capitol, North Wing, Atlanta, GA – Special Guest include: Ms. Xernona Clayton, Mr. Darryl R. Matthews, Sr. and Pastor Maurice Watson. A reception will follow the program in the South Wing of the Capitol. For more information contact: The Georgia Martin Luther King, Jr., King Holiday Commission at 404-463-7780

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SERVICE SUMMIT

“Chaos or Community: Nonviolent Social Change 40 years later”

Wednesday - Monday, January 16-21, 2008

Race – January 16, 2008; *Citizen Cinema* – January 16-20, 2008; *Literary Series* – January 17-20, 2008; *Faith and Social Change* – January 17-20, 2008; *Poverty* – January 19, 2008; *Conversation Café* – January 17 & January 19, 2008; *Community Leadership Institute* – January 17–19, 2008; *Youth Summit* - January 18, 2008; *Service Projects in Metro-Atlanta* – January 21, 2008 - Atlanta, GA

The MLK, Jr. Service Summit, co-sponsored with Hands On Atlanta, is a conference exploring the ways ordinary citizens can make a difference in the world. The three-day conference concludes on Monday, January 21st with diverse community service projects throughout Atlanta in honor of Dr. King. For more information contact: Hands On Atlanta at (404) 979-2800

THE ANNUAL “SALUTE TO GREATNESS” AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, January 19, 2008 - Reception 5:30 P.M. - Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Hyatt Regency, 265 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, GA.

Tables: \$5,000 & \$2,500; Tickets \$200

The Annual Salute to Greatness Awards Dinner is The King Center’s primary fundraising initiative. One of the Center’s highest honors, the Salute to Greatness Award is presented at the Dinner to recognize national and/or international individuals and corporations that exemplify excellence in their leadership and have demonstrated a commitment to social responsibility in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Honorees: Individual – TBD and Corporate - Delta Airlines

Dinner Chair: MR. JESSE HILL, JR., Chairman & CEO (ret.), Atlanta Life Insurance Company

Dinner Co-Chair: AMBASSADOR ANDREW J. YOUNG, Chairman, GoodWorks International

For Ticket and General Information Contact: External Affairs & Programs at (404) 526-8911

BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, January 20, 2008 3:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m.

Book Signing with Mrs. Christine King Farris & TBD-*The King Center Auditorium-One Freedom Plaza, 449 Auburn Avenue, NE Atlanta, GA*

Available for purchase will be tapes in Dr. King’s voice, copies of his speeches, and books including, “A Call To Conscience” which is a collection of Dr. King’s historic speeches, a book of Dr. King’s Sermons entitled “A Knock At Midnight”, and “The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr. edited by Dr. Clayborne Carson, as well as the King Papers Project (Volume I-IV), edited by Dr. Clayborne Carson. For More Information Contact: Communications at (404) 526-8944

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Monday, January 21, 2008 - 10:00 A.M.

Ebenezer Baptist Church – Horizon Sanctuary, 407 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA

The Commemorative Service is the spiritual hallmark of the King Holiday Observance, and features tributes to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from national and international leaders. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Vashti McKenzie

For More Information Contact: Barbara Harrison at (404) 526-8911

The Commemorative Service is open to the public. Limited seating is available in Ebenezer Baptist Church, Historic Horizon Sanctuary. Overflow seating in the Horizon Sanctuary, Ebenezer Baptist Church. *FOX5 WAGA-TV will broadcast the service.*

King Holiday Observance Commemorative Items Available

Bookstore and Resource Center
The King Center, Freedom Hall Complex
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E
Atlanta, GA 30312
Ph: 404-526-8923

&

National Park Service Visitors Center Lobby
Atlanta, GA – 404-331-5190

Hours 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Our **WEBSITE** is the primary source of information regarding the King Holiday Observance and related materials. Please visit www.thekingcenter.org for further information. A **KING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE LINE** is available with recorded information about the events listed. **Call (404) 526-8912**

For additional information about the King Holiday Observance; to order posters, t-shirts, and commemorative items from our gift-shop; or participate in Observance activities contact us at:

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