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 **Groupe Financier Banque TD**

Black Theatre Workshop Presents:  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vision Celebration**  
*Gala Fundraiser*

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## Toast to a Vision Come True

MONTREAL, December 9, 2008 – January 2009 is a historical moment for black history. Join us as we make a toast Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's vision as it becomes reality. BTW is pleased to announce the **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vision Gala Celebration** marking the unofficial launch of Black History Month and Dr. King's dream and vision of growth, unity and community. The celebrations begin **January 24<sup>th</sup>** at the **Hyatt Regency** in Montreal, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing until the wee hours of the night.

Every year the Vision Celebration awards the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award** to an individual whose life has a measure of distinction in Canada and who has made significant contributions to the development of the Black performing arts.

This year's honouree is **Mrs. Ethel Bruneau**, legendary dancer and teacher. For four decades Mrs. Bruneau has inspired young people using dance as a means of expressing their passion and acquiring the discipline and dedication to succeed. Mrs. Bruneau has taught in schools across Montreal popularizing and preserving Black Rhythm Tap, also known as "Hoofin' in the City" and is only one of two such teachers in Canada.

This year, our Master of Ceremonies is **Kim Brunhuber** from **CBC News Canada**. From Afghanistan to Sierra Leone, Kim Brunhuber has traveled the world to report news and write features for television, radio, newspapers and magazines. He joined the CBC News: Montreal at Six team in 2008 after 10 years of reporting for CTV and Global in Ottawa, Halifax and Toronto.

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Vision Celebration is also a glimpse into the future as we award two young Montréalers for their scholastic and artistic achievements. The **Gloria Mitchell-Aleong Award** and the **Victor Phillips Award** are presented to two outstanding young people who have achieved excellence in their academic pursuits and the performing arts.

We will also be hosting a silent auction by the Afro-Cuban artist **Alexander Poll Dovel**. His folk inspired and semi figurative work is full of colour and incredible energy.

BTW's Annual Gala marks the unofficial launch of Black History Month and celebrates Martin Luther King Junior's dream and his vision of growth, unity and community. Whether for BTW's fall or spring Mainstage productions, school tours for Black History Month, Youthworks performance troupes, or for community arts development projects, all contributions are dedicated to encouraging and promoting the development of a Black and Canadian Theatre. To purchase tickets call our box office at **514-932-1104 ext. 226**. For more information on Black Theatre Workshop go to our website [www.blacktheatreworkshop.ca](http://www.blacktheatreworkshop.ca).

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