

UBBCP's 7th Annual Celebration of Reading

"Literary Healing IV" - "Family"

OPENING GALA

presents

DR. OBA T'SHAKA

"OPERATION: We ARE Family"



Oba T'Shaka is an activist, author, scholar, leader, organizer, renowned public speaker and visionary of exceptional influence. He addresses audiences in the United States, Britain, France and Africa. His versatile strength as a speaker combines forty-nine years as a scholar activists who led the largest and most effective northern Civil Rights Movements. He will speak on his national and international extended family revitalization project, "OPERATION: We ARE Family"

AN EDUCATIONAL AND LIBERATING DISCUSSION

Dr. T'Shaka has been chair of the Black Studies Department at San Francisco State University since 1984. His expertise includes ancient African history, African American history, African philosophy, Black political theory, and African and African American leadership traditions. He is the author of four books: "The Political Legacy of Malcolm X"; "The Art of Leadership," Volume I and Volume II; and "Return to the African Mother Principle of Male Female Equality," Volume I. T'Shaka has been active in Black freedom movements since 1960. He is currently national vice chair for organizing and training for the National Black United Front (NBUF), and is co-chair of BUFFER (Black United Front for Educational Reform). "The generational divide is the most critical issue in the African-American community. In the late 1960s, during the genesis of the Hip Hop generation, powerful hostile forces" assaulted African-American culture and families and threaten the future of Black youth, while also endangering cultural transmissions and cultural continuity in the African American community. The hostile forces include: 1) urban removal that disrupts Black neighborhoods; 2) destabilizing effects of drugs in the Black community; 3) governmental repression of Black leadership; 4) public policies based on a view that the Black family is pathological; 5) promotion of Black leaders that are not connected to the Black freedom movement; 6) the rise of the prison-industrial complex; 7) and the expansion and collapse of the welfare system.

WITH OTHER PERFORMING ARTISTS

Friday, May 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM

(Reception starting at 6:00 PM)

at

Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium

7101 Hamilton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

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