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TEE C. ROYAL PENS FOREWORD FOR "GUMBO FOR THE SOUL" ANTHOLOGY #2

Anthology Contribution Deadline Aug. 31, 2007

SAN JOSE, CA -- Gumbo for the Soul Publications today announced that Tee C. Royal, literary agent and founder of [R.A.W. SISTAZ](#) (Reading and Writing SISTAZ) Literary Group will pen the foreword for the second offering in the "Gumbo for the Soul" anthology series *Here's Our Child, Where's the Village?* RAWSISTAZ, which promotes and supports the work of African-American authors, has received numerous awards and recognitions, amongst them is *Writers Digest's* "2006 Top Sites for Writers" award.



Tee C. Royal

Literary agent and
RAWSISTAZ founder

The success of Anthology #1 *Gumbo for the Soul: the Recipe for Literacy in the Black Community* (iUniverse, Inc./Gumbo for the Soul Publications, paperback, 308pp., \$24.95) resulted in awe-inspiring interest in the anthology series; hence, the deadline to submit contributions for Anthology #2 *Gumbo for the Soul: Here's Our Child, Where's the Village?* was extended. The last day to submit literary contributions is August 31, 2007.

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Gumbo for the Soul Publications recently announced that award-winning artist, author, songwriter, and Kwanzaa postage stamp designer **Synthia SAINT JAMES** would be the "official" book cover artist for the "Gumbo for the Soul" anthology series; **Bruce George** (talented poet and writer, entrepreneur, activist, Def Poetry Jam co-founder, and Peabody Award winner) signed on with Gumbo for the Soul Publications as Director of Business Development; and **Sharon 'Umi' Smith** (founder of and executive consultant to EETN (Ebony Energy Talent Network) celebrity moms, renown motivational speaker, spoken word poet, co-chair of the 2007 National Association of Black Female Executives in Music and Entertainment, Inc. International Women's Leadership Summit, and mother of rapper/actor Mos Def) has taken on the role of lead compiler for Anthology #3 by obtaining literary contributions from mothers of celebrities and moms who are celebrities in their own right. *Gumbo for the Soul: Celebrity Moms* -- planned for publication in time for Mother's Day 2008 -- will be a special tribute to all mothers.

"Gumbo for the Soul" anthologies are compilations of delicious poetry, essays, quotes, and personal reflectional accounts of contributors' respective educational and occupational experiences that address adversity, obstacles, perseverance and determination, as well as assorted gumbo recipes. Author, television and radio host Tavis Smiley's endorsement of the first in the anthology series *Gumbo for the Soul: The Recipe for Literacy in the Black Community* appears on the book's back jacket cover. The book's inspiration properties make it quite suitable and highly recommended for youth. It is available online now at www.BarnesandNoble.com.

PUBLISHER SOUGHT:

Gumbo for the Soul: Here's Our Child, Where's the Village? is open to publishing house proposals. If interested in bringing the sure-to-be bestseller to fruition, and sharing in its certain success, call 209-947-4743 or email heresourchild@yahoo.com.

THE LITERACY PROGRAM:

Proceeds from the sale of the anthologies benefit "Gumbo for the Soul" Literacy Program - a 501(c)(4) public service initiative by mother and child advocate Beverly Black Johnson. To learn more about the program, and how you can support it, please visit www.gumboforthesoul.net. Corporate and organizational sponsorships are welcome; call 209-947-4743 or email gumboforthesoul@yahoo.com.

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