

King's daughter featured at Nobel symposium



YOLANDA KING (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Yolanda King, daughter of slain civil rights leader and 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will speak at the Oregon Nobel Laureate Symposium Feb. 24-27 on the Linfield College campus in McMinnville.

Yolanda King has been in the midst of the struggle for human rights all her life, participating in numerous civil and human rights demonstrations and

speaking before countless religious, educational, civic and human rights organizations and institutions.

In addition to King, the symposium will feature Linus Pauling, winner of the 1954 Nobel Prize for Chemistry and the 1962 Nobel Peace Prize; Lawrence Klein, 1980 Nobel laureate for economics; Czeslaw Milosz, winner of the 1980 Nobel Prize for literature; and Charles Townes, 1964 physics laureate.

King will be a featured speaker at the symposium's evening session on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Among other topics, she is expected to talk about the contributions of her father toward world peace and human rights.

On Thursday morning, Feb. 27, she will talk to students in classes at Linfield and meet informally with students, faculty members and other interested persons.

King is an actress and producer-director, as well as a lecturer and activist, and she often combines all of those activities toward reshaping the attitudes and values of people.

"While it is imperative to actively challenge the forces that deny human beings their right to a decent life," she says, "one must also stimulate and alter the hearts and minds of both the privileged as well as those who have been too long denied. Within the arts lies this power."

Putting that belief into action, she was a founding member of Christian Theatre Artists and has taught theatre to young people and college students. She presently serves as co-director, along with Attallah Shabazz, the eldest child of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, of NUCLEUS, a company of performing artists dedicated to promoting positive energy through the arts.

NUCLEUS currently is touring high schools, colleges, churches and communities around the country with an original production called "Stepping Into Tomorrow."

King's film credits as an actress include the role of Rosa Parks, the woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus triggered the movement that ultimately desegregated the South, in *King*, an NBC made-for-television movie. She also played the role of Betty Shabazz in *The Death of a Prophet*, a story about Malcolm X.

King serves on the board of directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the official national memorial to her father. She is director of the King Center's cultural affairs program.

Her publications include "Using Television to Teach Nonviolence," in *Teachers Guides to Television*, and she has authored a column for *Black Family* magazine.

A graduate of Smith College in Northampton, MA, King received her master of fine arts degree in theatre from New York University.

The Oregon Nobel Laureate Symposium, one of only five such conferences worldwide recognized by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden, is scheduled to become an annual event at Linfield College.



MARTIN LUTHER KING III

King's son to speak

Martin Luther King III, son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday is being celebrated nationally on Jan. 20, will be guest speaker for the annual Founder's Day celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The celebration includes a cocktail function at 6 p.m., a dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m., all at the Red Lion, Lloyd Center's Hotel.

The Oregon chapter of the sorority, Zeta Sigma Omega, is adopting one of the 1986 national themes of the organization, "Scholarship: Our Key to the Future." Monies raised through this evening celebration will go toward Oregon's future scholarship programs for the Martin Luther King and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship Funds.

Attendance to the dinner and to hear Martin Luther King III is through a tax deductible donation of \$25 per person or \$250 per table. Ticket information and table reservations may be obtained by calling 284-3342.



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