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9/11 Commemorated with Poetry at Library

(Washington, DC) - The DC Public Library remembers 9/11 with “Poems to Heal and Honor a Nation,” on Saturday, September 11 featuring the poetry ensemble, “Collective Voices.”

Known for socially-conscious messages of empowerment and inspiration, “Collective Voices” is composed of J. Joy “Sistah Joy” Matthews Alford, Andre “Brenardo” Taylor, and Sylvia Dianne “Ladi Di” Beverly. Musical accompaniment will be provided by Doc Powell, Sydney March, James “Curly” Robinson and Baritone Jason Okera Keene. The program, which is open to the public, will open with the posting of the Colors by Dunbar Senior High School JROTC Color Guards and the singing of the National Anthem by baritone Jason Okera Keene. Releasing a cadre of original poems at the event, Collective Voices will debut their “*9-1-1 Trilogy: Sacred Messages of Healing,*” a performance piece honoring those who lost their lives and supporting those who lost loved ones to the terror attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Ms. Terri Allen, co-founder of Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts, Inc. will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. There will also be brief meet-the-artists reception.

The performance will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library’s Black Studies Center . The library is located at 901 G Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. near the Metro Center and Gallery Place Metro Stations.