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## DC JAZZ FESTIVAL, DCPS' SOUSA MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER WASHINGTON COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE MLK DAY OF SERVICE WITH LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

**December 16, 2010: Washington, D.C.** – The DC Jazz Festival, John Phillips Sousa Middle School, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington are proud to celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday with *In Celebration of MLK: Lift Every Voice and Sing* at John Phillip Sousa Middle School (MS), on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 1 p.m. in the John Phillip Sousa Auditorium.

A partnership between the DC Jazz Festival, John Phillips Sousa Middle School, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, the *Lift Every Voice and Sing* concert— part of the national MLK Day of Service initiative— will include choir and dance performances by Sousa MS students and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Teen Arts Performers. Performances will also include Sousa MS students reciting excerpts from Martin Luther King's historical speeches.

**The event is part of Martin Luther King's Day of Service where thousands of Americans across the country celebrate the national holiday honoring the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. by making the holiday "a day ON, not a day off."** For more info regarding the event, please contact: Daniel Baez at [daniel.baez@dcjazzfest.org](mailto:daniel.baez@dcjazzfest.org). John Phillip Sousa Middle School is located at 3650 Ely Place, South East, Washington, D.C. 20019.

The **DCJF Education Program** strives to expose a broad demographic of young people to jazz and promote jazz as a significant musical form of arts education. Named in honor of the internationally renowned singer/songwriter/pianist/producer, the *DCJF Roberta Flack Music Excellence Program* offers free concerts, workshops, after school programs, and master classes for more than 5,000 young people each year. Programs are held in partnership with DCPS and public charter schools, Sitar Arts Center and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, among others.

### **About the DC Jazz Festival**

The DC Jazz Festival is one the country's fastest-growing music events in the U.S. and the largest music festival in Washington, D.C. — with more than 100 performances at nearly 50 venues throughout the city. The festival has garnered widespread media acclaim and recognition within the global jazz community. Originally named the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, the festival changed its name in 2010 to specify its location, and to better reflect its identity and expanded ambition. The DCJF reinforces and further enhances the city's reputation as one of the world's most prominent tourist and special events destinations.

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW) is one of the largest affiliates of Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). BGCGW serves nearly 21,000 children in 22 sites, and a summer camp, all located in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Through a variety of

educational, sports, and recreation, health, arts, and character development programs, BCGGW creates a positive environment where children are encouraged to develop their ambitions and turn them into reality. BCGGW helps boys and girls of *all* backgrounds, especially those who need us most, build confidence, develop character, and acquire skills that prepare them for school and for life as productive, civic-minded, and responsible adults. Visit our website at [www.bcgw.org](http://www.bcgw.org).

For more information about the DC Jazz Festival and its Education Program Initiatives, visit [www.dcjazzfest.org](http://www.dcjazzfest.org)

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