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SUBJECT: Blues Concert at Kent State Stark



Wallace Coleman

Kent State Stark Presents a Blues Concert to Celebrate Black History Month

(Jackson Township, OH – February 17, 2009) Kent State University Stark proudly presents **Traditional Blues with Wallace Coleman** to commemorate February as Black History Month. The concert will take place on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Main Hall Auditorium, 6000 Frank Avenue NW in Jackson Township. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

Coleman, the 10-year veteran of the great Robert Lockwood Jr. Band, formed the Wallace Coleman Band in 1996. Four years later, he established his own record label, Pinto Blues Music. Since then, he has released four CDs, including *Repossession Blues* with UK bluesman Dave Thomas. Coleman has also won a Living Blues Award for Outstanding Harmonica and been named an Ohio Heritage Fellow. His performance on the harmonica embodies an American art form that has all but disappeared from the African American music landscape and is certain to captivate blues lovers of all ages.

For the performance at Kent State Stark, Coleman will play the harmonica and lead vocals. Joining him on stage will be Dean Cohen and Kevin Okey on guitar; George Lee on bass; Rockin' Robin Montgomery on piano; and Scott Flowers on drums.

For more information, call 330-499-9600 or visit www.stark.kent.edu.

About Kent State University Stark:

Kent State Stark is the largest regional campus of Kent State University and serves 10,000 students each year, comprised of 5,300 enrolled in academic coursework and 4,700 enrolled in professional development courses. Kent State Stark offers 11 bachelor's degrees and three master's degrees, in addition to associate degrees. The campus is located in Jackson Township and consists of seven major buildings. The University Center (Professional Education and Conference Center), which houses The Office of Corporate and Community Services and the Small Business Development Center, is accredited under the stringent guidelines of the International Association of Conference Centers. Always striving to enhance education through technological advancement, Kent State Stark features indoor and outdoor, campus-wide wireless Internet. Combining the best of a major university and a liberal arts college, Kent State University Stark serves our region as a key intellectual resource providing access to academic, economic and cultural advancement through excellence in teaching and learning. To learn more about Kent State Stark, visit www.stark.kent.edu.