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## **Sam's Place Jazz Café grand opening is Saturday**

An historic and long vacant building on N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. has been transformed and will hold a grand opening **TOMORROW – Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, as Sam's Place Jazz Café, **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** said.

The restaurant, owned by business owner and professional jazz musician **Sam Belton**, is located in a renovated former bank building at 3338 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., in the **Harambee neighborhood**.

Alderman Coggs said the new venue – located within her 6<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District and the **Historic King Drive Business Improvement District** – is a great addition to the mix of businesses along MLK Drive. “Mr. Belton has created a welcoming space that has its own unique ambiance,” she said. “I thank Mr. Belton for all of his work on the building, and I believe Sam's Place will be a bustling destination for the residents of the neighborhood and for visitors from near and far.”

The restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, and it also will serve its own varieties of coffee. Live music – especially jazz – will also be part of the regular mix at Sam's Place, and especially on Friday and Saturday nights. Closed on Mondays, the venue will be open late on Fridays and Saturdays but will have regular daily hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For years a working professional jazz drummer, Mr. Belton has played with many artists including Buddy Montgomery, Manty Ellis, Berkley Fudge, Dumaah Safir, Brian Lynch and Jeff Chambers. Over the years he has played at all of the major jazz venues and festivals in Milwaukee, as well as performing in clubs and concerts nationally.

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## **Grand Opening/ADD ONE**

Sam's Place is housed in a classic Milwaukee structure designated as an historic site (3338 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.). The building was erected (on what was then called Green Bay Road) in 1910 for the Merchant & Farmers State Bank. Designed by architect John Roth, Jr., it has also been home to the York Right Masonic Temple.

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