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P R E S S R E L E A S E

22nd ANNUAL BLACK HERITAGE AWARDS & YOUTH EXPO

The Black Heritage Awards Celebration will be held Sunday, December 11 at the DuSable Museum of African American History. Reception begins at 5 p.m.

The Black Heritage Awards is a celebration of achievement honoring National and International Black Leaders whose work and contributions perpetrate the dignity and depth of Black Heritage. We also recognize Trailblazers who exemplify the strength, leadership, and the Spirit of the Eagle.

Black Heritage Recipients selected are Legendary South African Former President, Nelson Mandela who will be represented by the Consulate General of South Africa to Chicago, Ambassador Numvume Magaqa, Consul General of Jamaica, Lloyd Hyde, Cook County President, Toni Preckwinkle, Dr. Carol Adams, Judge Shelvin Louise Hall, Senator Mattie Hunter, Rev. Marvin E. Wiley, Rev. George Henderson, Dr. Louverta Hurt, Rev. Helen Cooper, NAJWA 1, Black History writer Omarr Lee who will receive his award in Washington and Bishop T. D. Jakes who will receive his award February 12 in Dallas Texas.

Honorary Chairpersons include Congressman Danny K. Davis, Consul General of Liberia, Alexander Gbayee, Consul General of South Africa Nomvume Magaqa, Justice William Cousins, Rev. Willie Barrow, Ephraim Martin, Historian Art Burton and Marshall Thompson of Chicago Chi-Lites

Special Dance Performance by NAJWA Dance Corp.

Entertainment by "IMAGES" Dramatic presentations Past & Present.

General Discount Donation \$75.00 - VIP Donation \$100.00

The Black Heritage Youth Expo kicks off the Week-end Celebration on Saturday, December 10th at 1 p. m. The event will be hosted by The West Side Center for Truth, 3745 West Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL, Youth will be recognized for Special achievements.

Special Youth Directors and Mentors will be recognized for their work The Youth Expo is free for Youth. Donation is \$10.00 for adults. Registration is required for Youth Groups.