“Where Do We Go from Here...” as People, as Family, as Community?
A Tribute to the Life & Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 15, 2018 - 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Highland Center, 7600 NE Glisan St., Portland, Oregon 97213

World Arts Foundation, Inc. presents its 33rd consecutive Tribute to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. undoubtedly one of the great American heroes and world citizens. The 2018 tribute will include speakers, arts and musical tributes to local artists whose contributions have put Portland on the map and will last a lifetime.

Portland's annual "Keep Alive the Dream" is recognized regionally and nationally as one of the largest community-based celebrations in the U.S. World Arts Foundation, Inc. humbly offers to give voice to the heritage of ordinary citizens’ struggle for peace, social justice, civil rights, and human dignity.

The entire program will honor Martin Luther King, Jr. by showcasing a variety of outstanding expressions in song, oration, dance and drumming. Program format will include digital media, high definition tape-delayed broadcast, and live artistic presentations commemorating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program participation will include an array of community speakers from various civic and social community organizations.

Invited guests will include a variety of talented local and regional performances by: Bravo, The American Music Program, Senator Lew Frederick, Alonzo Chadwick, Eldon Jones, KairosPDX, Portland Inter-Faith Choir Ensemble, Kukatonon, The Legendary Beyons, Jack & Jill of America, Inc., as well as local student groups and choirs from Portland Public Schools including the nationally acclaimed Jefferson Dancers.

Lifetime Achievement Awards is a program centerpiece, which recognizes the contribution of individuals and organizations for exemplary community service. They have distinguished themselves, and have “gone the extra mile” to give the greater Portland metropolitan community a higher quality of life. Our 2018 recipients include: Rev. W.J Mark Knutson, Dr. Keith Dempsey, Dr. Virginia Phillips, Sheila Washington-Warren, Marshall Haskins, Maria Cabello-Rubio, Dr. Kenya Marquez, Doug Strong, Bobby Fouther, Karen Hanson, Pat Nida, Dr. Terry Johnson, Thara John Memory Posthumously) and Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams (Posthumously).

Victory Village and Bazaar compliments the full day of voices, music, and purpose with a full range of arts, crafts, services, educational materials, food, photographs, films, and a cultural-rich network of arts and education advocates.

"Keep Alive the Dream" will be live video streamed on YouTube and Facebook, aired live through Open Signal formally Portland Community Media; KBOO-FM Radio (90.7 FM); Youtube; Facebook and Worldartspdx.com.


$5.00 donations or five units of non-perishable foods will be collected at the door and given to local food banks.

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