



LOVING DECISION CONFERENCE 2007

THE NEXT 40 YEARS OF MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITIES



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Celebrity Lends Support to Event Commemorating 40 Years of Legal Interracial Marriage

Nia Peeples to participate in *Loving Decision Conference 2007: The Next 40 Years of Multiracial Communities*

CHICAGO, IL – Actress, Singer, and Dancer **Nia Peeples** has added star power to *Loving Decision Conference 2007*, an international event in Chicago, IL from June 21 -24, 2007 coordinated by The Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) to mark the 40th anniversary of Loving v. Virginia (1967), the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize interracial marriage. She will be speaking at the conference extravaganza schedule for Friday, June 22 at the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, as well as, sitting on designated panels on the following day.

Peeples is best known for her work on television. She portrayed Nicole Chapman on the hit TV series *Fame*, hosted the American version of *Top of the Pops* as well as her own video music program called *The Party Machine with Nia Peeples*, and portrayed Texas Ranger Sydney Cooke in the CBS hit series *Walker, Texas Ranger* from 1999-2001. Her success in the music industry includes a #1 hit with "Trouble" (1988) and her biggest single, "Street of Dreams," which hit #12 on the Hot 100 in 1991. Nia has also appeared in a number of feature films. Currently, she is a regular on TV's most popular drama, *The Young and the Restless*.

Nia Peeples's maternal grandparents are both immigrants from the Philippines. Her father has Scottish, Irish, English, Native American and Italian ancestry. Her mother is of Filipino, German and Spanish descent.

When asked why she was interested in bringing attention to this historical event, Nia Peeples explained, "This is a great opportunity for people of any race, religion, or cultural upbringing to embrace and celebrate the power of uniqueness. I am honored and excited to be a part of the Loving Decision Conference."

Jungmiwha Bullock, President of the Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) and head conference coordinator adds, "Her involvement speaks to the strength and importance of this event as a prominent multiracial woman with an extensive career in entertainment. We are extremely thrilled to have Nia Peeples join us and share her experiences with our attendees, especially to the children and families,"

The conference will be hosted at the *Mansfield Institute for Social Justice* on the campus of Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. Over 100 performers and presenters have already been announced, with more names to be added in the days leading up to the event. For more information about the conference, including registration and a full schedule of events, please visit www.lovingconference.com.

The event is being coordinated by the Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) with support from many of their affiliates and allies including: iPride, Bridge Communications Inc., MOHXCA, Interracial Family Circle, HONEY Inc., Oregon Council on Multiracial Affairs, The Topaz Club, Biracial Family Network, Multiracial Americans of Southern California, Multiethnic Education Program, American Counseling Association, and Loving Day Organization.

About Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA): AMEA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which serves as an international umbrella association dedicated to advocacy, education and collaboration on behalf the multiethnic, multiracial and transracial adoption community and allies. Donations for the conference can be mailed to: AMEA / P.O. Box 29223 / Los Angeles, CA 90029-0223