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Facing page: Award-winning writer Chris Abani, who as a teenager in Nigeria was imprisoned for his fiction, was the keynote speaker at Syracuse University's 22nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, "The Beloved Community: Imagining Our Global Humanity." Held in the Carrier Dome, the annual celebration is among the largest University-sponsored events in the United States to commemorate King. The event included the presentation of the 2007 Unsung Heroes Awards and performances by the Signature Syracuse Jazz Ensemble, Dr. King Gospel Choir, Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church Men's Choir and Southwest Community Center Drill Team.

Below, top: Ten drama majors and two film majors, all seniors in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, accompanied by drama professor Anthony Salantino, learned about show business, Hollywood style, in the second annual Sorkin in L.A. Learning Practicum. Funded by producer Aaron Sorkin '83, the weeklong practicum is designed as a hit-the-studios-running immersion into the heart of the American television and film industries. Below, bottom left: Students had an opportunity to meet many West Coast showbiz notables, such as Eydie McClurg G'70.

Below, bottom right: Dozens of London's top music industry executives and recording artists gathered at the SU London Center to share their knowledge and experiences in the industry with SU students at the launch of Syracuse University's Bandier Program for Music and the Entertainment Industries. The Bandier Program, one of the first undergraduate multidisciplinary music industry programs, is made possible by a generous gift from music publisher and SU trustee Martin Bandier '62, shown with British singer/songwriter/pianist Jaime Cullum. The program premiered in fall 2007.

