



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Inc.

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The Honorable Carl O. Snowden
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September 14, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of recommendation for Herman LeVern Jones' Theatre South (HLJTS)

My committee and I had the great pleasure of collaborating with Herman LeVern Jones and his team this past January 2018 to present the "I Have A Dream" Broadway Musical on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Annapolis, Maryland. HLJTS toured the production to my community as a residency. HLJTS made three trips to Annapolis and cast approximately 40 people from the community as actors, singers, and dancers. Bishop Craig Coates of Fresh Start Church incorporated 20 of his choir members into the production which created a phenomenal musical experience for audiences. Mr. Jones formed a cast that was intergenerational and diverse. The youngest performer was just 9 years old and the oldest in his 70s.

An excerpt of the "I Have A Dream" play was presented at La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie, Maryland as part of my committee's 30th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Dinner. The full two-hour production was presented in the Francis Scott Key Auditorium at St. John's College to a packed house. Both presentations of "I Have A Dream" received a standing ovation. It truly was an incredible experience that I am proud to have brought to my community!

I highly recommend working with Mr. Herman LeVern Jones and his team to mount the "I Have A Dream" production in your community. "I Have A Dream" will add a layer of excitement and fun to your MLK celebration that audiences of all ages and backgrounds will appreciate. The play is unforgettable and a must-see!

Sincerely,

Carl O. Snowden
Chairman of the Board

**Horace C. Hord, Jr.
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September 18, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of recommendation for Herman LeVern Jones' TheatreSouth (HLJTS)

I attended "The Eve of Jackie," one of Mr. Jones' productions at the Adrienne Arsht Center in Miami. As a result of the quality represented in that production, I recommended to the Coral Springs, Martin Luther King, Jr., Committee that we engage Mr. Jones to present his "I Have a Dream" play as the center piece of our 2017, Martin Luther King celebration.

"I Have A Dream" was a major hit in the Coral Springs community. The play was presented at the beautiful Coral Springs Center for the Arts, to a sold-out house (1,200+ seats). The audience gave an immediate standing ovation.

The "I Have A Dream" play brought an exciting and fresh energy to the Coral Springs community which will resonate for years to come. Several of our committee members joined the cast! In presenting the "I Have A Dream" project Mr. Jones combined professional performers with community talent. The ages of the cast members ranged from 10 years to 60 plus. The demonstration of images of the Civil Rights Movement made for a powerful theatrical experience for children and adults.

Your community will benefit from the "I Have A Dream" production.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Horace C. Hord, Jr." in a cursive style.

Horace C. Hord, Jr.
Immediate Past Chair

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I Have a Dream
Ruth Ann Gaines

TheatreSouth, Inc.'s production of *I Have a Dream*, was presented for the Martin Luther King, Jr. 30th Anniversary celebration in Des Moines, Iowa earlier this year. It had many strong points. The written vignettes from King's life were poignant. The intersection of these with videos, song and movement gave the audience the feeling that they were getting an intimate and developed rendition of King's life. The songs were moving and evoked emotion, even though many of the audience members already knew the story. Although the choreography was minimal, the actor/dancer who performed the stylistic piece, which was woven throughout King's final speech, was fantastic. All of the acting was believable.

I Have a Dream provided a meaningful experience with Dr. King. What we saw last January was an abbreviated version of the show. I would highly recommend bringing the full production to Des Moines so that we can experience the full richness of the show.

March 21, 2019

The "I Have A Dream" play for the State of Iowa 30th Anniversary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration performed by TheatreSouth, Inc. was amazing! Not only were there dramatic interpretations of Dr. King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement, other elements of the arts were also incorporated such as music, singing, dancing and video.

People who were unable to attend the event missed an opportunity to experience a journey that was dramatic, informative, and emotional. Those that saw I Have A Dream enjoyed everything about and would love to see the play return in its entirety.

Overall it was a fantastic performance by the members of TheatreSouth Inc. and a play that will not soon be forgotten!

Donna Burkett