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NYC youth perform for MLK Day

100 NYC children and teens honored the slain civil rights leader's memory with original performances at the All Stars Project's 42nd Street performing arts center

One hundred New York City children and teens performed original dances, raps, songs and poetry in a special cultural celebration honoring the life and work of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 15 at the All Stars Project's performing arts and education center, 543 West 42nd Street.

The young performers are participants in All Stars programs including the All Stars Talent Show Network (ASTSN) — an after school, performance-based enrichment program for inner city youth. Each year, thousands of children and young adults, ages 5-25, participate in several dozen All Stars events.

The Development School for Youth (DSY), a leadership training program for young people between the ages of 16 and 21 that focuses on development. Every year 200 students, recruited from more than 30 high schools across New York City and Newark, NJ are accepted into the Development School's program on the basis of their



Young performers with All Stars Director of Youth Programs, Pamela A. Lewis (lower left).

(Roger Grunwald photo)

of their desire to be leaders. The DSY partners with corporate professionals and over 100 major corporations in NY and NJ to provide training experiences for the students and summer internships for the DSY graduates.

Youth Onstage! is the youth theatre of the All Stars Project, Inc. It offers young people, ages 14 to 21, the opportunity to perform on stage in plays that have something to say about the world and its future.

Now in its 26th year, the All Stars Project partners with the private sector — philanthropists

and foundations — to bring outside of school educational and cultural enrichment programs to thousands of inner city youth in New York City and Newark, New Jersey. Its youth programs, which employ a performance-based approach to development, include the All Stars Talent Show Network, the Joseph A. Forgione Development School for Youth, the Production of Youth by Youth and Youth Onstage!. The All Stars can be found on the web at www.allstars.org.