



- **Staples Center Offers Free Parking for Watts Towers Events**

Neighborhood children liked the literature South Bay Sector volunteers gave them at the Watts Towers Jazz Festival. Photo by Rich Morallo.

(Sept. 13, 2001) The Staples Center is offering free parking at Lot 5 for rail patrons who would like to take the Metro Blue Line to attend a lighting ceremony marking the grand opening, Friday, Sept. 28, of the Watts Towers. Lot 5 is only a short walk from the Pico station.

Metro Blue Line passengers can disembark at the 103rd Street station, a 17-minute trip, and walk south two blocks to Watts Towers, a historical monument consisting of nine major sculptures.

Located at 1727 East 107th Street, the Towers have been closed since the Northridge Earthquake in 1994.

The grand opening event, 7:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m., will feature entertainment, a community cake-cutting and addresses by dignitaries. Parking at Staples Center will be available from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Two other events, the Day of the Drum Festival and Watts Towers Jazz Festival are scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30. Free parking will be available in Lot 5 only on Sept. 30.

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