



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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**FIA, FPL PARTNER TO CELEBRATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Annual Event Features Keynote Speech, Performances, Make-and-Take Craft**

Flint, MI – The Flint Institute of Arts, in partnership with the Flint Public Library, presents a celebratory program of the life and work of Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 20, 2020 with free, family-friendly activities and events in both spaces.

Because the FIA galleries open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., the public may visit the museum before or after the official program begins at 2 p.m. at the library. In anticipation of both the museum's annual Community Gala as well as February's Black History Month, attendees are encouraged to visit the exhibition *Wonderfully Made: The Artis Collection of African American Art*, which opens on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Drawn from the collection of Flint natives Anthony J. and Davida J. Artis, this exhibition represents the first time these works have been shown in a museum setting and includes pieces by Henry Ossawa Tanner, Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lee Bendolph, and Winfred Rembert.

The joint program begins at the library at 2 p.m. when Emcee Glenn Wilson, President and CEO of Communities First, Inc., introduces City of Flint Clerk Inez Brown, whose keynote speech explores the civil rights legacy of Flint. Brown's speech will be followed by a performance by musical guests The Spiritual Wonders and presentations from The Youth Groups of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, the Gamma Delta Kudos, and Gamma Delta Xinos. At 4 p.m., the remembrance moves to a reception in the FIA's Isabel Hall, featuring a step performance by the Institute of R.H.Y.M.E.S. Men of Excellence. Additionally, the FIA Art School will incorporate peace, justice, equality, and change for people everywhere - symbols associated with Dr. King - into its free family make-and-take activity from 3-5 p.m. Support for the FIA reception and activities comes from MTA Flint.

In conjunction with the MLK holiday, FIA gallery admission is free for all visitors on January 20, 2020. For more information about the MLK Day activities, which run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., please call the Flint Public Library at 810.232.7111 or the Flint Institute of Arts at 810.234.1695.

ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan's second largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA's mission is to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.

The FIA is located at 1120 East Kearsley Street in the Flint Cultural Center. The museum is open Mon–Sat 10 AM-5 PM and Sun 1-5 PM. Gallery admission is free for all Genesee County residents, FIA members, and children under 12; Adults are \$10; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are \$8. Saturdays are free for all visitors thanks to Huntington Bank.

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