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## THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will join Mayor Beame and Senator Javits in the dedication of the Henry Street Settlement Arts for Living Center in New York Friday, October 10 at 12:00 Noon. The Center is located at 466 Grand Street in Manhattan.

The ceremony will be open to the public. Nancy Hanks, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Representative John M. Murphy, and other dignitaries in government and the arts will attend.

The dedication of the Henry Street Settlement Center marks the formal opening of what is believed to be the Nation's first arts center designed specifically for a predominantly disadvantaged, multi-cultural, population. Designed by the architect Lo-Wi Chan, the Center provides space, equipment, and programs for community participation in and enjoyment of the performing and fine arts.

Among the participatory programs at the Center are adult drama workshops, music classes for all ages, modern and ethnic dance for preschoolers through teens, young people's drama, art and pottery for all ages, silk screen and video for teens and adults, and in-service training for elementary school teachers.

The center produces its own plays, films, music and dance, and art exhibits, and recruits top name performers for free and low-cost programs in its award-winning Henry Street Playhouse, recital hall, and experimental theatre.

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