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Celebrate The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At The California African American Museum in a Two-Day Event

‘One Dream, A National Influence, A World of People’ Followed by ‘Cake For King’

Los Angeles (December 21, 2011) - Join extraordinary actress, Chandra Wilson of the television series “Grey’s Anatomy” and actor Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter at the California African American Museum (CAAM) to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, January 15, 2012. CAAM’s Target Sunday event, “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – One Dream, A National Influence, A World of People” will be followed by “Cake for King” Monday, January 16, 2012, both days the galleries are open 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sunday live entertainment begins at 1 p.m. The two-day celebration will feature live performances representative of the diverse cultures in Los Angeles, art workshops, film screenings, presentations, food and much more.

Target Sundays at CAAM on January 15 will include film screenings of Dr. King’s speeches, performances on CAAM’s main stage by recording artist Carol Dennis, The Korean Dance Academy and many more. Dennis has worked with extraordinary artists such as Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and many more. On Monday, January 16, CAAM kicks off the day by participating in the annual Kingdom Day Parade in the morning followed by sharing a slice of birthday “Cake for King” at CAAM beginning at 1 p.m. and for as long as the tasty treat baked by Nooks and Grannies last. Program activities throughout Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will include, a presentation acknowledging the winners of the MLK essay contest for the City of Los Angeles, documentary screening of “King: Man of Peace in a Time of War,”

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stories in the gallery with Babe and Art Evans reading, “My Brother Martin” written by Christine King Farris, and a writing and journal-decorating workshop.

The two-day festivities are free and open to the public. Doors open at 11 a.m. Children’s workshops will be held on both days beginning at 11a.m. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of the rich culture, history and ongoing exhibitions in the CAAM galleries and CAAM’s spotlight exhibition of the month, “King in California II” ongoing through February 28, 2012. The exhibit pays tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr with a display of photographs taken during some of his many trips to California. Photographs are from the collection of the Center for Photojournalism and Visual History, California State University, Northridge. For more information and a schedule of the King Day events, call (213) 744-2024 or visit www.caamuseum.org.

EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

“*Women: Game Changers, Less Known, Here Celebrated*” extended through March 29, 2012

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

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

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

“*Justice, Balance and Achievement: African Americans and the California Courts*” through May 20, 2012

Through objects and photos, the exhibit celebrates the 17 African American justices who served on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in California and highlights significant 19th and 20th century cases that influenced and shaped our communities.

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

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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, regular museum public hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Museum admission and workshop participation is always free. Parking in the adjacent lot is \$10 all day at Figueroa and 39th Streets. For more information on the California African American Museum visit www.caamuseum.org.

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