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Metro’s Own MJ Fan Invites Others to 2010 ‘Thriller’ Performance

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(April 20, 2010) Metro Accident Investigator Specialist Chere Craig says she’s been a Michael Jackson fan since she was 3.

"I love all of his songs and I actually dressed up like MJ at my Senior After Prom," says Craig.



Chere Craig leads practice sessions at Gateway building. Rehearsals begin May 7.

So taken by the artist, Craig says she’s collected a busload of Jackson’s albums, cassettes, CDs and videos dating back to 1971. Craig even met her icon in 1983 during a visit to Disneyland.

To pay tribute to Jackson, who died last year, Craig plans to join thousands of other fans who plan to step through Jackson’s world-famous ‘Thriller’ song.

Aptly dubbed ‘Thrill the World,’ the world-wide phenomenon began four years ago and asks participants to perform simultaneously through the song that became a cult-video favorite.

"It is so beautiful to see people of all ages and backgrounds coming together to dance to MJ’s song," Craig says.

Last year, she recalled, "There were about 50,000 people dancing and celebrating around the world with about 6,000 of us right here at LA Live."

The goal this year "is to have 15,000 people grind and step to the beat of Thriller," Craig said, inviting Metro staff and their families and friends to join her on Saturday, October 23.

Practice sessions for the five-minute dance can be set up to teach newcomers and to reunite with Thriller "veterans."

Craig believes practicing and getting ready for the big dance in October is a great way to get fit.

"It's almost like aerobics and you can lose weight," she said. "I will continue to do this every year for many years to come."