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**The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens Announces Free Admission and a
Reflective Celebration on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Sponsored by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

WHAT:

[The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens](#) invites the community to gather in celebration of the impactful life, work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of free admission, creativity and dynamic programming. Sponsored by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's Presidential Grants Program, events and activities will be presented throughout the day.

Highlights include:

- Community faith leaders will share a Prayer for Peace to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and there will be a powerful performance by the Jacksonville Arts & Music School (JAMS) chorus.
- Community Quilting Activity that invites museum visitors to design fabric squares that represent their hopes and dreams, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the "Promised Land." These squares will be sewn together by a volunteer, creating a community quilt that symbolizes unity and collective effort. This collaborative art project reflects Dr. King's belief in a society where diverse voices come together to weave a shared future of equality and justice.
- Live music sets throughout the day by Akia Uwanda, a classically trained, soulful jazz vocalist.
- Family Storytime for all ages to gather and enjoy stories inspired by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- The Performers Academy teens will deliver a powerful blend of singing, poetry, dance and more exploring what Dr. King's vision means to a new generation.

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is honored to recognize the **Community Foundation for Northeast Florida** as a **Legacy Sponsor** for the 2025 Celebration of the King Holiday . Their steadfast partnership, now in its seventh year, has been instrumental in advancing the impact and reach of this important day. The museum extends heartfelt gratitude to the Community Foundation for their enduring support and shared vision. Together, the organizations continue to celebrate and amplify the values of justice, equity, and service that define Dr. King's legacy.

WHEN:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, January 20

Free admission from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prayer for Peace and Vocal Performance with JAMS

Time: 11:30 a.m. to Noon

Location: Gardens

Performance by Akia Uwanda

Time: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Colonnade

Family Storytime

Time: 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

Location: Round Room

Performance by The Performers Academy Teens

Time: 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Location: Auditorium

WHERE:

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

829 Riverside Ave.

Jacksonville, FL 32204

Complimentary parking located across Riverside Avenue from the Museum entrance and on the corner of Riverside Avenue and Post Street.

For more visual assets go

here: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4x3mcfqus5rm7m2yju7/AIINZr3O9WWgqrWTYF7xH1c?rlkey=ovwmvgmsmidaydaz2ecvg4x1e&st=n4970q5t&dl=0>

For more details, visit cummuseum.org or call 904-356-6857.

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About the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens:

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens stands as a beacon of culture and inspiration in Jacksonville, Florida, proudly showcasing an impressive collection of art and stunning historically significant gardens. Founded in 1958 by the visionary Ninah Cummer, a powerful woman deeply committed to her community, the museum reflects her passion for art, gardens and education. Ninah's dream was to create a space where the beauty of fine art and nature could be appreciated and shared with all, and she succeeded in transforming her family estate into this remarkable institution. The museum boasts an exquisite collection that spans from ancient to contemporary art, including European masterpieces and American works that resonate with the spirit of the region. Complementing the art is a series of beautifully landscaped gardens along the St. Johns River that invite visitors to explore and find tranquility amidst nature's splendor. This harmonious blend of art and nature not only enhances the visitor experience but also embodies the essence of creativity and serenity that defines the Cummer Museum, making it an essential destination for art lovers and nature enthusiasts alike. As a landmark in Jacksonville, the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens not only honors Ninah Cummer's legacy but also serves as a vital cultural hub for education, creativity, and community engagement. It stands as a testament to the power of one woman's vision and her enduring impact on the arts in the community.