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WE ACT ANNOUNCES EXHIBITORS AND PERFORMERS FOR EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK – WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a leading advocate for environmental justice for two decades, will hold its annual celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 19, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The event will take place in the plaza of the Powell State Office Building, on West 125th Street.

Peggy Shepard, WE ACT's co-founder and executive director, and Willie Walker, general manager of the Powell State Office Building, are scheduled to welcome attendees at 1 p.m.

Two dozen exhibitors – city and state agencies and activist groups dealing with environmental issues, and locally based merchants and restaurants – will supply samples of green products and food, and information about what you can do to help the environment. On stage, local artists in the African and African-American traditions will perform jazz, R&B and gospel throughout the day.

For children and adults alike, face painting, a clown, interactive art exhibits (including Earth Day-themed art from youngsters at Harlem's P.S. 36), a demonstration of a compressed natural gas (CNG) bus from the MTA, and a check of your "carbon footprint" on the planet will provide fun and education.

WE ACT thanks its sponsors: The New York State Office of General Services for supplying the space; Earth Day New York and its affiliate My Green New York for donating canvas bags, and Con Edison for donating compact fluorescent (energy-efficient) light bulbs, all as giveaways to attendees.

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EXHIBITORS WILL INCLUDE:

Uptown Juice Bar
Earth Day New York with My Green New York
Shaklee
Office of Recycling Outreach and Education
Healthy Bodegas Initiative
Shoshi Thompson, Community Chef
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Environmental Justice
Neighborhood Holistic
Grassroots Farmers' Market
New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
Lower East Side Ecology Center
Black Widow Pest
Options For Life
Manhattan Land Trust
Strictly Roots
Office of New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo
The Body Shop
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
New York League of Conservation Voters
Harlem Hospital Center
Asthma Free School Zone with Idle-Free NYC
Morningside Heights/West Harlem Sanitation Coalition
Urban Divers
New York Divinity School with Green Ministry

PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE:

Bobbi Humphrey
Dominique Elise
Kim Smith
Little Billy
Thurston O'Neil
Charmaine Da Costa