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**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC) TO COMMEORATE THE LIFE OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 WITH  
“A TRIBUTE IN SONG” FEATURING LURA DANIELS-BALL**

**LOS ANGELES** – On **Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 12noon**, in the beautiful auditorium of the University of Southern California (USC) the Black Staff and Faculty Caucus will host its **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**. In addition to the spoken word and dance performances, this year we will have a special guest presenting: ***A Tribute in Song***, featuring acclaimed vocalist, **Lura Daniels-Ball**, and directed by famed filmmaker, **Charles Burnett** (*To Sleep with Anger, Namibia: The Struggle for Liberation*).

This event is **Free and open to the public**, *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A Tribute in Song* (“MLK: A Tribute in Song”) celebrates Dr. King through a multimedia presentation along with words and songs performed by Daniels-Ball, an alumna of USC’s world-renowned Thornton School of Music. Essentially, *MLK: A Tribute in Song* takes the audience on a musical journey highlighting the milestones of Dr. King’s legendary life that ended too soon almost 44 years ago on April 4, 1968.

Written by writer-producer, J.M. Morris -- a former King Center National Scholar and intern for Mrs. King – *MLK: A Tribute in Song* was inspired by her stage trilogy presented for three consecutive years in recognition of the King Holiday. The three entries in the series were: *The Content of Their Character*, *The Content of Their Character: Courage*; and *The Content of Their Character: Religion*.

The USC Bovard Auditorium is located at 3551 Trousdale Parkway, Los Angeles, CA 90089. For further information, please call (213) 740-9252 or email brass@usc.edu.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Tribute in Song* is produced by J.M. Morris. The Executive Producers for the project are Heartsung Productions, JES III Productions and Thinkin’ Outta The Box Productions. The event’s accompanist is Danny Burgin.

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