



1601 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60614-6038

312.642.4600
www.chicagohistory.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:
Lauren R. Dolan
312-799-2161

MUSEUM HOSTS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances celebrating Dr. King's message of peace and justice.

CHICAGO (January 3, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum recognizes and celebrates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission to the Museum along with the activities and performances this day are free of charge.

On the second floor, from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. and 12 noon- 12:30 p.m. Cameron Drake and LaRoyce Hawks will recreate a dialog between Malcolm X and Dr. King voicing their different perspectives on civil rights struggles and racial justice. These young actors performed this piece while attending Thorton Fractional High School in Chicago, formed a theater company, and currently attend Stanford and Illinois State Universities.

In the Chicago Room, *"Let Freedom Ring" Songs and Letters of Freedom* will be performed by a local bluegrass band, Tangleweed, with special guest Kevin Burrows. This includes a narrated piece about the life of abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy from 11a.m. to 12 noon.

From 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Rubloff Auditorium, the Joel Hall Dance Company, originally formed in 1956 to promote racial diversity in the arts, will perform selections from their repertoire narrated by the artistic director and founder, Joel Hall.

For additional information on the festivities, please call 312.642.4600 or visit online at www.chicagohistory.org.

###

The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 Seniors/Students, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.