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**THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM HOSTS FINDING  
BEAUTY THROUGH THE STRUGGLE, A PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING  
ANNA DEVEARE SMITH AND MARK STEVEN GREENFIELD**

**LOS ANGELES (April 8, 2015)** The California African American Museum (CAAM) presents *Finding Beauty Through The Struggle*, a panel discussion that will explore how the inherent and resilient strength of the human spirit can give rise to creativity, Wednesday, April 22, 2015, from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. In collaboration with The Broad Stage, the panel discussion will take place at CAAM, located at 600 State Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles.

The panel discussion stems from The Broad Stage's theatrical production "Never Givin' Up," starring Tony-nominated actress and playwright Anna Deveare Smith. "Never Givin' Up" is a powerful theatrical exploration of Civil Rights, including a seminal reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s landmark document "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

Moderated by the *Los Angeles Times* correspondent Sandy Banks, panelists will include playwright, actor and professor Anna Deveare Smith, who can be seen in the upcoming Broad Stage production "Never Givin' Up"; visual artist and professor Mark Steven Greenfield; actor, poet, and comedian Joe Hernandez-Kolski; and Southern California Women's Caucus for Art President Cheryl Bookout. Anna Deveare Smith, a huge advocate for humanities will perform an excerpt from "Never Givin' Up," and will conclude the panel discussion with Q&A.

Sponsored by the *Los Angeles Times*, this event is free and open to the public. Parking is located at 39<sup>th</sup> and Figueroa St., in the lot adjacent to CAAM. RSVPs are encouraged at [community@thebroadstage.com](mailto:community@thebroadstage.com). For more information visit [www.caamuseum.org](http://www.caamuseum.org).

**ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

The California African American Museum (CAAM) is a state agency charged with researching, collecting, preserving and interpreting for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Collaboratively operating in partnership with its 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum, CAAM houses a permanent collection of over 4,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, and a publicly accessible Research Library containing more than 20,000 volumes.