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QUINCY JONES, MUSIC PRODUCER AND HUMANITARIAN, TO BE HONORED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM ANNUAL GALA



GREENSBORO, N.C., (Jan. 6, 2014) – The International Civil Rights Center & Museum (ICRCM) has announced the honorees for its Annual Gala celebrating the 54th anniversary of the 1960 Woolworth lunch counter sit-in protests. Renowned children’s activist, songwriter, music and TV producer Quincy Jones and music business pioneer Clarence Avant will be recognized as the leading honorees at the Gala to be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, N.C. Tickets are now on sale to the general public.

The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. National jazz artist Angela Stribling and award winning radio veteran, Joseph Level are scheduled to emcee the event. Ms. Stribling, who has shared the stage with musical legends like Stevie Wonder and Chaka Kahn, will perform a special tribute to Quincy Jones during the Gala.

The ICRCM will honor Quincy Jones as the 2014 recipient of the Alston-Jones International Civil & Human Rights Award. The citation, the Museum’s highest recognition, is named in honor of its co-founders, Melvin “Skip” Alston and Earl Jones. The ICRCM Board of Directors selected Quincy Jones to pay tribute to this year for his significant contributions to the world, not only as a great artist, but as an outstanding humanitarian. Through the Quincy Jones Listen Up Foundation, Jones has worked to improve the lives of those impacted by famine in Ethiopia, to help build homes in South Africa and is an advocate for encouraging youth to see an interconnection between technology, education, music, and culture. Previous honorees have included Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, Myrlie Evers-Williams, Attorney Morris Dees, Harry Belafonte, Cicely Tyson, Dr. Maya Angelou, Congressman John Lewis, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall (both honored posthumously).

“Each year, we gather to honor deserving individuals who have dedicated their lives to the cause for equity, equality and justice,” said George Clopton, ICRCM Board chairman. “This event serves as a platform for us to show our sincere appreciation for their remarkable accomplishments that continue to make a difference in our nation today.”

The ICRCM will also honor Clarence Avant as the 2014 Trailblazer Award recipient. Chosen for his pioneering work as an executive in the music industry; a producer of films; an entrepreneur in the broadcast, recording, and publishing industries; a “Godfather of Black Music” and mentor to many. Avant’s sense of determination for breaking racially restrictive barriers has set a path for many more artists and entrepreneurs to follow. A North Carolina native, Avant was born in Climax and attended Dudley High School located in Greensboro.

Tickets to the Gala are now on sale at a cost of \$125/person and sponsorship tables are available. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to secure a sponsor table, please contact Pamela Glass-Patrick at (336) 274-9199 ext. 235, or visit <http://www.sitinmovement.org/>.

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