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## "Mother of Humanity": A Vision Becomes A Reality

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In the beginning the "Mother of Humanity<sub>™</sub>" was a vision of Nigel, the sculptor and the vision came to pass recently as the "Mother of Humanity<sub>™</sub>" was unveiled before hundreds of supporters who had been waiting patiently to see the 16 foot two tone bronze statue that has physical features of an African, Indian, European, Oriental, Latin American and Native American. Some people, according to Nigel, called her the "Black Statue of Liberty".

Nigel's has done extensive research regarding the many symbols that the Mother so elegantly displays as she extends her hand to welcome everyone to Watts.

The Watts Labor Community Action Committee family and host of volunteers displayed down home southern hospitality to everyone who came to celebrate the historical event.

Representatives from all parts of Los Angeles, including Mark Ridley-Thomas and his twin sons. Nigel kept a smile on his face as

*"Mother of Humanity<sub>™</sub>" is a good reason for having a yearly family reunion at WLCAC thanks to Nigel the sculptor.*

he humbly signed autographs, posters, pictures and tee shirts of the masterpiece in the land of Watts.

The young and old provided hours of old time gospel, contemporary music, poetry reading, and oratory. Locke High School Band and a magnificent multicultural youth choir had the audience jumping out of their seats.

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Teryl Watkins the president of WLCAC highlighted the grand occasion when she presented the first "Mother of Humanity<sub>™</sub>" awards to Mrs. Lillian Mobley a community leader and the late Johnnie Tillmon-Blackston, National Welfare Rights Activist. Jocelyn Tillmon, the daughter of Tillmon-Blackston received the award for her mother.

"Mother of Humanity<sub>™</sub>", a vision that became a reality because of Nigel's quest for a means to promote truth and understanding for humanity after the 1992 rebellion in Los Angeles, is one of seven that Nigel envision for all Continents.



Photo by Gloria Zuurveen

Locke High School band and hundreds of supporters recently helped celebrate the unveiling of "Mother of Humanity<sub>™</sub>" the 16 foot two tone bronze statue that stands on top of the world in Watts at WLCAC.