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A Literary Evening in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be presented in the auditorium of The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, on Sunday, November 3, at 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and The Museum of Modern Art, and organized by Charles Mingus III, the program will include readings and discussions by de'standing literary figures: novelists and essayists James Baldwin and Ralph Ellison, poet Allen Ginsberg, and Pulitzer Prize winning poet and novelist Robert Penn Warren.

A limited number of tickets for the Literary Evening are now on sale at the Information Desk in the lobby of the Museum at \$1.00 each.

The Literary Evening will be held at the conclusion of the 4-day exhibition, In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on view at The Museum of Modern Art from October 31 through November 3. The exhibition of important and major works, donated by more than 60 leading American artists to be sold for the benefit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will include paintings and sculpture by such noted artists as Romare Bearden, Alexander Calder, Adolph Gottlieb, Jacob Lawrence, Roy Lichtenstein, Jacques Lipchitz, Tom Lloyd, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg, and George Segal.

The invitational show is being directed by Carroll Janis and an Advisory Committee consisting of curators from 8 institutions -- Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, The Brooklyn Museum, Frederick Douglass Institute of Negro Arts and History, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Jewish Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. Mayor John V. Lindsay is Honorary Chairman. Among the guests who will attend the preview on Wednesday, October 30, will be Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Reverend Ralph Abernathy.

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Admission to the exhibition, which will have its own entrance at 4 West 54th Street, will be free. The hours will be 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and noon until 6 p.m. on the closing day, Sunday, November 3.

Additional information available from Elizabeth Shaw, Director, and Susan Bernstein, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. 245-3200.