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Legendary Singer Freda Payne and Actor Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter to Celebrate the Legacy of Dr. King at CAAM with Special Performances by Recording Artist Abraham McDonald

January 7, 2011, LOS ANGELES—Join legendary singer Freda Payne and actor Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter at CAAM to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17, 2011. The two-day celebration will feature live performances representative of the diverse cultures in Los Angeles.

On Target Sundays at CAAM, January 16, the program “One Dream, A National Influence, A World of People,” includes performances by: recording artist Abraham McDonald (winner of the 2009 Oprah Winfrey Karaoke Challenge); Lula Washington Dance Academy; speaker Iyanla Vanzant; Mexican music and dance group Las Cafeteros; spoken word artist Azure Antoinette; Japanese drummers from the Taiko Center of Los Angeles; and dancers of Swing Brazil. Jamaican born actor Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter serves as co-host with singer Freda Payne, with the live program beginning at 1:00 pm.

On Monday, January 17, CAAM kicks off the day in the annual King Day Parade, followed by “Cake for King,” a day of children’s workshops, storytelling, film screenings of Dr. King speeches with delicious birthday cake being served at CAAM. Activities begin at 11:00am and the cake will be served at 2:00pm.

The two-day festivities are free and open to the public. Doors open at 11:00 am. Children’s workshops will be held on both days beginning at 12pm. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of the rich culture, history and ongoing exhibitions in the CAAM galleries.

For more information and a schedule of the King Day events, call 213.744.7432 or visit the Web site at www.caamuseum.org.

ON-GOING EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

“Daufuskie Island, Photographs by Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe,” through June 5, 2011

“Camera and Community,” through June 5, 2011

“How We Roll,” extended through March 20, 2011

“Allensworth - A Place. A People. A Story,” through February 27, 2010

“Gallery of Discovery” ongoing

“African American Journey West” (Permanent Collection) ongoing

Specialty Arts, Crafts & Food Vendors in the CAAM Plaza on Sunday, January 16.

About 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, CAAM hosts specially mounted exhibitions curated through loans and its own collection, and 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, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Sundays, 11am - 5pm. Parking in the adjacent lot is \$8.00 all day. Enter the lot from Figueroa and 39th Streets. Admission and workshop participation is always free.

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