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**REMINDER**

**CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
**DURING 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARADE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020**  
*Featuring international R&B star Raheem DeVaughn as Honorary Grand Marshal*

Join the **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** in commemorating the life and achievements of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on **Monday, January 20, 2020 at 12pm**. The **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade** features more than 70 units, including high school and community marching bands, cheer and dance squads, street theater performers, elected officials, civic and religious organizations, military units and equestrian groups. The 2020 honorary grand marshal is **Raheem DeVaughn**, three-time Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter and international R&B star. The parade steps off at the intersection of **Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Eutaw Street**, proceeds south on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and disbands at Baltimore Street. The parade is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts and sponsored by FOX 45/The CW Baltimore, Radio One: 92Q, Magic 95.9, Spirit 1400, Praise 106.1, and WOLB 1010, *The Afro-American Newspapers*, and The Harbor Bank of Maryland, with additional support from the City of Baltimore.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade joins Baltimore business and community members in tribute to the remarkable civil rights activist. Annually, hundreds gather for the parade as festivities fill-up the Midtown neighborhood.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade will excite spectators with performances by The Carroll School of Dance, the House of Flying Dancers, the Morton Street Dance Center, Roland Park Cheerleaders, and The Ravens Skate Club. Marching bands, including The Baltimore Allstars Marching Unit, the Extravaganza Marching Unit, the Patterson Marching Clippers, and the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School Marching Band "Magnificent Marching Poets", showcase their precision and showmanship. Greek-letter organizations Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha

Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. present rich heritage and tradition. Community-focused organizations such as Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement, Baltimore Community Mediation Center, Enoch Pratt Free Library, and Greater Baltimore Urban League honor Dr. King's legacy. Additionally, Baltimore City Fire Department Honor Guard, Carver Vo-Tech High School JROTC and Band, and the Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc. walk in his honor.

*The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, events center and film office. By providing funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, and by producing large-scale events such as Artscape, Baltimore Book Festival and Light City, BOPA's goal is to make Baltimore a more vibrant and creative city.*

For more information on the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade**, call 410-752-8632 or visit [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org).

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*Editor's Note: Partial list of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade participants subject to change.*