

MEDIA ALERT

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**A NEW EPISODE OF KQED'S SPARK FEATURES KERRY JAMES
MARSHALL'S NEW MURALS IN SFMOMA**

Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30pm

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10, 2009– *Spark* presents more of the Bay Area's great local arts with Kerry James Marshall, Dan Hoyle, and Ben Levy in a new episode airing Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30pm on KQED 9HD. In this episode, *Spark* joins renowned visual artist Kerry James Marshall as he creates new murals in the atrium of San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Known for his work exploring racial identity, urban experience, and the impact of the Civil Rights movement, Marshall's new murals use optical tricks to conceal images of slaves supporting the plantations of Mount Vernon and Monticello. Then, Dan Hoyle, son of famed Bay Area performer Geoff Hoyle, works on a new one-man show. Hoyle based "Right?" on his travels across small-town and rural America, and the people he met along the way. Also in the episode, Ben Levy and his modern dance company, LEVYdance, collaborate on a new work based on a previously untold family history. Watch a preview online at <http://www.kqed.org/spark>.

WHAT: New episode of KQED's arts program *Spark*

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:30pm

WHERE: KQED 9HD

Segments: Kerry James Marshall, visual artist
Dan Hoyle, monologist
Ben Levy, choreographer

About *Spark*

Spark, a production of KQED Public Television, is a three-part initiative in the arts that combines a weekly television series airing Wednesdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9, an extensive website, and a multifaceted educational outreach component. *Spark* blazes a trail through the diverse and prolific Bay Area arts community, featuring in-depth profiles of hundreds of local artists and arts organizations. Find more art tips and resources online at www.kqed.org/spark.

About KQED Public Television

KQED Public Television 9 (www.kqed.org), a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB), is the nation's most-watched public television station. KQED produces local weekly series in high definition and available on Comcast On Demand including: *QUEST*; *Spark*; *Check, Please! Bay Area* and *This Week in Northern California*; and national series: *Jacques Pepin: More Fast Food My Way* and *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures*. KQED's digital television channels include KQED HD, KQED Life, KQED World, KQED Kids, and KQED V-me, and are available 24/7 on

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