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BICENTENNIAL — AMERICA'S
CHALLENGE TO FULFILL
DR. KING'S DREAM

"THE LIFE OF A KING"

By ARTHUR LANGFORD, JR.



LIVE ON STAGE

A HEARTWARMING DRAMA
ABOUT THE LIFE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Supported By:

- The Martin Luther King Center For Social Change, President Coretta Scott King
- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, President Ralph Abernathy
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THE AUTHOR AND HISTORY OF PLAY

Rev. Arthur Langford, Jr., author of "The Life of A King", at 26 is the youngest Black elected official in Atlanta, serving as Ninth District City Councilman of Atlanta, Georgia.

A native Atlantan, Rev. Langford attended Public School in Atlanta and Morris Brown College.

Always active in civic and community affairs, he served as Youth Editor for the Atlanta Inquirer Newspaper while a college student.

In 1969, he became Director of the Atlanta Youth Council.

Because of his involvement during the Civil Rights Movement (Student Organizer), Rev. Langford felt the need to express in black terms what effect the life of this great leader had on people; thus "The Life of A King" was written. The play, with Rev. Langford's outstanding portrayal of Dr. King will performed to large audiences throughout the country.

In 1972, Rev. Langford spearheaded a Youth Day Rally, which brought together young adults from all walks of life with varying ideologies. From this endeavor the Youth-Adult Conference was born with Rev. Langford elected as its first President.

Believing in the rights of all men and especially human dignity for blacks, he was shot at Holy Family Hospital while demonstrating against unjust practices of that institution.

He was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1973 and also received the Young Man of the Year in Citizenship Award in Atlanta the same year.

He is an active member of SCLC, NAACP Butler Street YMCA and serves as a Special Assistant to the President of Morris Brown College.

A much sought after lecturer and minister, the young bachelor is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Langford, Sr. of Atlanta.

The "Life of A King" is a four act drama written and copyrighted in 1969 by Rev. Arthur Langford, Jr. who, at that time, was a college student actively involved in the civil rights movement. A movement that inspired him to express in black terms what the work of a great black leader — Dr. Martin Luther King — meant to his followers and how his work represented their interests. The end result was the play, "The Life of A King". A play which, first, was presented at Ebenezer Baptist Church, once co-pastored by the slain leader. On the birthdate of Dr. King in 1973, a special performance of the play was presented in Atlanta, Georgia to a standing room audience of over eight thousand people.

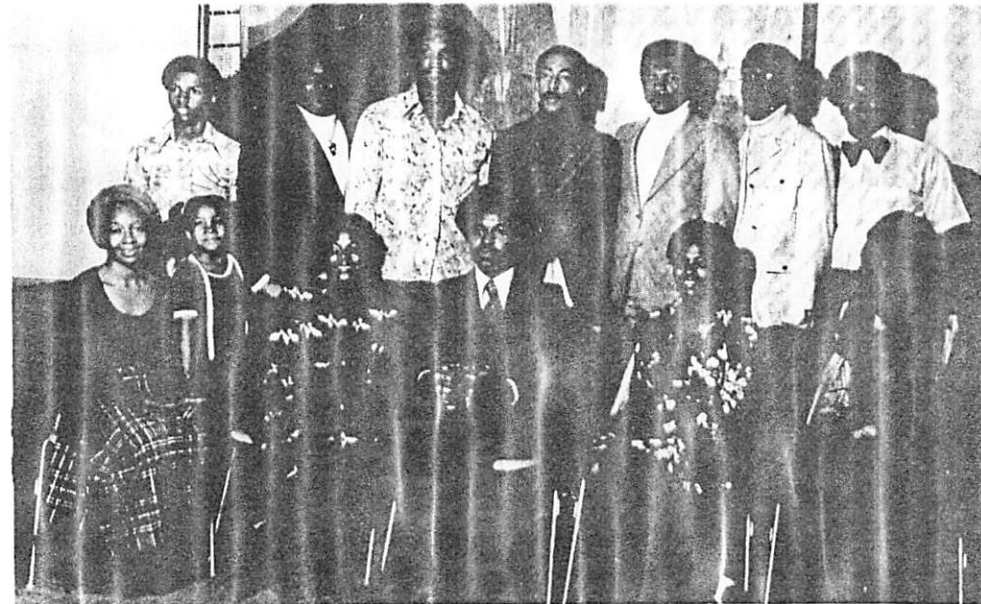
During the summer of 1969 the cast performed in some southern cities with help from Rev. Hosea Williams who is now serving as President of the Atlanta Chapter SCLC.

The play will be presented during the 20th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott this year in Montgomery, Ala. It will also be presented at the official opening of the new facility of the Martin Luther King Center For Social Change in January during the 1975 Birthday Celebration in Atlanta, Ga.

The "Life of A King has been praised by critics and non-critics alike for its realism and charismatic characterization. "It is a play with an inspirational impact that will be long remembered..." says Peoples' Magazine, "...it must be seen to believe."



THE CAST



Standing: L-R Jacob Martin, Fred Williams, Larry Barnett, Eddie Dodson, William Pryor, Jack Holt, and Michael Langford.

Seated: L-R Betty Vaughn, Erika Vaughn, Wilhelmina Howard, Arthur Langford, Wanda Howard, and Brenda Hall. Not in Picture: Sharon Spence and James Cockerham.

SUPPORTERS



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