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JAM SESSION & PANEL DISCUSSIONS TO CELEBRATE LIFE OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG: CO-SPONSORED BY QUEENS COLLEGE & THE CITY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE CENTER

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001
TIME: 11 A.M.
LOCATION: CUNY GRADUATE CENTER, KAUFMAN AUDITORIUM
365 FIFTH AVENUE AT 34TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Pops: Celebrating the Life of Louis Armstrong, a day-long event featuring a jam session along with panel discussions, will be sponsored by the Graduate Center and the Armstrong House and Archives on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held in the Kaufman Auditorium at 365 Fifth Avenue at 34th Street in Manhattan.

The keynote address will be presented by Michael Cogswell, director of the House and Archives, who will show vintage clips of Armstrong. Cogswell said that, "Louis would have been famous for any one of his many contributions: trumpet virtuoso, vocalist, father of jazz, composer, writer, actor, philanthropist, and America's Ambassador of Goodwill to the world." Cogswell emphasized that "there is more serious interest given Louis today than ever."

The jam session will be led by trumpet player Jimmy Owens, a professor of music at New School University, who will also offer his perspective on Armstrong's creative legacy.

Taking part in panel discussions will be Pulitzer Prize winner Margo Jefferson, of *The New York Times*; *Village Voice* journalist Nat Hentoff; Armstrong band alumnus Arvell Shaw; Willard Jenkins, jazz critic and "BET on Jazz" program host and Jack Bradley, Armstrong's official photographer who will screen rare footage of Pops on stage.

Tickets for the Life of Armstrong celebration are \$25. For information, call 212 817-7290.

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