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CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS
“A RAISIN IN THE SUN” APRIL 28-30
Opening night in partnership with Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc.
in observance of Fair Housing Month

ATLANTA (April 18, 2011) — The School of Arts and Sciences’
Department of Speech Communication & Theatre Arts at Clark Atlanta
University (CAU) will present Lorraine Hansberry’s “A Raisin in the Sun”
April 28-30 at 7:30 p.m. in Davage Auditorium in Haven-Warren Hall on
the University’s main campus.

Written 52 years ago, the American classic explores discriminatory
practices in homeownership, recounting Hansberry’s father’s legal battles in
pursuit of fair housing.

Last year, CAU became a collegiate partner with the Fair Housing
and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) office of the U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development by signing a partnership agreement with John D.
Trasviña, assistant secretary for FHEO, recognizing the need to infuse the
principles and practices of Fair Housing into the higher education
curriculum and community service opportunities.

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CAU President Carlton E. Brown, Ph.D., said, “We are proud of this partnership and delighted to present such a relevant work of literature, in observance of Fair Housing Month. The talented CAU Players, directed by one of our own professors, Gary Yates, will certainly entertain and educate the audience about fair housing in this powerful, Tony award-winning play.”

Opening night is invitation only by RSVP to 404-765-3940 or info@metrofairhousing.com. Following the performance, there will be a panel discussion about the relevance of the play in modern times. Some of the featured panelists include: Trasviña; Foster Corbin, executive director, Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc.; Keenya Robertson, executive director, Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.; and distinguished Clark Atlanta University professors.

The 2011 Fair Housing Month theme chosen by HUD is “Live Free.” Trasviña states the theme “sends a powerful message that discrimination has no home in America and that no person should be denied housing or treated differently because of their race, color, national origin, religion, gender, family status, or disability.” Along with HUD, Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. is working diligently to educate the public on fair housing rights and end housing discrimination completely.

Public performances of the play will be held April 29 and April 30. For more information on tickets and the CAU Players, call 404-880-8304.