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FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – **Delou Africa Dance Ensemble** presents *Sundiata: An African Folktale* on Saturday, **February 18, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the **Amaturo Theater** at the **E Center for the Performing Arts** as part of the **Arts A** program. The show is performed in both English and a African dialect.

West African oral historian **Ibrahima Dioubate** from Guinea, West Africa, Lake Worth singer and songwriter **Kalimba** and spoken word poet, actor and drummer **Abasi Hanif** are featured guest artists. This two-act folkloric multimedia performance uses dance, music, theater, video and visual arts to tell the story of **Sundiata Keita**, leader of the **Old Mali Empire** of West Africa.

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For more than 20 years the **Delou Africa Dance Ensemble** has been preserving traditional African folklore dance, drum and music through quality performances, presentations and artistic

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education, bringing cultural awareness and diversity to the community and abroad.

The **Delou Africa Dance Ensemble** will offer a free, family-friendly African history, music and dance interactive lecture and demonstration at the **African American Research Library and Cultural Center** located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, **February 11, 2012** at 3 p.m.

The **Broward Center's Arts Access** program assists community-based organizations in presenting arts and cultural performances at the **Broward Center**. The program provides technical assistance and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences. **Arts Access** has collaborated with nearly 50 performing arts companies, nonprofit organizations and cultural and community groups to present all genres of the performing arts including music, dance, theater, poetry and comedy.

Tickets are \$20 with \$15 seats available for students and seniors, and \$5 tickets for children 12 and under. Tickets are available through the **Broward Center's AutoNation** Box Office at 954/462-0222 or www.browardcenter.org

www.browardcenter.org. The **Broward Center for the Performing Arts** is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Center at 1000 West Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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