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MAYOR MINER HOSTS “STOP THE VIOLENCE” WITH KHALIL KAIN AT LANDMARK THEATRE

In Partnership with Mothers Against Gun Violence, the Trauma Response Team, and SEIU 1199, Syracuse Will Welcome Actor Khalil Kain for a Discussion of Guns in our Community

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner will host a panel discussion aimed at talking about the realities of gun violence in the Syracuse community. Entitled “Stop the Violence: A Discussion of Guns in our Community,” the program will feature keynote speaker actor Khalil Kain, Common Councilor and Mothers Against Gun Violence advocate Helen Hudson, and Pastor Daren Jaime of the People’s African Methodist Episcopal Church in addition to a panel of anti-violence community activists and law enforcement officials.

“We are excited to welcome Khalil Kain to our city for this important discussion,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “Getting members of our community together for this important conversation is crucial to ending the epidemic of gun violence that is taking too many lives on our streets.”

“Being able to be involved in any initiative to curb gun violence on the streets of America is a privilege,” said Khalil Kain a special guest and panelist. “When the Mayor approached me about coming to Syracuse to assist her in her fight to get guns off the streets, I assured her I would be there if she called. She called, and I’m on my way to help in any way I can. The youth of America need us. I feel it’s always a good idea to start in your own backyard. Let’s all do what we can to stop the violence.”

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Khalil Kain was born and raised in New York City. He has been acting professionally since 1991. He first gained notice as the character Raheem, in the film "Juice". Khalil followed that up with roles in other films like "Renaissance Man", "Love Jones", "Bones", and most recently "For Colored Girls". Khalil has been on numerous television shows, such as "Friends", "CSI", and "The Ghost Whisperer". Out of all of Khalil's television credits, he is probably best known for playing the role of Maya's husband "Darnell" on the television show "Girlfriends". Khalil has been busy on stage as of late, performing off Broadway in "The Great MacDaddy" and is presently in rehearsal for "Futurology the Musical". Khalil will be directing Sam Shepard's "Buried Child" at Aaron Davis Hall in conjunction with City College in July of 2013.

“This is an opportunity in combining city efforts with community efforts in sitting down under one roof to have a honest conversation on the causes and effects and how we can all work together toward finding solutions to this epidemic called gun violence,” said Common Councilor and Mothers Against Gun Violence advocate Helen Hudson.

The event will begin at 3:30 P.M. at the Landmark Theatre, 362 South Salina Street. It is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available at the Washington Street parking garage at 340 West Washington Street. Media may cover the event

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