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**FREE PLAY EXAMINES MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S SOCIETY**

**MISSOULA —**

A free play at The University of Montana will study the questions of multiculturalism, diversity and other controversial issues in today's society. "Aspects" will be shown on Monday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre.

The play, part of UM activities celebrating the life and ideals of Martin Luther King Jr., is sponsored by the UC MultiCultural Alliance and the UM Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee.

First produced in the Los Angeles Theatre Center, the play uses a diverse group of 10 characters to examine different cultural aspects of American society. Characters represent different races and such divisive issues as the death penalty, homosexuality, white supremacy and homelessness.

"Aspects" resulted from feedback garnered from another traveling production, "Faces of America," which toured more than 200 colleges in 33 states. Much of the material presented in "Aspects" resulted from audience discussions.

The play's writer and developer, Colin Cox, hopes "Aspects" will generate discussion of the problems that hinder and intimidate many college students on campuses today and possibly produce some solutions.

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