

Human Rights Festival raises money and reaches new goals

After a stellar year of planning and cooperation, the Athens Human Rights Festival Committee announced last week the tremendous success of its 22nd annual festival.

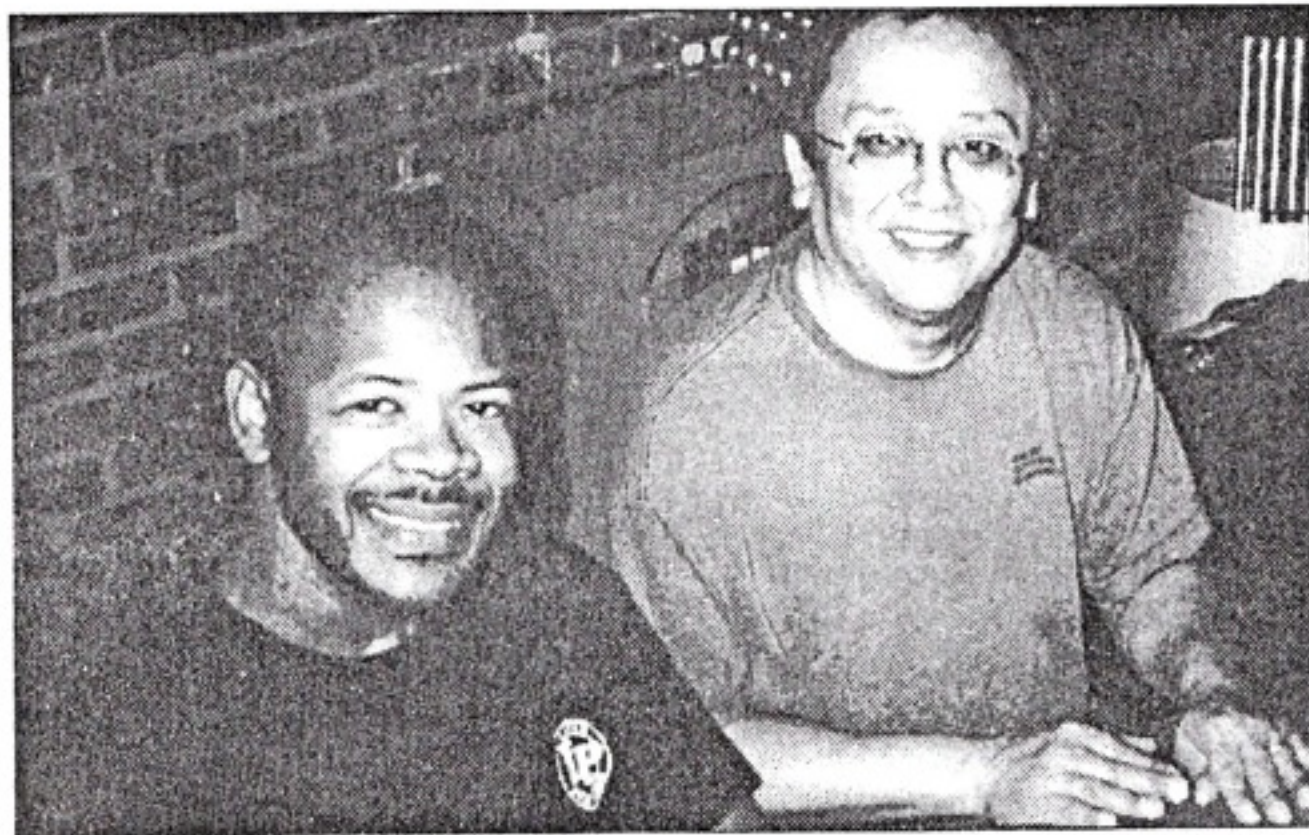
"The entire festival was a total success," said Michael Collins, organizer of the Athens Human Rights Festival. "So we met our budget, and we have \$1,000 left in the bank for next year."

Proceeds from the festival benefited the Drumming for Success Youth Program, the 2000 Athens Human Rights Festival beneficiary.

"What it will go to is Drumming for Success ... the kids set goals and are provided with counseling to help them reach those goals," Collins said.

When the children complete those goals, the program provides them with a free drum.

Tuesday, the AHRFC presented a check for \$2,000 to the program at a ceremony at



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▲ **Arvin Scott, left and Domingo "Sonny" Ortiz participated in this year's Athens Human Rights Festival.**

Hillsman Middle School.

Arvin Scott, a University music professor, leads the program and is a major influence in the program's mentoring.

"Dr. Scott is the perfect role model. He's spiritual powerhood ... a multi-dimensional beneficiary," Collins said.

— Hilary L. Hilliard