

Life in Motion

SGI-USA members of Los Angeles Area recently brought a new breeze of hope, celebration and harmony to the community of Watts. In the summer of 1965, Watts was the focal point of one of the deadliest episodes of civil unrest in the nation's history. On Oct. 18, 1998, it became the gathering place for a multi-ethnic fusion of theater, dance and music held for the first time in SGI's history in the heart of South Central Los Angeles. This Inner City Culture Festival took place at Markham Middle School with the theme "Transforming Discord into Harmony for the New Century."

The festival began with a series of exhibits in the school's lobby. Inside the auditorium, community residents who have made a difference were presented with certificates of recognition in front of an audience of 400.

The centerpiece of the festival was a touching and lyrical play titled *Life in Motion*.

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