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**FREE NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT PERFORMED BY THE LOS ANGELES  
PHILHARMONIC AT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

**LOS ANGELES, CA (March 9, 2012)** --The harmonic sounds of philanthropy will echo throughout Exposition Park as the California African American Museum (CAAM) host a FREE neighborhood concert with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Friday, March 16, 2012, from 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. LA Philharmonic will perform Tchaikovsky 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony, a tragic to triumphant sound of four movements, conducted by Courtney Lewis. Taking place in CAAM's Sculpture court, seats are expected to fill up quickly, so RSVPs are strongly encouraged.

Conductor Courtney Lewis is a hand-selected participant of the Dudamel Fellowship program, which gives each participating Fellow the opportunity to develop his/her craft and enrich his/her musical experience through personal mentorship and participation in the LA Phil's orchestral and education programs. Lewis is recognized as one of today's top emerging talents and is founder and music director of Boston's acclaimed Discovery Ensemble, a chamber orchestra with the mission of introducing inner-city school children to classical music, while bringing new and unusual repertoire to established concert audiences.

CAAM's doors and galleries open at 6:45 p.m., with exhibitions on view followed by the sounds of classical music. "CAAM is excited to have the Los Angeles Philharmonic in our house. CAAM offers an array of cultural experiences that provide opportunities to explore different arts," says executive director Charmaine Jefferson. To RSVP call (213) 744-2024 and for more information visit [www.caamuseum.org](http://www.caamuseum.org). Door entries accepted.

**EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES**

*"Women Game Changers: Less Known, Here Celebrated"* extended through March 29, 2012.

*"Places of Validation, Art & Progression"* through April 1, 2012

*"Justice, Balance and Achievements: African Americans and the California Courts"* through May 27, 2012

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“*Gallery of Discovery*” (multi-use education exploration space) ongoing

### **ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

The California African American Museum (CAAM) researches, collects, preserves and interprets for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Chartered by the California State Legislature in 1977, CAAM is a state supported institution and a partner with the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum. In addition to its permanent collection of over 6,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, CAAM also houses a research library containing more than 20,000 volumes, employs and trains high school students through its *Young Docents* program, and hosts in-house curated exhibitions and traveling shows on a regular basis. The museum also tours CAAM exhibitions throughout California and the nation.

Located at 600 State Drive in Exposition Park, the museum is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sundays 11am-5pm. Admission and workshop participation is always free. Parking in the adjacent lot is \$10.00 all day at Figueroa and 39<sup>th</sup> Streets. For more information on the California African American Museum visit [www.caamuseum.org](http://www.caamuseum.org).

### **ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC**

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, under the vibrant leadership of Music Director Gustavo Dudamel, presents an inspiring array of music from all genres – orchestral, chamber and Baroque music, organ and celebrity recitals, new music, jazz, world music and pop – at two of L.A.’s iconic venues, Walt Disney Concert Hall ([www.laphil.com](http://www.laphil.com)) and the Hollywood Bowl ([www.hollywoodbowl.com](http://www.hollywoodbowl.com)). The LA Phil’s season at Walt Disney Concert Hall extends from October through May, and throughout the summer at the Hollywood Bowl. With the preeminent Los Angeles Philharmonic at the foundation of its offerings, the LA Phil aims to enrich and transform lives through music, with a robust mix of artistic, education and community programs.

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