

Friends of Faith to host “An Evening with the Hon. Condoleezza Rice”.

Dr Rice to give a sneak preview of her new book as well as a rare piano performance at event to raise funds for women battling breast cancer

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Oakland, CA – Join former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the Friends of Faith in support of low-income and uninsured women with breast cancer.

We invite you to a rare evening with Dr. Rice in conversation with veteran KQED-TV journalist Belva Davis in the elegant Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco.

Dr Rice will give attendees an early look at her much-anticipated memoir “Extraordinary, Ordinary People.” The first installment in a two-book deal with Crown Publishing will chronicle Dr. Rice’s childhood in Birmingham Ala., from the “seemingly placid 1950s when Birmingham blacks lived in a segregated parallel universe” through the “shockingly violent ‘60s when Dr. Rice saw girlfriends lose their lives to the bloodshed.” The book also emphasizes the role that Dr. Rice’s parents, John and Angelina Rice, played in her formative years and in her journey to becoming the first African-American woman Secretary of State.

This is not an evening about politics.

What led Dr. Rice to partner with Friends of Faith was her own mother’s battle with breast cancer. She lost her mother to the disease in 1985 and has long been active in helping promote mammograms and breast cancer awareness.

She is donating her time for the event.

Dr. Rice, a classically trained pianist, will also perform in a mini recital. She almost never plays in public so this will be a rare treat.

Dr. Rice will accompany Denise Young, a gifted Lyric Spinto Soprano who made her debut at Carnegie Hall in 2008.

Young brings a unique blend of opera, jazz, gospel and classical styles to her performances. Her eclectic performances include the works of Alfredo Catalani, Giuseppe Verdi, George Gershwin and the gospel work of Phillip Bailey from renowned inspirational jazz group Earth Wind and Fire. The multitalented Apple Computer executive, who has performed all over the world, is currently working on a solo CD.

Destiny, who writes classical/crossover eclectic jazz for vocals and harp will dazzle attendees with her magical performance on a Daphne 46-string Concert Harp.

This promises to be a delightful evening that will benefit a great cause.

Friends of Faith, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded by the late television news personality Faith Fancher of KTVU, whose valiant 7-year battle against breastcancer was an inspiration to countless women battling this deadly disease. The organization has a unique mission: to provide financial support and invaluable resources to underserved, uninsured, and at-risk women with breast cancer who have nowhere else to turn. Since Faith's death in 2003, her fellow Bay Area media personalities, along with many others in the community who are dedicated to her cause, have joined forces to continue the work that has been a Godsend for so many breast cancer survivors and their loved ones.

WHEN: Monday, March 29, 2010

VIP Reception 6-7 pm

Program 7:30 pm

WHERE: Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco

TICKETS: \$250 (includes VIP reception and Photo Op with Professor Rice)

PROGRAM ONLY: \$50 and \$100 (depending on seating location)

For more on the Friends of Faith -

<http://faithfancher.org/>

http://www.xumri.com/friends_of_faith.php

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