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The Mumia Abu Jamal Direct Action Task Force/Coalition in cooperation with the Black Women's Defense League will hold an *African Village Community Town Meeting: Open Forum* on "**Mumia Abu Jamal**" that will take place on **Sun. August 27, 2006** starting at **3:00 PM** at **The Mantis School** located at **4522 Baltimore Ave.** (in the University City area).
This event is Free and open to the general public.

Mumia Abu Jamal is a well known award winning journalist, author, and multi-talented, internationally acclaimed, spokesperson for the concerns of Black people (and others).

He is, of course, a Philadelphia native son who has been unjustly incarcerated and on Pennsylvania's death row for 25 years.

This, **Black August 2006 "Philly Style"** event, will assist in bringing greater attention (and the necessary actions that must now be implemented) in order to expedite his (Mumia's) inevitable exoneration/freedom.

Panelist, presenters, and participants for this open forum will include community activist, elected officials, business persons, educators, representatives from organizations, and a variety of concerned persons.

Presenters bringing light to the history and present status of Mumia's case include:

Pam Africa, Chairwoman of The International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu Jamal and

Sis. Basiymah Mu-Bey, Founder of Sisters Supporting Sisters.

Senator Vincent Hughes, Congressman Chaka Fattah, Councilman Wilson Goode Jr. and Min. Rodney Muhammad have also been invited

Other panelist and presenters (see attached flyer) will also focus on the question of:
"Why there have been minimum involvement/actions demonstrated by Black folks in Philly regarding Mumia's case and what can be/must be done now."

Additional discussion will include the issue of:

Political Prisoners in the US, the US Prison Industrialized Complex, and the pending boycott of MCI and other US corporations linked to the prison system

Also, information and insight will be provided regarding the Resolution that recently passed through Phila. City Council and the Penna. State Legislation that calls for the support of a boycott of France because of a naming of a street for Mumia.

World renowned musician and composer, **Byard Lancaster**, will open the program with his powerful redemption of “The Black National Anthem” and will later share selections from his latest releases including the Ram Africa CD.

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