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Event: Soul Food Dinner A Celebration of Black History Month

Date: Feb. 13 (Sunday)

Time: 6 p.m.—Dinner; 7 p.m.—Presentation

Location: Shirk Center, 302 E. Emerson, Bloomington

Guest

Performer: Jimmie D. Lucas

Lucas is acclaimed for his stirring and dramatic recitations and interpretive readings depicting the life and times of slain civil-rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Commenting on Lucas' presentation before the Diplomatic Corps, President Bill Clinton said: "The most authentic and exhilarating King I have ever seen."

Tickets: \$4.50—Students with ID; \$8.50—General Public

Tickets are on sale Feb. 1-12 at the Main Desk, IWU
Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave., Bloomington

Sponsor: IWU Student Senate

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Background: Jimmie D. Lucas is a student of the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He is an advocate of King's philosophy of non-violent civil action to affect social change. Like King, Lucas has participated in protests and demonstrations to achieve school integration in his hometown of Lake Providence, La.

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In August, 1983, Lucas attended the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, where King delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. It was at that time that Lucas received the inspiration to learn and later recite King's speeches. Since then, Lucas has traveled nationwide

delivering various renditions of King's speeches— "I Have a Dream," "I've Been to the Mountaintop," "A Knock at Midnight," and excerpts from the "Letter from Birmingham Jail"— in a dramatic one-man show.

Lucas has been a guest speaker before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and National Baptist Conventions.

Lucas has co-starred in the critically acclaimed play, "The Meeting," a powerful drama about the lives, philosophies, and times of King and civil-rights leader Malcolm X.

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