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Indianapolis Museum of Art

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IMA to celebrate life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with activities for all ages

Screening of *The Rosa Parks Story* in The Toby among highlights of the day

INDIANAPOLIS, December 21, 2009—The Indianapolis Museum of Art will host a day full of free programs and activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day's events and activities include:

- **Art-making activities for all ages.** Visitors can draw, collage or write memories of important moments in the lives of their families, their community, their country and the world to share with others. Afterwards, they can post their remembrances along the IMA's "legacy timeline" to honor life's memorable moments. Relating to the IMA exhibition *Smuggling Daydreams Into Reality*, visitors also will be able to design their own wearable buttons to display their dreams for all to see.
- **Museum gallery tours and activities.** Tours will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will continue every half hour until 4 p.m. Selected tours will be ASL interpreted. Visitors can also pick up a copy of the gallery art game "Look What's Waiting for You" at the information desk on Gallery Level 1 as a fun-filled way to explore the IMA galleries.
- **Performances by The Asante Children's Theatre Kwanzaa Community Choir.** Visitors can enjoy a free performance by this dynamic group of inter-generational singers presenting an eclectic mix of gospel, contemporary and classic melodies. Performances will begin at noon and 1 p.m. in The Toby. ASL interpreted.
- **Exhibition closing: *Smuggling Daydreams into Reality*.** At 3:30 p.m. in The Toby, visitors can see films made by local high school students from the exhibition *Smuggling Daydreams into Reality* for the last time before it closes, and hear from the Museum Apprentice filmmakers as they reflect with their mentor, filmmaker Julie Dash, about the experience.
- **A screening of *The Rosa Parks Story* in The Toby.** Directed by nationally acclaimed filmmaker Julie Dash, *The Rosa Parks Story* (dir. Julie Dash, 2002, 97 min.) stars Angela Bassett as the woman whose refusal to accept segregation in 1955 touched off the Civil Rights movement. Before the film, visitors can hear remarks by Ms. Dash. ASL interpreted.
- **Food and shopping.** Visitors can grab a coffee or a bite to eat in Nourish Café, located on the ground floor, and shop the semi-annual clearance sale at the Museum Store and Design Center for books, games, unique items for the home and more, or visit the IMA Greenhouse to browse a variety of garden-related items and shop the post-holiday markdowns.

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 18, 2010
Galleries open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free performances by The Asante Children's Theatre Kwanzaa Community Choir at noon and 1 p.m. in The Toby. Free film *The Rosa Parks Story* at 4 p.m. in The Toby.

WHERE: Indianapolis Museum of Art
4000 Michigan Road

Additional parking is available at Light of the World Christian Church, 4646 Michigan Rd. Free shuttle dropoff and pickup is available throughout the day until 6:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 317-923-1331 or visit www.imamuseum.org.

For a Community Calendar of MLK Day programs across the city, visit www.indydt.com.

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