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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOMES THE MUSICAL EXPLOSION TOUR

Tampa, FL – Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library welcomes the musical explosion tour on Sunday, February 10 at 2:30 pm at the John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Dr.

The tour journeys through the library exploring Tampa's finest musicians and entertainers and performing music samplings from the roots of Blues, Jazz, Soul, Rock and Gospel, all the way down to Hip-Hop. Featured musicians and entertainers include: Venus Jones, Myron & Natalie Jackson, James Tokley, Zo Sudan and Scott Simon.

Venus Jones, an accomplished author, speaker, poet, feminist, actress, model, and voice-over talent based in Tampa Bay, Florida; The Kuumba Dance company, founded in 1980 by Myron and Natalie Jackson, has performed its traditional African folkdance and music throughout Florida and as far as Canada; The City of Tampa's first official Poet Laureate, James E. Tokley Sr., has also been cited by former National Urban League president, John E. Jacob, as the Poet Laureate of the National Urban League. Tokley's epic poem "Genesis" was introduced at the 1992 National Urban League Conference held in San Diego, and was adapted for cinema; and NPR's Scott Simon is Peabody-Award-winning correspondent who brings a well-traveled perspective to his role as host of *Weekend Edition Saturday*.

This program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc. For more information about this and other **FREE** programs @ your library®, please call (813) 273-3652 or visit hcplc.org.

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