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District of Columbia Presents a Celebration of Black History Month

Program honors the past and the present in the District

(Washington) - The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Mayor's Offices on African Affairs, African American Affairs and Latino Affairs will present a Celebration of Black History Month on Thursday, February 16 at the Historic Lincoln Theatre.

The evening begins at 6:30 PM with "The District's African Diaspora: Communities in Conversation." This panel discussion, presented by the Mayor's Office on African Affairs, Office on African American Affairs and Office on Latino Affairs will feature scholars and community leaders discussing historical, cultural, and contemporary ties between African, African-American and Afro-Latino communities.

"I am tremendously excited about this year's Black History Month celebration and the opportunity to commemorate the shared and inter-connected history of the African-American, African, and Afro-Latino communities" said Mamadou Samba, Director of the Mayor's Office on African Affairs.

Following the panel discussion, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities will present a theatrical adaptation of "The Women of Plums," based on the book by DC Poet Laureate Dolores Kendrick. The production explores the lives of slave women through poetry, music and dance.

"This event honors African American, African and Afro-Latino history, arts and culture as we celebrate Black History Month in the District," said Arthur Espinoza, Jr., Executive Director of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. "We are proud to be able to work with our fellow DC government agencies to present this program."

Admission is free. For more information, visit dcarts.dc.gov or call 202-724-5613.

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About the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities provides grants, professional opportunities, education enrichment, and other programs and services to individuals and nonprofit organizations in all communities within the District of Columbia. The Arts Commission is supported primarily by District government funds and in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.



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