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Celebrating Harriet Tubman Through History and the Arts

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Black Women's Leadership Caucus (BWLC) invite you to share in "Celebrating Harriet Tubman Through History and the Arts," on Sunday, March 21, 2004, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 135th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard, Village of Harlem, New York.

Spend the afternoon exploring the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman with authors of newly released and historically revealing Tubman biographies. Listen to a preview of a folk opera about Harriet Tubman presented by the composer. Enter to the beat of African drummers. And stay for book signings and a reception. The event is free and open to the public.

Sixty years after publication of the last Tubman biography for adults, three new biographies have been published – all within the past four months. Author Kate Clifford Larson will discuss and read from her book *Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero* and Jean M. Humez's *Harriet Tubman: the Life and Life Stories*. Gail Lumet Buckley will read from Catherine Clinton's *Harriet Tubman: the Road to Freedom*. Another highlight is an excerpt from composer Nkeiru Okoye's new Harriet Tubman folk opera to be premiered later this year. Completing the panel are authors Jim McGowan, *Harriet Tubman Journals*, and Beverly Lowry, *Imagining Araminta, the Beginnings and Becoming of Harriet Tubman*, forthcoming.

To learn about the NPS special resource study of places and ways to commemorate Harriet Tubman, visit www.HarrietTubmanStudy.org. BWLC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community and leadership development and the celebration of African-American women, in particular, Harriet Tubman.

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