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NNENNA FREELON AND T.S. MONK TO DISCUSS MUSIC IN COMMUNITY WITH RESTON MUSIC TEACHERS

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend a discussion on a shared vision for music education in Reston, hosted by Nnenna Freelon and T.S. Monk and facilitated by Karen Cleveland. The discussion will be held on Friday, September 30 at South Likes High School. Please contact BeBe Nguyen at 703-390-6145 or bebe.nguyen@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information. This event is **NOT** open to the public and is by invitation only.

WHEN: Friday, September 30, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: South Lakes High School – Lecture Hall
11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191

WHAT: Music in Community Discussion with
Nnenna Freelon and T.S. Monk
Facilitated by Karen Cleveland

WHO: Nnenna Freelon and T.S. Monk
Facilitator Karen Cleveland

Sponsored by Reston Community Center

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2310 Colts Neck Road
Reston, Virginia 20191
www.restoncommunitycenter.com



Nnenna Freelon is a six-time GRAMMY Award-nominated jazz vocalist and an international star. She has received numerous honors and awards, appeared and recorded with many nationally and internationally recognized stars, and earns consistently rave reviews from even the toughest jazz critics. An accomplished singer, composer, producer, and arranger (as well as budding actress), Freelon has dedicated herself to educating young people, both musicians and non-musicians. She toured the United States for four years as the National Spokesperson for Partners In Education. Her master classes and workshops, from “Sound Sculpture” to the ground-breaking “Babysong,” teach adults and children that you too can change the world – even one person at a time – but it takes dedication and perseverance.

T.S. Monk is a drummer, composer, record company founder, band leader and the son of legendary jazz artist Thelonious Monk. T. S. Monk has received the New York Jazz Awards’ “Recording of the Year” and ‘Downbeat’s’ prestigious Reader’s Poll Award among numerous other awards. With his own recording company, T.S. added founder of Thelonious Records to his list of accomplishments. As Chairman of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, T.S. has been at the forefront of helping to create a number of programs that range from sponsoring music education for students in the form of full scholarships to funding and supporting after-school athletic programs.

Karen Cleveland, President of Cleveland Coaching Group, is a Washington, D.C. area leadership coach and consultant. Karen brings over twenty years of executive leadership experience to her role, in which she helps individuals, teams and companies identify and develop their leadership potential.

WHY: As part of RCC’s Professional Touring Artists Series, Nnenna Freelon, T.S. Monk and guests will be hosting a discussion on Music in Community at the CenterStage. The discussion will focus on jazz as an art form and the potential of music’s impact in communities and education. To help foster conversations in our local schools about music and education, Freelon and Monk will be bringing the discussion to 40 music teachers in the Reston pyramid with a program at South Lakes High School. This spirited dialog is sure to leave all involved with a deeper understanding of the importance of music in Reston and in all our lives.

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For more information about the Music in Community discussion at South Lakes High School, call BeBe Nguyen at 703-390-6145. For more information about the Music in Community presentation at the CenterStage, visit RCC's website at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

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About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 2,000 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment, fitness and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.org or call 703-476-4500.

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