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## Concert: Black History Month Celebration

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

**Presented by**  
*Beverly J. Martin Elementary School*  
*Ithaca, New York*

*Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School*  
*Utica, New York*

*Community Unity Project*  
*Greater Ithaca Activities Center*  
*Boynton Middle School*

**Ford Hall**  
**Thursday, February 17, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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# PROGRAM

Music from Ghana, by Bernard Woma,  
Ghanaian Xylophone Master and Ithaca College  
Artist in Residence, 2004-2005

Processional

Royal Kingdom arr. Barouch Whitehead

Introduction *People in Slavery* Darren Simonson

We are the Drum arr. Whitehead

What is Black History Month?

Let's Celebrate Black History Renee Alexander

Introduction

Walk with me arr. Whitehead

Who was Harriet Tubman?

Underground Railroad Alexander

Conversation With Harriet Tubman  
Professor Cynthia Henderson and Darren Simonson

Selections from *Walking in the Light of Freedom*

This Train Alexander

Get on Board Alexander

Follow the Drinkin' Gourd Alexander

Rock-a-my-Soul Alexander

Go, Down Moses Alexander

Now Let Me Fly Adam Strube, soloist Alexander

Walk Together Children Alexander

Let Me Be a Light for Love arr. Whitehead

Children of the World Whitehead

I Rise Whitehead

Finale - Rain Down from Fighting Temptation arr. Whitehead  
Amani Gospel Singers

**Mr. Bernard Woma's** reputation as a composer and performer is surpassed only by his reputation as a teacher. Bernard has students throughout Africa, Europe and the United States, who have learned traditional Ghanaian drum and xylophone styles from him. In 1999, in the interests of sharing his knowledge with a larger group of people, Bernard opened the Dagara Music and Arts Music Center in Medie, Ghana, a suburb of the capital city, Accra. Students live and work at the center, where they pursue studies. Instruments and courses available include those traditional drumming, dancing, xylophone music and visual arts.

**Dr. Baruch J. Whitehead**, is assistant professor of music education at Ithaca College. He is an elementary music specialist with the Orff-Schulwerk Process. He is the founder of the Ithaca College Orff certification program, lead teacher of the Orff certification program at Boston University. He is the director of the multicultural chorus *Voices* in the Greater Ithaca Community and founder of the GIAC African Dance and Drumming ensemble. He is founder and director of the Syracuse Gospel Choir "Unshackled" based in Syracuse New York. He is a gospel music specialist and advocate for the preservation of gospel music within mainstream musical settings.

Whitehead studied African Drumming and Dance at the Dagarba Music Center in Medie, West Africa. He presented a workshop entitled " Making the Connection" *African-American and Native American Music*, in Tenerife, Spain for the 2004 International Music education Conference. He was recently chosen as an international author to write a chapter on the *Music in the Civil Rights Movement* for an upcoming book entitled Music Empathy.

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## Participants

Beverly J. Martin Elementary School  
Mrs. Denise Gomber, Principal

### Fourth Grade Students

Latika Alexander  
Dylan Austic  
Latianna Borden-Harris  
Dylan Bradford  
Ashanee Brooks  
Danyell Daniels  
Eric Deas  
Keyasha Evans  
Unique Fair  
Meriem Fardoussi  
Quanisha Goines  
Ashley Gonsalves  
Camille Halton  
Quadaire Henderson-Sellers  
Taylor Ike  
Igor Kozak  
Davondre Lafave  
Rebekka Leisinger  
Ralph Lovelace

Vanessa Martinez  
Joseph McCoy  
Victoria McCracken  
Kadejah Mervil  
Allison Oliver  
Maritza Oliver  
Michael Oliver  
Taylah Peacock  
Jebediah Proctor  
Augustina Rivera  
Olivia Rosado  
Symone Rosado  
Melody Self  
Dondre Sweat  
Ah med Telfair  
Allysha Thomas  
Taylor Thomas  
Sky Wolfram  
Maryssa Wright

### Fifth Grade Students

Shanice Alexander  
Jonathan Butler  
Voshon Carpenter  
Sean Daniels  
Valivia Fisher  
Tessa Friedeborn  
Dominique Henderson  
Tijah Henderson  
Desean Hues  
Ambernae Inman  
Devon Jenkins  
Debora Kaya  
Rochelle Landon  
Tyrell Lattimer  
Andrea Lucien

Tiffany Metcalf  
Sarah Newby  
Eisah Nunn  
Timmy Ny  
Raheem Peterson  
Nasya Proctor  
Benjamin Rivera  
Lisa Sam  
Regine Slaughter  
Andy Sok  
Christina Sun  
Aye Hsay Tar Tun  
Starquaisa Ward  
Ramisha Watson

### Teachers

Micheryl Blake  
Margitta Cudlin  
Mary Anne Cummings  
Mary Beth Murphy  
Rachel Fink  
Mary Darcy-Martin

### Teaching Assistants

Lynn Clary  
Josh Higgins  
Donald Holly  
Wendy Foote  
Judy White  
Kevin Murphy

**Music Teacher**  
Dorothy Preston

**Utica City Schools**

**Martin Luther King Elementary**

**Mrs. Cheryl Beckett Minor, Principal**

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Reynaldo Ayala  
Malyah Chastine  
Kayla Davis  
Ciantel Dixon  
Natalie Figueroa  
Kimika Garrett  
James Haney  
Matilda Harrison  
Robert Hodge  
Amirelle Hunt  
Edin Husic  
Raeshawnia Lawrence  
Daquon McCrae  
Stephon McCrae  
Sanetta Mitchell  
D'Ondre Mungo  
James Olds  
Quadeedra Palmer  
Hnin Wai Phyo  
Fiknete Shaljani  
Juan Sokiri  
Tahkasha Washington

**Fifth Grade Students**

Kaseem Carr  
Keith Clarkson  
Sanel Galijasevic  
Delquon Gary  
Danielle Jackson  
Ra'Heem Jackson  
Khuneary Kim  
Sandar Kyaw  
Cari Martens  
Richard McCauley  
Harvey McCrae  
Ermin Muratovic  
Nermin Muratovic  
Sarina Olds  
Nihada Sabanagic  
Lan Tiet  
Giovanni Winston

**Kennedy Jr. High School**

Ozell Bemby  
William Hawkins  
Tokeya Lewis

**Donovan Jr. High School**

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Ray Mungo  
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Laura Chamberlain

Sola Einarsdottir

Lia Henry

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Quenna Stewart

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