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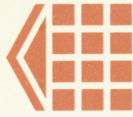
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## Chicago Historical Society

Chicago Historical Society  
Clark Street at North Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60614  
(312) 642-4600

May 22, 1991

Dr. Eva Jessye  
Baker Commons - Apartment 404  
106 Packard  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Dear Dr. Jessye:

As you well know, **I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America** celebrates your extraordinary achievements along with 74 other African American women. We are writing to invite you to Chicago, at our expense, to reconvene with your co-celebrants as you did in Washington in January of 1989. Chicago's **I Dream A World** Opening Night Gala Committee has planned an extraordinary weekend to celebrate the exhibition's midwest debut at the Chicago Historical Society on Friday, August 23. Our hope is that you would make every effort to join us for this special occasion.

Your presence would not only add so much to the electricity of our premiere, but it would also guarantee the success of a wonderful educational project that will accompany the exhibition. This project, called The Sojourner Program, will provide 2000 teenage African-American women with the opportunity to view the exhibition during its nine week venue and explore with older professional women the proud, shared legacy of **I Dream A World**.

Should your schedule permit you to come to Chicago as our honored guest, we will take care of all arrangements. First you will be flown to Chicago on Thursday, August 22, courtesy of Midway Airlines. Once you have arrived, The Claridge Hotel will provide accommodations and limousine transportation until your departure on Saturday, August 24. Again, your return flight would be provided by Midway. If you do not live near a city to which Midway flies, we'll be more than happy to make special arrangements.



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The highlight of the weekend will be our Gala Opening on Friday evening August 23. The Opening Night Gala Committee, a group of 70 business and civic leaders, is expecting at least 700 guests to join us in celebrating the exhibition's premiere. Our guests will enter the Chicago Historical Society on a red carpet with kleig lights illuminating the summer skies above. The evening will be one of elegance and dignity befitting the **I Dream A World** exhibition.

We sincerely hope your schedule will permit you to join us. Enclosed is a response card and return envelope for your convenience. All of us look forward to hearing from you soon with what we sincerely hope will be a resounding "yes" to our invitation!

Sincerely,

Judith I. Byrd  
Opening Night Chair

Ellsworth H. Brown  
President

Amina Dickerson  
Director of Education

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