

Writer/Director/Composer Gordon Parks Creates Unique Ballet

Tribute To Martin Luther King In 'Martin'

"Martin," an original five-movement classical ballet and tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., composed by Gordon Parks, will premiere on what would have been Dr. King's 61st birthday, January 15 at 10 p.m. on PBS (consult local listings). In addition to composing the musical and the libretto, Parks also directed the one-hour production.

"Martin," a presentation of KCET/Los Angeles, is produced by Winger Enterprises, Inc. The program is being underwritten by Southwestern Bell Foundation.

To evoke the spirit and vision of this American leader, "Martin" recreates significant moments in Dr. King's life, including his bus boycott, the march in Selma and his time in a Birmingham jail, which led to his 1968 assassination in Montgomery. The ballet concludes with King's funeral, where his spirit rises to symbolize the undying power of his dream.

The multi-talented Parks has already achieved fame as



"Martin" composer Gordon Parks, center, is flanked by his two principal dancers, John Jones ("King") and Sheila Rohan ("Rosa Parks"). Photo credit: Adger Cowans

a photographer, write ("The Learning Tree," "Moments Without Proper Names"), a director ("Shaft," "Leadbelly," and "Solomon Northup's Odyssey"), as well as composer. His production of "The Learning Tree" was recently selected by the Library of Congress as one of the first 25 films to be included in the new national film registry.

Parks will appear on camera himself to introduce his work in a documentary segment, which also includes Parks' photographs from the tumultuous period in which Dr. King worked.

Dancer John Jones creates the role of King. Sheila Rohan dances as Rosa Parks and James Edward Murphy dances the role of the assassin.

Additional funding is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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Redd Foxx

80's and usher in the 90's with a smile on your face, join Redd and his friends in the Hacienda's Fiesta Theatre New Years Eve. Tickets for his December 31 show are \$19.95 and showtimes are 9 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

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been scheduled to ring in the new decade. Seating begins at 8 p.m. for the 9 p.m. dinner, with the show following at 10:30 p.m. The Dec. 31 dinner show is priced at \$150 per person, including dinner, show, champagne and party favors, excluding tax and gratuity.

Returning to share the Caesars stage with The Pointers is multi-talented funnyman Byron Allen.

Former host of TV's "Real People," Allen now has a late night Comdy/variety talk show of his own. "The Byron Allen Show" has already featured such guest as Roseanne Barr, Whoopi Goldberg, Stephanie Mills and Joan Rivers.

Prior to beginning his new series, Allen co-starred with veteran actor Charles Durning in "Case Closed," a two-hour movie that Allen also co-wrote and co-produced for network television. A sequel is in preparation.

When he isn't writing, acting or producing, Allen regularly plays some of the nation's top showrooms, appearing with such talents as Dionne Warwick, Lionel Richie, Dolly Parton and The Pointer Sisters.

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**All show prices exclude tax and gratuity.

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