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Exhibit at Downtown Hollywood's ArtsPark to Honor the Legacy of Dr. King

HOLLYWOOD, FL – December 19, 2008 – As part of the local observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History Month, Downtown Hollywood's ArtsPark at Young Circle will host the "Keepers of the Dream" art exhibit beginning January 19.

Inspired by the legacy of the great civil rights leader, the 2009 exhibit celebrates "The Dream" through visual artistic expression. The multimedia collection will feature more than a dozen works, including paintings and sculptures by renowned artists Mick Brandenberger, George Gadson, Fred Goldstein, Purvis Young and the late Oscar Thomas, who has been described as "the country's leading artist of Dr. King" by NBC News.

The Oscar Thomas Foundation, a nonprofit public charity founded by Thomas's wife Nanci to honor the artist's memory and lifelong work, has been producing the "Keepers of the Dream" exhibit since 1999. The collections have been displayed throughout South Florida and have toured internationally.

This will mark the first time the exhibit will be housed at the ArtsPark at Young Circle, a 10-acre arts and entertainment attraction on Hollywood Boulevard at U.S. 1, in the heart of Downtown Hollywood.

The "Keepers of the Dream" exhibit will open to the public Thursday, January 15 and run through the end of February, Black History Month, in the Visual Arts Pavilion at the east entrance to the ArtsPark.

For more information on the "Keepers of the Dream" exhibit at the ArtsPark at Young Circle, please call 954-921-3500 or visit, www.hollywoodfl.org.

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida's Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA's mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood's central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.

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