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CAAM CELEBRATES THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WITH A TWO-DAY CELEBRATION – FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Live multicultural performances and events exemplify Dr. King's Dream

Los Angeles (January 14, 2014) In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the California African American Museum (CAAM) will host a two-day celebration, January 19 – 20. Event activities include live performances representative of the diverse cultures of Los Angeles, art workshops, film screenings, a special presentation for the late Nelson Mandela and much more. All events are free and open to the public.

Key highlights of the two-day celebration include:

Sunday, January 19, 2014, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Target Sundays at CAAM: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Nelson Mandela - Celebrating Pillars of Peace, from Jail to Justice

The leadership of two very extraordinary men who impacted the world will be celebrated during this month's Target Sundays at CAAM. Join CAAM on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday weekend as they celebrate the legacies of Dr. King and Nelson Mandela. Visitors will enjoy film screenings of Dr. King's speeches, the speech Mandela made during his appearance at the L.A. Coliseum in 1990, and an art workshop led by Teresa Tolliver using materials graciously donated by The Loft At Liz's and Liz's Antique Hardware. The event will be co-hosted by actress Jackée Harry and actor Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter. Live performers include Ileana Garcia, Deepak Ramapriyan, also known as "The Other Deepak", the Three Angels Choir, Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy, Jewel Tompkins and Rev. Dennis M. Brown. The Target Sundays program will be signed for the hearing impaired.

Monday, January 20, 2014, 11a.m. – 2p.m. - Cake For King: CAAM'S Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CAAM invites the Los Angeles community to visit the CAAM galleries, attend special performances and participate in an art workshop. Other event activities include the screening of "Mighty Times: The Children's March," and Babe Evans reading "My Brother Martin."

Motivational speaker, Billionaire PA, shares his wisdom in his presentation I Speak Dreams into Existence. Free slices of Dr. King's birthday cake will be served as the tasty treats last.

The two-day celebration at CAAM is free and open to the public. Doors open at 11 a.m. on both days Artist and educator Teresa Tolliver will host the art workshop during the Target Sundays program. Supplies are provided by CAAM.

In addition, guests are encouraged to take advantage of the rich culture, history and ongoing exhibitions in the CAAM galleries. For more information and a full schedule of the King celebration activities, visit www.caamuseum.org or call (213) 744-2024.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

Diverted Destruction 6, through January 20, 2014

The March on Washington: A Tribute, 50 Years Later, through February 23, 2014

Soul Stirring: African American Self-Taught Artists From the South, through April 6, 2014

A Memoir in Movement: Carmen de Lavallade and Geoffrey Holder, through May 5, 2014

Question Bridge: Black Males – Opening January 16, 2014, through June 15, 2014

The Legacy of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company: More Than a Business – Extended exhibition

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 3,000 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 exhibitions on a regular basis. The museum also tours CAAM exhibitions throughout California and the nation.

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