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Performers Invited to African Village Arts Festival 2010

(Columbus, OH) - Urban Cultural Arts Foundation (UCAF) is getting ready for its fourth annual African Village Arts Festival (AVAF) occurring on Saturday August 21, 2010 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Old Central Community House, 1251 Bryden Road, Columbus 43205, next to Kwanzaa Playground. This unique arts festival offers Live Performances, Visual Art Exhibitions and demonstrations, a Youth Studio, Community art projects, Drum Circles, Traditional African Ceremonies, Ethnic Foods, and an Artist/ Vendor marketplace.

Performers, Artists, vendors and volunteers are invited to participate in this community arts festival. Past performances have included local favorites such as TRANSIT ARTS, Columbus State Community College Gospel Ensemble, Sabrina Tutstone, and Aziza West.

Admission is free. Free parking is also available in walking distance at Franklin Alternative Middle School. The Festival's name gives honor to those with roots in Olde Towne East, a historic area famed for being one of the city's first neighborhoods. The name is also meant to represent the sense of community, or village, that artists and neighbors have extended to the Thomas Gallery for more than 30 years.

Each year one of Columbus' finest artists is showcased. Aminah Robinson, Ben Crumpler and Queen Brooks have been featured artists for past festivals. In conjunction with the Festival this year we will also open a new exhibit featuring the work of Larry Winston Collins, Associate Professor at Miami University-Oxford. The exhibit opening reception will occur on Sunday August 22, 2010 from 4:00 pm – 7:00pm at the William H. Thomas Gallery, 1270 Bryden Road in Columbus, OH.

Since 1978, UCAF has operated the William H. Thomas Gallery in Columbus' Olde Towne East; providing an outlet for both established and emerging artists along with being a unique resource for the patrons who hunger for authentic folk arts. Just like the Thomas Gallery, the African Village Arts Festival provides a space for artists and art lovers of every age and background to come together, create and generally enjoy the spirit of a fun, inclusive, well-organized community arts festival.

For full event details please visit "The Festival" page on our website www.galleryinthehood.org.

About the Urban Cultural Arts Foundation:

Incorporated in 1978, the Urban Cultural Arts Foundation administers the William H. Thomas Gallery (1270 Bryden Road, Columbus 43205) as a place for artists to showcase and appreciate cultural expression. Along with other workshops and the annual African Village Arts Festival, the Foundation presents four exhibits each year at the William H. Thomas Gallery. Each exhibit runs for ten weeks and is launched with an Opening Reception on the third

Sunday of the named month from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Gallery is regularly open on Saturdays from 1:00PM-7:00PM or by appointment.

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