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STORYTELLING ON THE STREETCAR: CELEBRATING BLACK CULTURE

Celebrating Kansas City's Black Culture through Dance, Poetry, Art, and Music

(Kansas City, Missouri) – On Friday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m., Kansas City is virtually invited to join KC Streetcar's Third Annual Black History Month celebration. Storytelling on the Streetcar: Celebrating Black Culture is a celebration of Kansas City's black culture through dance, poetry, art, and music and will premiere on KC Streetcar's <u>YouTube page</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>.

"Working with the KC Streetcar has been an incredible journey of discovering my own talents off the stage as well as bridging the gap between downtown and local artists. This has become a genuine relationship of understanding, creativity, and doing something to inspire the city," said Royce "Sauce" Handy, NuBlvckCity.

Storytelling on the Streetcar: Celebrating Black Culture is a community celebration hosted by the KC Streetcar Authority and sponsored by BMG Advisors, Port KC, and Union Station.

Participating artists and musicians include:

- Poet Sheri Purpose Hall
- Poet t.l. sanders
- NuBlvckCity with They Call Me Sauce, Kartez Marcel, Love, Mae C., and featuring Kadesh Flow
- Tristian Griffin Dance Company
- Choreographer Michael Blake and the UMKC Conservatory School of Dance

Special guests include Mayor Quinton Lucas, Crissy Dastrup (Co-Founder Troost Market Collective), Kemet Coleman (Community Leader + Musician), Justice Horn (Community Activist), LaVail Harrington (KC Streetcar Operator), and Kiona Sinks (Community Activist + Social Innovator). Storytelling on the Streetcar artwork created by Kansas City artist JT Daniels and video created by Estuardo Garcia Media.

"The KC Streetcar is more than just connecting people to destinations, it's also about connecting people to each other, experiences and opportunities. 'Storytelling on the Streetcar:

Celebrating Black Culture' attempts to connect our riders and Kansas Citians to the rich and diverse cultures that make our city so wonderful," said Donna Mandelbaum, communications director, KC Streetcar Authority.

Tune in on Friday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. for Storytelling on the Streetcar: Celebrating Black Culture on KC Streetcar's YouTube page and Facebook page.

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