### Office of Multicultural Affairs The Dr. Shirley S. Seaton Cultural Awareness Series 2007/2008 - John Carroll University



The 2007-2008 Cultural Awareness Series will explore cultural issues of concern, illuminate various cultural perspectives, enhance understanding of the ways in which we all are interconnected and celebrate diversity as integral to today's society.

## September

COMEDY FEST FEATURING GARY OWEN AND DAT PHAN SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 KULAS AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M. FREE WITH JCU ID \$5 WITHOUT ID Ohio native Gary Owen is the former host of BET's *Comic View*. He is frequently seen on Comedy Central and starred in the movie *Daddy Day Care*. He recently released his first comedy CD *Live from Tampa* and a comedy DVD, *Breakin' Out The Park*.

Dat Phan, winner of ABC's *Last Comic Standing*, has appeared in his own special on Comedy Central and has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and BET's *Comic View*. For more information about these and other programs, call 216.397.4185 or visit our web site at www.jcu.edu/multicul.

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## October

HISPANIC ARTS & CULTURAL GROUP, INC.



October 25, 2007 Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, 7 p.m. Presentation and workshop on Hispanic dancing by Cleveland's own Hispanic Arts & Cultural Group, Inc. The event will trace the evolution of Hispanic dancing from traditional to contemporary.

# November



#### DR. STEVE L. ROBBINS November 13, 2007 Dolan Center for Science

AND TECHNOLOGY, DONAHUE AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M. Speaker, professor, writer and consultant, Dr. Steve L. Robbins, is recognized as an expert on issues of diversity, inclusion and cultural competence. Born in Vietnam,

Robbins was a child when his family

immigrated to the United States, where they faced anti-war and anti-Vietnamese sentiment. Dr. Robbins brings an insightful perspective on issues of diversity, inclusion and the power of caring. He is the author of the forthcoming book, *Teachable Moments: Short Stories to Spark Diversity Dialogue*.

### DR. LORI ARVISO ALVORD NOVEMBER 14, 2007

#### DOLAN CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DONAHUE AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.

The first Navajo woman to be board certified as a surgeon, Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord, seeks to bridge two worlds of medicine – traditional Navajo healing and conventional Western medicine.



She was trained in medicine at Stanford University, but went back to the healers of her tribe to "learn what a surgical residency could not teach me." Dr. Alvord discusses her unique approach to medicine in her autobiography, *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear*.

January Nuttin' But Stringz, FEATURING TOURIE ESCOBAR AND DAMIEN ESCOBAR JANUARY 24, 2008 Kulas Auditorium, 7 p.m.



Discussion and concert by national recording artists Nuttin' But Stringz, featuring Tourie and Damien Escobar. The Escobar brothers combine the classical sound of the violin with pop, R&B and hip-hop. Both attended the legendary Juilliard School in New York and now their mission is to bridge the gap between popular and classical music. Nuttin' But Stringz's debut CD *Struggle from the Subway to the Charts* was released in 2006. The duo has appeared on numerous national television shows, including *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Today Show,* the *Ellen DeGeneres Show* and the *Tavis Smiley Show.* In addition, Nuttin' But Stringz has performed with such artists as Al Jarreau, Patti LaBelle and Yolanda Adams.

## February

### SPOKEN WORD POETS

FEBRUARY 6, 2008 DOLAN CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DONAHUE AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.

An evening of Spoken Word Poets, featuring poets from Greater Cleveland and poets from the JCU campus community.

### EPHREN W. TAYLOR II FEBRUARY 20, 2008

#### DOLAN CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DONAHUE AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.

The youngest African-American CEO of a publicly traded company, Ephren W. Taylor II oversees more than \$250 million in assets at the City Capital Corporation. He started his first business venture when he was 12, and by the age of 17 he had built a multi-million dollar business called GoFerretGo.com.



His remarks will highlight economic empowerment and entrepreneurship in urban communities and the importance of being socially conscious in business matters.



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