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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Presented by
Beverly J. Martin Elementary School
Ithaca, New York

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School
Utica, New York

Community Unity Project
Greater Ithaca Activities Center
Boynton Middle School

Ford Hall
Thursday, February 17, 2005
7:00 p.m.
PROGRAM

Music from Ghana, by Bernard Woma,
Ghanaian Xylophone Master and Ithaca College
Artist in Residence, 2004-2005

Processional
Royal Kingdom
Introduction People in Slavery
We are the Drum
What is Black History Month?
Let's Celebrate Black History
Introduction
Walk with me
Who was Harriet Tubman?
Underground Railroad
Conversation With Harriet Tubman
Professor Cynthia Henderson and Darren Simonson
Selections from Walking in the Light of Freedom
This Train
Get on Board
Follow the Drinkin' Gourd
Rock-a-my-Soul
Go, Down Moses
Now Let Me Fly
Walk Together Children
Let Me Be a Light for Love
Children of the World
I Rise
Finale - Rain Down from Fighting Temptation
Amani Gospel Singers

arr. Barouch Whitehead
Darren Simonson
arr. Whitehead
Renee Alexander
arr. Whitehead
Alexander
Alexander
Alexander
Alexander
Adam Strube, soloist
Alexander
arr. Whitehead
Whitehead
Whitehead
arr. Whitehead
Mr. Bernard Woma's reputation as a composer and performer is surpassed only by his reputation as a teacher. Bernard has students throughout Africa, Europe and the United States, who have learned traditional Ghanaian drum and xylophone styles from him. In 1999, in the interests of sharing his knowledge with a larger group of people, Bernard opened the Dagara Music and Arts Music Center in Medie, Ghana, a suburb of the capital city, Accra. Students live and work at the center, where they pursue studies. Instruments and courses available include those traditional drumming, dancing, xylophone music and visual arts.

Dr. Baruch J. Whitehead, is assistant professor of music education at Ithaca College. He is an elementary music specialist with the Orff-Schulwerk Process. He is the founder of the Ithaca College Orff certification program, lead teacher of the Orff certification program at Boston University. He is the director of the multicultural chorus Voices in the Greater Ithaca Community and founder of the GIAC African Dance and Drumming ensemble. He is founder and director of the Syracuse Gospel Choir “Unshackled” based in Syracuse New York. He is a gospel music specialist and advocate for the preservation of gospel music within mainstream musical settings.

Whitehead studied African Drumming and Dance at the Dagarba Music Center in Medie, West Africa. He presented a workshop entitled “Making the Connection” African-American and Native American Music, in Tenerife, Spain for the 2004 International Music education Conference. He was recently chosen as an international author to write a chapter on the Music in the Civil Rights Movement for an upcoming book entitled Music Empathy.

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