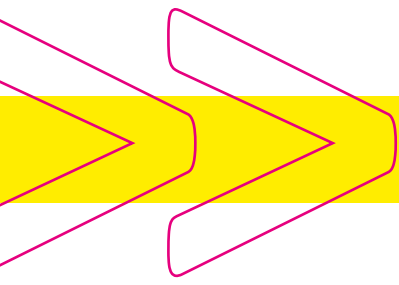




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## EVERY VOICE COUNTS, EVERY STORY MATTERS Kelly Strayhorn Theater Presents 5th Annual East Liberty Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Kelly Strayhorn Theater (KST) presents the 5th annual East Liberty Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., from noon to 4 p.m. on January 20. The theme of this year’s activities and performances is “Every Voice Counts, Every Story Matters.” The celebration is free and open to the public.

“KST is proud to partner with community partners and friends to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” says Janera Solomon, executive director. “Dr. King inspires us all to come together and celebrate.”

Partner organizations that work toward social justice in our community, including MGR Foundation, Garden of Peace Project, Love Front Porch, Union Project, Assemble, and Literary Arts Boom, will lead activities in the lobby. Beginning at 2 p.m., on-stage performances will feature talented youth ensembles from the region, including Hope Academy, CHANCE, 1Hood Media, KST’s own Soundwaves Steelband, and Dreams of Hope. North Way Christian Communities will display a project in the KST lobby and offer activities in their office next door to Kelly Strayhorn Theater.

East Liberty Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the first KST FAMILYtime event of 2014. Community-centered FAMILYtime events have enabled KST to honor its programming principles of keeping the arts affordable for everyone. Fun for the whole family, FAMILYtime features free and affordable events, including Pay-What-You-Can admission for select Saturday matinee performances. The MLK Day celebration attracts more than 400 people each year. Please RSVP online at [kelly-strayhorn.org/events/east-liberty-celebrates-mlk-2014/](http://kelly-strayhorn.org/events/east-liberty-celebrates-mlk-2014/).

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### About Kelly Strayhorn Theater

As the last of nine theaters from the 1950s heyday of East Liberty, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater uses the arts as a catalyst for continuing community revitalization. The theater, in its 12th season, continues to play a key role in the transformation of Pittsburgh’s East Liberty neighborhood. An intimate, professional equipped, 349-seat multiple-use performance venue, the theater demonstrates its commitment to Pittsburgh artists and audiences. The KST is a favorite venue of emerging local artists, regional artists and arts organizations who take risks and present new work. Noted Pittsburghers Gene Kelly and Billy Strayhorn, the namesakes, are among the 80 area artists honored on the theater’s Gallery of Stars. The building, opening in 1914, is the former Regent Theatre, which served the East End as a movie house for eight decades.