

# ★ SCENE ★



A stilted performer greets guests at the NBAF gala.

"WE HAVE NOT ACHIEVED THE PROMISED LAND, WE'RE STILL IN A STRUGGLE."

FORMER MAYOR **ANDREW YOUNG** SPEAKING ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION* DESEGREGATION RULING



Former Mayor Andrew Young at the ARCHE event



Secretary of State Cathy Cox at ARCHE



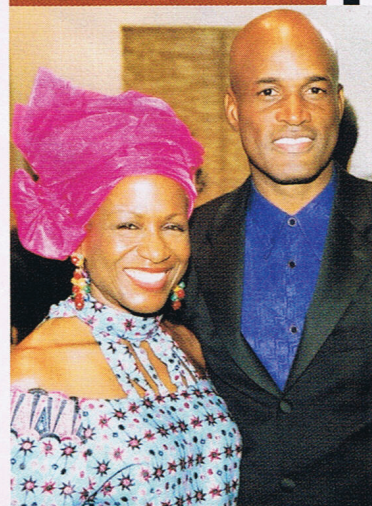
L-R: Mike Gerber, Andrew Young, Walter Massey and Michael Battle at the ARCHE event

## ART & HISTORY 101

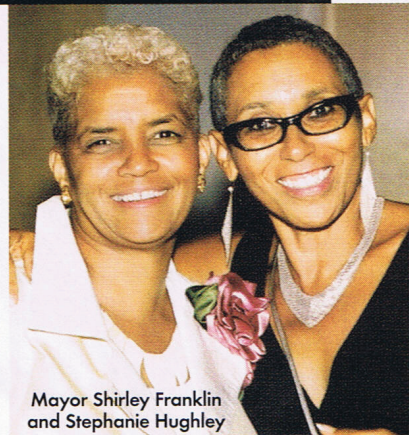
Atlanta's arts community was treated to an evening of "cultural fire" at the kick-off for the **2004 National Black Arts Festival**. The benefit gala, held at the Georgia International Convention Center, included live multicultural entertainment, street performers, mimes, stilt-walkers and a live auction. Notable guests included Mayor Shirley Franklin, accompanied by her mother, Ruth White of Philadelphia; True Colors Theatre Company Founder and Artistic Director Kenny Leon (fresh from his stint as director of the smash Broadway revival of *A Raisin In The Sun*) sporting his signature tuxedo and sneakers, and WSB-TV anchor Monica Kaufman in full African regalia. The swanky affair included performances by Cuban-born composer Tania Leon and the Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble, but Kidsgym USA stole the show with an elaborate presentation featuring some pint-sized tumblers. ★ Former Atlanta mayor and UN Ambassador Andrew Young, Morehouse College President Walter Massey and Interdenominational Theological Center President Michael Battle observed the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* by taking part in another historic endeavor at Ebenezer Baptist Church. They joined in the official launch of the first phase of the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education's (ARCHE) Web-based educational project, "**Atlanta in the Civil Rights Movement**." The site, [atlantacivilrights.org](http://atlantacivilrights.org), highlights Atlanta's role in the movement and gives researchers access to special library collections and archives. —CHANDRA R. THOMAS

"WE'RE JUST SITTING ON A GOLD MINE OF HISTORY HERE."

FORMER MAYOR **ANDREW YOUNG** SPEAKING ON ATLANTA AT THE LAUNCH OF ARCHE'S WEB-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROJECT, [ATLANTACIVILRIGHTS.ORG](http://ATLANTACIVILRIGHTS.ORG)



NBAF Gala co-chairs Monica Kaufman and Kenny Leon



Mayor Shirley Franklin and Stephanie Hughley

"WE SEE IT AS A NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE ARTS AND HAVE A PARTY TOO."

NBAF EXECUTIVE PRODUCER **STEPHANIE HUGHLEY** ON THE ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA



The Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble performs at the NBAF gala.

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