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**In Observance of Black History Month  
Serenity Players, Inc. kicks off its 20th Anniversary season in presenting. . .**

**- *Martin Said So* -**

*A Drama by Wanda Schell & Kenny Bento*

*“One of the best plays I’ve seen dealing with my father’s philosophy.” – Martin Luther King III*

**Washington, DC**— Serenity Players, Inc. presents *Martin Said So*, a drama by Wanda Schell and Kenny Bento at the St. Francis Xavier Church Bailey Room, 2815 O Street, SE on Friday, February 28, 2003 at 7:30pm and Saturday, March 1, 2003 at 1:00pm. Admission is \$8.00 for senior citizens and students under 18 years old and \$12.00 for general admission. Group sales are available for 10 persons or more. Free parking is available on the church parking lot. Street parking is also available.

Appropriate for all ages, this play tells the story of four generations of an American family of African descent as they were affected by the Civil Rights movements of the 1950’s and 1960’s. The authors blend an unbelievable amount of factual information into the fast-moving plot. With strong emotion and dramatic conflict, the play shows how the philosophies of both Dr. King and Malcolm X changed the family’s life. The historical facts are presented frankly and fairly, emphasizing Dr. King’s dream of a nation without prejudice but also without violence. A powerful play, it should enthrall audiences of all races – and perhaps take another step toward bringing peace and love to all Americans. This drama is presented by special arrangement with I.E. Clark, Inc. Schulenburg, TX.

Serenity Players, Inc. celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2003 and kicks off its season with the production of *Martin Said So*. It is the only viable Hillcrest and Ward 7 grassroots community based theater company located and operating east of the river. Using local actors and performers of all ages, this family-oriented company presents and performs theater productions of new and original works that are choral, dramatic, secular and sacred to a broad segment of the community.

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