

2010 70th Anniversary

League of Allied Arts Program Outline – *as of April 27, 2010*

Purpose

The purpose of this request is for assistance in planning a Community Youth Arts project and Gala to culminate the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the League of Allied Arts (LAA-the oldest African American Women's organization in the greater Los Angeles area) and to raise money for the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Activity Goals

1. The LAA in conjunction with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Langston Bar Association will support Youth in the Arts thru implementing an outreach program to approximately 300-400 High School students between May and June on the value of Public Education thru the introduction of a Study guide on "Thurgood" the play at the Geffen Playhouse. The study guide will focus on the contributions of Thurgood Marshall and the period of history that existed during the Brown VS the Board of Education legislation which led to public school integration and schools as we know them today. The outreach program will culminate in a field trip (100-150 student tickets purchased) to see the play and participate in a question and answer activity with Laurence Fishburne following the production. The LAA has a Study Guide on Brown VS the Board of Education that will prove helpful in developing a study guide specific to "Thurgood" for use in the youth outreach workshops.

We are pleased with the commitment of young attorneys in Langston Bar who will volunteer to conduct the outreach workshops on the topic along with League of Allied Arts Members.

2. To "celebrate" the LAA's rich history of Supporting contributions of African Americans to the Arts in Los Angeles at a Reception hosted by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas at the Geffen Playhouse prior to or immediately following a performance of "Thurgood". The League would like to honor actor Laurence Fishburne for his talent, contributions as an exemplary artist and community focus.

3. To sell tickets to LAA supporters to attend the play "Thurgood", and participate in the reception with a portion of the proceeds going to support the LAA Youth Scholarship Fund. The League sells approximately 400-500 tickets annually to support local theater events in Los Angeles.