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“and the IVEY AWARD goes to...” Salute to Lou Bellamy Featuring Moore By Four

January 4, 2006: St. Paul, MN: Penumbra Theatre Company, the nation’s premier African American theatre, proudly announces a salute to Lou Bellamy, Founder and Artistic Director, for his recent Lifetime Achievement Recognition in the first annual Ameriprise Ivey Awards Celebration. The salute will take place on **Wednesday, January 11, 2006 from 5:00 – 9:00 PM at the Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant, Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis.** The evening will feature the amazing music of “Moore by Four” - Sanford Moore, Yolande Bruce, Ginger Commodore, Connie Evingson and Dennis Spears, and will be hosted by award-winning vocalist T. Mychael Rambo! The event is proudly sponsored by Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P., and serves as a benefit for Penumbra Theatre Company. All proceeds for this event will be eligible for a Bush Foundation Matching Grant. Tickets are on sale now and can be ordered through the Penumbra box office at 651-224-3180 or online at www.penumbrateatre.org

For over 30 years, Lou Bellamy has been active as a director, actor, educator, and leader within the community, creating theatre aimed to illuminate the human condition through the prism of the African American perspective. He graduated with a BA from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and received his MA from the University of Minnesota. He has been a member of the University of Minnesota’s faculty for 28 years and is currently appointed to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Among the awards he has received for excellence in arts and education are the W. Harry Davis Foundation Award for Leadership in Afro-centric Education, the Links Award in Recognition of Excellence in Black Theatre, and a doctorate from Hamline University. Some of Bellamy’s directing credits include: *Reflections of Black Nativity, Dinah Was, On the Open Road, King Hedley II, Someplace Soft to Fall, A Lovesong for Miss Lydia, Louie & Ophelia, Riffs, Black Eagles, The Darker Face of the Earth, Blues for an Alabama Sky, Seven Guitars, Big White Fog, Two Trains Running, Portrait of the Artist as a Soul Man Dead, Coming the Hurricane, Three Ways Home, Buffalo Hair, King of Coons, The Mighty Gents, Little Tommy Parker’s Celebrated Colored Minstrel Show, The African American Company Presents Richard III, Harvest the Forest, Shorteyes, and Soul Alley.* His acting credits include lead roles in *Fences, Joe Turner’s Come and Gone, The Piano Lesson, Waiting in Vain, and Talking Bones.*

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Event: Salute to Lou Bellamy
Featuring “Moore by Four”
Benefiting Penumbra Theatre Company

Host: T. Mychael Rambo

Featured Artists: Sanford Moore, Yolande Bruce, Ginger Commodore,
Connie Evingson, and Dennis Spears

Sponsor: Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P.

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Time: 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant
1010 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Tickets: General Admission \$50
Reserved Seating \$100
Bar Booths (seat 3) \$400
Stage Side Tables for 8 \$1,500

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