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2008 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL HOLIDAY UPDATE

HONOLULU: JANUARY 2, 2008 -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition-Hawai`i reminds the community that time grows short should you want your organization represented as a group in the Monday, January 21, 2008, parade or to be a vendor at the post-parade celebration in Kapiolani Park. The parade application is online at www.mlk-hawaii.com/paradeltr.htm and the vendor's application for the rally is at www.mlk-hawaii.com/vendorltr.htm. Completed applications may be Faxed to Parade Chair Bill Rushing at @ 988-1777 (Oahu) or email to rushingst@juno.com. Phone Bill with questions at 741-4038.

Celebrating our 20th year since Hawai`i legally established the holiday, our MLK Day parade is truly "the people's parade." We have no staff, only a small group of volunteers working with little budget, and so our success is due to the combined volunteer support of our local community and its rainbow of organizations.

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF 2008 CELEBRATION EVENTS

Tuesday, January 15, 2008; 7:00 pm -- Experience the Royal Hawaiian Band in concert at Kahala Mall performing a birthday tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 45-minute concert will feature the brilliant music of William Grant Still, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, and selected music from America's Civil Rights Movement. The Royal Hawaiian Band, under the direction of acclaimed Bandmaster Michael Nakasone was founded in 1836 by order of King Kamehemeha III and is one of the last living links to Hawaii's monarchy. The Band is an agency of the City & County of Honolulu and is the only full-time municipal band in the United States. This concert is partially sponsored by the Honolulu Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. Read complete press release on concert at www.mlk-hawaii.com

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Saturday, January 19, 2008; 6:30 pm -- Saturday, January 19, 2008; 6:30 pm -- One performance of *Black Boy*, the acclaimed adaptation of Richard Wright's landmark 1945 autobiography performed by Charles Holt and directed by Wynn Handman. This poignant coming-of-age story traces the many boyhood struggles of one of the most important African-American writers of the 20th century. Holt is a veteran of the New York production of *The Lion King* and *Law & Order*. This performance will be in the UH Manoa Campus Center Ballroom and there is no charge (except a \$3 fee if parking on campus). The one man show is appropriate for a general audience and is presented by the UH Manoa Office of Multicultural Student Services. For more information, contact 956-7348.

Sunday, January 20; 5:30 PM FREE special Martin Luther King Day Screening of *From Shtetl to Swing* at Temple Emanu-El, 2550 Pali Highway with entertainment by Tennyson Stephens. The 52-minute video begins at 7 PM. Fleeing persecution in Russia and Eastern Europe between 1880 and 1924, more than 2.5 million Jews left their small towns, or shtetls, behind and embarked for a new land--America. Kids from New York City's Lower East Side -- Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Sophie Tucker, Molly Picon, Eddie Cantor, Fanny Brice, The Marx Brothers, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, and many others -- grew up to capitalize on a vast heritage of Yiddish music and culture, taking 20th-century American entertainment on a musical joyride. Hosted by actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein, this film tells the story of the cross-pollination of Jewish and African-American musical influences, two traditions born out of exile and longing, yet charged with an energy and freedom that gave voice to a new multicultural America.

Sunday, January 20th, 2008; 7:00 pm -- The Annual Candlelight Nagasaki Peace Bell Ringing Ceremony on the Civic Center grounds of Honolulu Hale; Lauhala and Beretania Streets.

Monday, January 21, 2008; 9:00 am -- THE 20th ANNUAL PARADE will begin to move down Kalakaua Avenue with a post-parade Unity Rally at Kapiolani Park (approximately 10 am) with food, community booths, and other vendors. Our parade begins at Magic Island with the formation of organizations @ 7:30 a.m. The parade travels thru Waikiki to Kapiolani Park and the Unity Celebration, with its food, community booths and camaraderie. An estimated 4000 people attended the 2007 post-parade rally and celebration.

Your contributions to support our events may be mailed to:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON LINE AT:
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