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IHOBF-SAN DIEGO PRESENTS ITS FIRST ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PROGRAM: AN ARTISTIC CELEBRATION OF DR. KING'S LIFE & LEGACY

SAN DIEGO, LA (DEC. 19, 2006) On January 15, 2007, the International House of Blues Foundation-San Diego (IHOBF-San Diego) will present its first annual program celebrating the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The *2007 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program: An Artistic Celebration of Dr. King's Life & Legacy* will bring the community together to honor Dr. King's legacy and to provide a forum for storytellers, poets and dancers to present works that bring to life Dr. King's ideas and commitment to social justice. This event is free of charge and open to all San Diego community members and organizations.

Taking place from 10am-11:30am at the House of Blues-San Diego (1055 5th Avenue, located between C St. & Broadway), the program will feature several artistic performances in connection with the ideas and work of Dr. King. Dr. Annjennette McFarlin and Ms. Linda Brown of the Black Storytellers of San Diego, Inc. will present on the life of Dr. King, from his childhood to his emergence as a civil rights leader. The transcENDANCE Youth Arts Project will offer a dynamic dance presentation that expresses socially conscious themes and includes hip-hop, African and modern forms. Finally, poets Ant Black, Kendrick Dial and Rudy Francisco from Collective Purpose, a local group of nationally recognized poets/spoken word artists, will perform poetry/spoken word on the topics of social justice and humanity.

This program is currently open for any individuals or organizations who wish to attend. To RSVP for the program, please contact IHOBF-San Diego via email (ihobfsandiego@hob.com) or telephone (619-525-1982) by January 8, 2007.

The International House of Blues Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the arts to schools and communities through programs that promote cultural understanding and encourage creative expression. IHOBF programs teach about aspects of American culture and history through the arts, highlight African American cultural contributions and support youth participation in the arts. IHOBF-San Diego is one of nine IHOBF locations nationwide. The IHOBF is supported by the House of Blues, House of Blues Foundation Room members and other public and private donors. For more information visit www.ihobf.org

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