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Cultural Icon Amiri Baraka Speaks at Hibernian Hall

The Roxbury Center for Arts at Hibernian Hall and ACT Roxbury are pleased to announce that noted cultural worker and activist Amiri Baraka will speak on Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 6pm-8pm. The talk will take place at Hibernian Hall. There is a five dollar donation.

Amiri Baraka, born in 1934, in Newark, New Jersey, USA, is the author of over 40 books of essays, poems, drama, and music history and criticism, a poet icon and revolutionary political activist who has recited poetry and lectured on cultural and political issues extensively in the USA, the Caribbean, Africa, and Europe. His awards and honors include an Obie, the American Academy of Arts & Letters award, the James Weldon Johnson Medal for contributions to the arts, Rockefeller Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts grants, Professor Emeritus at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and the Poet Laureate of New Jersey.

Baraka's appearance is one of the highlights of the "2008 Performance Season." ACT's third season will bring a diverse selection of affordable theatrical performances to the Center as well as other events such as interactive theater and discussion sessions. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rcahh.org/2008season.

Ticket Information:

\$5 donation

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All tickets can be purchased at Hibernian Hall two hours before the performance.

Online ticket sales are available at www.RCAHH.org/2008season

For questions about group sales or rental information for Hibernian Hall contact:

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For directions to Hibernian Hall and information about other Roxbury Discussion Series events and 2008 season performances go to www.RCAHH.org/2008season

About Hibernian Hall:

Now fully restored, this carefully preserved historical building was a former Irish Dance Hall and, after that, an Opportunities Industrialization Training Center. It's now the Roxbury Center for the Arts at Hibernian Hall, a center for cultural activity and also a permanent home for the Arts, Culture and Trade Roxbury (ACT Roxbury), and its programs and initiatives. ACT Roxbury is the cultural economic development program of Madison Park Development Corporation. The redevelopment of Hibernian Hall helps revitalize an important block in Dudley Square and draws people to area business and restaurants.

Parking: Limited spaces in rear of building. Free parking available in the Blair lot on Harrison Ave. and on street.

Public Transportation

We are a block and a half from Dudley Station on the Dudley St. side. The Silver Line travels from Downtown Crossing to Dudley. A number of buses come from Ruggles Station into Dudley Station, including the #19,23,27,47,and 8.

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