

## Earthen Vessels: Sandra Organ Dance Company (EVSODC) Celebrates

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With Women Of The Movement: Matriarchs And Heroines Of Black History

February 17-19 and 24-26, 2012, EVSODC presents its 14th Annual Black History Month Performance. The program, **Mothers of the Movement: Matriarchs and Heroines of Black History** tells stories and pays homage to female pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement including Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and Rosa Parks through invigorating music and innovative dances. Other choreographic works take inspiration from writers Maya Angelou and Lucille Clifton as well as singers Sweet Honey in the Rock, Roberta Flack, and Nina Simone. Additionally, the program features special guest, Yolanda Gibbs, a former company member who originated many of these roles, and was named 2005 Dancer of the Year by Houston Press. EVSODC will give six public performances of **Mothers of the Movement: Matriarchs and Heroines of Black History**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 713-225-0677 or VISIT [www.evsdance.org](http://www.evsdance.org).

**WHEN:** FEBRUARY 17-19 and 24-26, 2012

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Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM, Sunday at 2:30 PM

**WHERE:** Barnevelder Movement Arts Complex

2201 Preston (at Hutchins), Houston, TX 77003

### **“Founder’s Day” for Jack Yates High School**

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 was celebrated at City Hall as “Founder’s Day” for the historic Third Ward high school, Jack Yates. Jack Yates High School has a proud legacy as noted by the proclamation. Houston City Council member at Large, Andrew C. Burks, Jr is a proud graduate of Yates HS. Alumni of Yates along with the current school principal were present to receive the proclamation.

Members present were Andrew Burks, Arva Howard, Larry Blackmon, Principal Sheppard, Maurice Hobson, Carolyn Zota, Carolyn Evans, and Juanita Jackson along with Mayor Annise Parker.

### **“No Compromise, No Sellout, No Back Room Meetings”**

52nd consecutive week of protest against police terrorism and brutality

Today, hundreds of signatures were gathered for an independent civilian review board with subpoena power, proper funding and prosecutorial power in front of the Harris County Court House, Houston, Texas. The Black Justice Tuesday Coalition (BJTC) honored it's 52nd consecutive week of protest against police terrorism and brutality. The New Black Panther Party and The National Black United Front (NBUF) were joined by several victims of police brutality and a dozen different organizations and groups standing in solidarity on the call for an end to the terrorism.

In February of 2011 the Chad Holley beating video enraged community members. The people's righteous cry for justice has not fallen on death ears as the BJTC has remained on top of the issue every week. Last week a 4'11 one hundred pound woman of African ancestry was roughed up by HPD cops when she tried to video her husband being beaten. The officers took her cell phone removing the memory card. The group held a spirited protest calling on the spirit of victims of HPD terrorism including: Carl Hampton (Black Panther Party), Ida Delaney, Byron Gillum, Jose Campos Torres and many others. The rallying cry for the past year has been “NO COMPROMISE, NO SELLOUT, NO BACK ROOM MEETINGS”

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