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Black History Month Begins With Presentation on Messages in Music

By NED RACINE

(Feb. 11, 2007) Black History Month 2007 offers nourishment for the body and soul with events ranging from an examination of the messages in hip-hop music to a concluding performance of the Metro Choir.

Events begin with tomorrow's multimedia presentation by Damien Schnyder on the critiques of American society found in hip-hop music. Metro's African American Employees Association sponsors Black History Month programs.

Schnyder, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, will employ slides and video to illustrate his "The Message in the Music" presentation. Schnyder will present his talk from noon to 1 p.m. in the Gateway Building's 3rd Floor Board Overflow Conference Room.

Next Thursday, Feb. 15, speaker Wanda Moore will offer an examination of former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley with "The Untold Legacy of Tom Bradley." Moore, who served as executive assistant to the five-term mayor, offers her personal perspective from noon to 1 p.m. in the Gateway Building's 3rd Floor Union Station Conference Room.

The following Thursday, Feb. 22, a soul food buffet luncheon in the 4th Floor Wilshire Conference Room will feature baked or fried chicken, collard greens, several salads, and peach cobbler. Tickets for the luncheon, to be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are \$10.

Tickets are available

Tickets can be purchased from Bonnie Bradford, 922-4634; Susan Dove, 922-7451; Keith Hanson, 922-4727; or Dietra Thompson, text at 323-707-1698. A very limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.

Following the luncheon; Pat Lane-Goodson, senior contract administrator, will join tour guide Julien Dothard in discussing their recent journey to Kenya and Tanganyika. "Journey to Africa" takes place from noon to 1:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Westside Conference Room.

While on safari to meet wildlife and indigenous people, Land-Goodson was moved by how animals and people live side-by-side in peace. "Now I understand why people say 'Once you go to Africa, you'll always come back.' "

Land-Goodson and Dothard will display carvings, jewelry, and paintings gathered during their journey through East Africa.

Black History Month concludes with a performance of the Metro Choir, Feb. 28, on the Plaza level of the Gateway Building. Featuring the Rev. Eric P. Lee, executive director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles, the event will include drummers, guest soloists and a military tribute.

For more information about Black History Month events, contact Susan Dove at 922-7451 or Keith Hanson at 922-4727.