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**ACTOR HILL HARPER KICKS OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THE  
CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

**LOS ANGELES, CA (January 26, 2012)** – The celebration of Black History Month at the California African American Museum (CAAM) will highlight the importance of education in black history and for future generations during *Target Sundays at CAAM: Education, Living Our Legacy of Achievement!* Sunday, February 5, 2012, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Setting the tone for a day of entertaining, artistic and educational experiences are co-hosts author/actor Hill Harper and actor Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter. Harper is an accomplished film, television and stage actor and the author of several books. He created the non-profit foundation Manifest Your Destiny, whose mission is “to provide underserved youth a path to empowerment and educational excellence through academic programming, college access skills, and personal development.”

Free and open to the public, event activities will include exhibitions in CAAM’s galleries, an art workshop guided by artist and educator Teresa Tolliver, performances that pay tribute to educators and their historical legacy and much more. The United Nations Foundation sponsored, *Beauty Boot Camp*, part of *Girl Up* campaign will celebrate with performances from poets, musicians and dancers. Other performers include actress Alex Marshall-Brown, pianist, composer, arranger, Davis Ornette Cherry with *Eternal Monologue* and members of the Manual Arts High School Junior ROTC.

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## **EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES**

“*The African Diaspora in the Art of Miguel Covarrubias: Driven By Color, Shaped By Cultures*” through February 26, 2012

“*King in California II*” through February 28, 2012

“*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

“*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).

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