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### Frederick Douglass International Underground Railroad Conference and Freedom Festival is Sept. 28-30 -- Juan Williams, Bernice Johnson Reagon & Da

Rochester, NY (PRWEB) May 3, 2007 -- Leadership of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Rochester/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission in Rochester, New York today announced the program and speakers for the Frederick Douglass International Underground Railroad Conference and Freedom Festival to be held in Rochester, NY September 28-30.

More than 35 nationally-recognized authorities on the Underground Railroad will convene in Rochester to bring to life one of America's most remarkable stories, illuminating compelling accounts of courageous people and historic places. Integrated with the conference will be a Freedom Festival, a series of events that will provide an opportunity for the general public to celebrate this heritage.

#### Keynote Events:

\* Juan Williams, Opening Keynote, Friday September 28 - one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. He is the senior correspondent for NPR, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for FoxNews Sunday. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for The Washington Post, he has also authored six books.

\* Darryl Van Leer, My Life in Bondage, Friday September 28 - Award-winning actor, performer of Power on Earth. The versatile performer began his television acting career by working regularly on Black Entertainment Network's Bobby Jones Gospel Show as a background vocalist, writer and photographer. Today, he enjoys a successful and varied career in film and TV as a featured performer.

\* Bernice Johnson Reagon, Keynote, Saturday September 29, 2007 - the major cultural voice for freedom and justice; singing, teaching--speaking out against racism and organized inequities of all kinds. She is Professor Emerita of History at American University, Curator Emerita at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Dr. Alfreda Brown, Conference Chair and Chief Diversity Officer for Rochester Institute of Technology said, "This conference will provide an extraordinary opportunity for educators, researchers, curators, historians and others to attain a better understanding of how the Underground Railroad has impacted who we are today and how relevant this heroic and triumphant struggle is to addressing current social and cultural issues."

"This conference will enable educators and others in the learning community to engage in substantive educational activities on these topics," said David Anderson, Chairman of the Rochester/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission. "Racism, secrecy and the passage of time have hindered the research and dissemination of accurate information about Frederick Douglass and the Underground Railroad. It is therefore absent from most textbooks, and most history."

"Once more, in urban centers, where the majority school population is African American, there is an urgent need for culturally enriching educational programs that engage African

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About a month ago, I was helping a friend collect meteorites. We picked out a grid pattern and started walking six to 9 feet apart with metal detectors looking for the iron-nickel meteorites which are quite common here on the Earth's surface. The grid is large and takes many days to even make a dent in it and each time we are able to collect some meteorites.

[UPI Newspictures Chooses Digital Railroad Platform for Historic Image Collection](#)

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[LAPD Chief Bratton's Reappointment Railroaded? Full Disclosure® TV & Internet Video News Blog \(8 min\)](#)

A former TV and Radio personality who also served as a LAPD Disciplinary Hearing Officer, alleges the L.A. Police Commission is participating in a "cover up" of responsibility for the alleged police beatings that occurred in Mac Arthur Park during the immigrant rally on May Day. FULL DISCLOSURE NETWORK® presents an eight minute Video News Blog featuring Xavier Hermsillo's remarks and in sharp contrast the comments from LAPD Police Commission President John Mack and former Police Commission President Edith Perez. The video is available at this URL: <http://www.fulldisclosure.net/Blogs/46.php> for viewing on the Internet 24/7, on demand as a public service and will feature...

[Choosing A Model Railroad Building Kit](#)

Model railroad building kits are extremely popular today. They sell in huge numbers every day because more and more people are beginning to discover the pure beauty and charm that model railways have to offer. They were initially designed to preserve the old style railroads perfectly and the scale train models actually do that. They are simply miniature versions

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The Conference is fittingly named for Frederick Douglass, who spent twenty-five years (1847-1872) - one of the most productive periods of his life - in Rochester, New York. The self-made leader, who rose from an impoverished birth into chattel slavery, gained eminence as a powerful orator, renowned author, newspaper editor, and statesman. Douglass became the most celebrated African American of the 1800s, and assumed the status of an American icon: a visible public representative of African Americans and the public conscience of a great moral struggle familiar to all Americans.

It was also in Rochester, 160 years ago in 1847, that Douglass launched an assault on slavery through the power of the press, establishing the North Star, one of the most influential African American antislavery papers.

More than 30 other Presenters Leading Experts on the Underground Railroad!

Tony Burroughs, Professional Genealogist

Linda Cousins-newton, Founder, Nana Tubman Honor in Ghana Project & Director, Ancestral Promotions

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Fees, Registration, Sponsorship Opportunities and More Information

For a complete schedule, to read more about speakers and to register online visit <http://www.workforcediversitynetwork.com> (Workforce Diversity Network). The Full Conference

fee including all keynotes and choice of concurrent sessions is \$150 (save \$25 by registering on or before August 31.) Tickets for keynote events may also be purchased separately: \$40 for Juan Williams luncheon (\$350 for tables of 10), \$25 for Bernice Johnson Reagon's talk, and \$35 for Darryl Van Leer's performance and reception.

of reality. As a result, they capture the imagination of adults and children alike. Model railroading building kits therefore seem to have a universal appeal that few other toys or models do.

[Lionel Loueke Solo Debut Album Virgin Forest Earns International Accolades, Released March 13, 2007 in USA with Distribution by HBD/Koch](#)

Lionel Loueke's debut solo album, Virgin Forest (OS 104), has just hit stores on March 13, 2007 in the USA with distribution by HBD/Koch. The album has already been released in Europe in October 2006. Virgin Forest features legendary pianist Herbie Hancock, percussionist Cyro Baptista, Gregoire Maret and others. The recording includes a number of preludes with West African percussion ensembles led by the Raimi and Tessi Brothers. Mr. Loueke traveled to his homeland of Cotonou, Benin, West Africa to preserve these native rhythms he describes as "disappearing."

[NC Railroad Museum Enthralls Kids Young & Old Alike](#)

Situated in the heart of central North Carolina along the border of Wake and Chatham counties, just thirty minutes south of Raleigh, is the North Carolina Railroad Museum / New Hope Valley Railway. Featuring steam and diesel locomotives as well as various boxcars, flatcars, and the like, the museum / railway has been entertaining train fans at its rural Bonsal location since 1981.

[How Model Railroading Clubs Can Help With Your New Hobby](#)

Most hobbies have associated clubs where you can meet other people interested in the same things, and learn more about the hobby. Model railroading is no different. There are hundreds of clubs around the world where model train enthusiasts meet to discuss the hobby and learn from one another.

[Your Guide To Controls Electronic Model Railroad](#)

Model railroading in a simple concept that even the most novice of collectors and hobbyists can enjoy with no prior experience. It is based on small models of tunnels, trains, rails and scenery that actually mirror the life sized versions that we see every day. It has been viewed as a child's toy in the past but is now loved by the young and the old alike. Scale models can replicate almost anything you want them to and you can even build your own to see just how you do if you were doing

Activities and fees for the Freedom Festival will be announced at a later date.  
For more information visit the Web site, sign up for email alerts or call 585-256-4642.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for organizations and patrons. For more information contact Mike Streeter, 315-333-4009.

The Conference is presented by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Rochester/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission, and made possible through the generous support of Rochester Area Community Foundation, Monroe County, the City of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, the University of Rochester and the Workforce Diversity Network.

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it in the real world. Controls electronic model railroads can be as involving as you like. You can spend hours playing and tinkering with you railroad if you so wish, or just look at it once a week to add little bits and pieces and do maintenance.

[Dantel Announces Railroad Deployment of its Third Generation WebMon™ Edge and Matrix Remote Surveillance Platforms](#)

Dantel selected for deployment to monitor and protect assets for major U.S. railroad

[Federal Employers Liability Act Was Set Up To Protect Railroad Workers](#)

The Federal Employers Liability Act is, in a way, similar to worker's compensation. Worker's compensation is a type of insurance that helps pay an injured employee missed wages and medical expenses in the event that the employee is injured either on the job or because of their job. Worker's compensation is a mandatory insurance in most states.

[An Introduction To Garden Railroads](#)

A popular trend in model railroading is using equipment and accessories that are rugged enough to stand up to the weather to build outdoor railroad layouts. The term "garden railroads" stems from the fact that these outdoor layouts are often integrated into a garden, with the garden providing part or all of the scenery and landscaping.

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[Why Using Seatbelts Can Avoid Railroad Crashes](#)

If you are an avid moviegoer or a novel buff, you would notice that some dramatic scenes would involve train crashes. And remember the staged publicity stunt in Crush, Texas in 1896? Although two people were killed in this prearranged setup, it has drawn a massive spectacle of about 50,000 people during the crash. This is how railroad accidents have been prominent figures of popular culture in modern times, no matter how catastrophic it can be.

[Medical Opinions Associates Secures Contract with Long Island Railroad](#)

Medical Opinions Associates has contracted with the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) Company to provide orthopedic medical opinions involving the review and evaluation of medical records relating to on-the-job injuries sustained by conductors.

[Dr. Lionel Bissoon's 'The Cellulite Cure' Becomes a Best-Seller](#)

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