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

*Day will focus on honoring courage through creative expression,
featuring films, art-making and a conversation with artists*

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, January 4, 2011— The Indianapolis Museum of Art will host a day of free programs and activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy on Monday, January 17, from noon 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 courageous moments in the lives of their families, their community, their country and the world to share with others. Afterwards, they can add their tributes to a display honoring courage. The daylong activity will be in Pulliam Great Hall.
- **Museum gallery tours and activities.** Tours will begin at noon and will continue every half hour until 4 p.m. Selected tours will be ASL interpreted. Visitors can also pick up a copy of a gallery art game that examines how artists have expressed courage at the information desk on the second floor as a fun way to explore the IMA galleries.
- **Conversation with artists: Courage to Pursue the Arts.** At 4 p.m. in The Toby, visitors can hear poet Mari Evans and jazz composer and musician David Baker discuss their experiences that led them to the arts and the courage it took to pursue their interests.
- **A screening of *Mr. Dial Has Something to Say* and *Jacob Lawrence: An Intimate Portrait* in DeBoest Lecture Hall.** In anticipation of upcoming exhibition *Hard Truths: The Art of Thornton Dial*, the IMA will screen a film looking at the artist's work. *Jacob Lawrence: An Intimate Portrait* traces the career of the well-known African American artist. The two films will play back-to-back all day.
- **Free admission to *Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection*.** With more than 200 pins from the unique collection of the former Secretary of State, this exhibition includes pins of every description, many with fascinating stories attached. Some of the pieces are associated with important world events, others were gifts from international leaders or valued friends. In the gallery, stories and photographs accompany many of the pins. *Read My Pins* is organized by the Museum of Arts and Design in New York and will be on display until January 30.
- **Food and shopping.** Visitors can grab 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. The IMA Greenhouse also will be open offering a variety of garden-related items and post-holiday markdowns.

WHEN: Monday, January 17
Galleries open noon to 5 p.m. Free events and activities throughout the Museum.

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.

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

About the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Encompassing 152 acres of gardens and grounds, the Indianapolis Museum of Art is among the 10 largest encyclopedic art museums in the United States, and features significant collections of African, American, Asian, European and contemporary art, as well as a newly established collection of design arts. The IMA offers visitors an expansive view of arts and culture through its collection of more than 54,000 works of art that span 5,000 years of history from across the world's continents. The collections include paintings, sculpture, furniture and design objects, prints, drawings and photographs, as well as textiles and costumes.

Additionally, art, design, and nature are featured at 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park and Oldfields–Lilly House & Gardens, an historic Country Place Era estate on the IMA grounds. Beyond the Indianapolis campus, in May 2011 the IMA will open to the public the recently acquired landmark Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Indiana. One of the country's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist residences, the Miller House was designed by Eero Saarinen, with interiors by Alexander Girard, and landscape design by Daniel Urban Kiley.

Recognizing the IMA's positive impact on its community, the Museum was named a recipient of the 2009 National Medal for Museum and Library Services – the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries. The IMA's commitment to free general admission, programming for schools and teachers, environmental leadership and online initiatives were among cited community contributions in the Museum's selection for the award.

Located at 4000 Michigan Road, the IMA and Lilly House are open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The IMA is closed Mondays and Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days. For more information, call 317-923-1331 or visit www.imamuseum.org.

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