

# ***Black History Month 2012***

## ***Preserving Culture: Contributions of Black Art***

### **Friday, January 27, 2012**

#### **Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration**

*Celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black Voice Gospel Choir*

Newcomb Hall Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

The University community will celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through song as the Office of African-American Affairs recognizes the 40 Years of praise and worship by the University of Virginia Black Voice Gospel Choir. Visiting choirs will include: Festival Choir of Charlottesville High School, UN2HIM Gospel Choir of Ebenezer Baptist Church-Charlottesville and Virginia Commonwealth University Gospel Choir.

Sponsors: Office of African-American Affairs, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

#### ***SHAOLIN JAZZ PROJECT***

Of all the varieties of musical genres that are commonly known, quite possibly Jazz and Hip-Hop exhibit more parallels throughout their respective existences than any two others. Historically, both manifested predominately out of African-American culture, they eventually gained a much larger and diverse audience, and both became the most prominent and financially lucrative genres of music throughout their respective eras. Conceived and produced by Gerald Watson and DJ 2-Tone Jones, SHAOLIN JAZZ is a testament to the stylistic connection between both Jazz and Hip-Hop. It is a mix project whereby various Jazz songs and breaks are fused with vocals from the Wu-Tang Clan. Using a multi-platform approach, The SHAOLIN JAZZ Project is an informative yet entertaining medium that touches on the senses of sight and sound to effortlessly educate via panel discussion, art, and music.

### **Thursday, February 9, 2012**

Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall

#### **LYRICS LOUNGE**

Spoken word artists from the University of Virginia and from the Charlottesville community will display their talents at this "Open Mic" event.

### **Friday, February 17, 2012**

*Black History Bowl*

*Sponsored by BSA*

Forum at O'Hill 4:00pm

This annual event sponsored by the Black Student Alliance hopes to unite the community while educating students on the contributions of persons of African descent. University students will participate in a fun game of Jeopardy with facts relating to Black history in both Virginia and the world.

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

*Step It Up* presents "Portraits in Color"  
6th Annual Black History Month Celebration  
Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7:00pm  
Newcomb Hall Ballroom

African-American achievement is central to every aspect of life. From politics to entertainment, Blacks have made tremendous contributions to the world. This year, Step It Up will be honoring Black History in the Arts, with stepping, dancing, skits, and spoken word performed by various student groups.

*Sponsor: UVA's Step It Up step team.*

**Saturday, February 20, 2010**

Black Voices' Winter Benefit Concert  
TIME: 7:00pm  
LOCATION: TBD

The University's gospel choir will host a Winter benefit concert to support a Charlottesville community charity.

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

*Black History Month Closing Ceremony*  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Image Awards  
7:00pm  
Newcomb Hall Ballroom

Students, faculty and staff of the University community will be honored for their commitment and service to the black community at the University of Virginia.

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