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(L-R) Issa Rae (center) and the Cast of *The Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl*

**CAAM HOSTED AN EVENING WITH ISSA RAE, THE STAR AND CREATOR OF
*THE MIS-ADVENTURES OF AWKWARD BLACK GIRL***

LOS ANGELES (September 5, 2012) - The California African American Museum (CAAM) was pleased to host An Evening With Issa Rae, where more than 300 aspiring actors, actresses, filmmakers and students packed CAAM's sculpture court for a glimpse into the rationale and creativity behind the comedic web series the *Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl*. Issa Rae is the writer, producer and star of the popular web series, which has received rave reviews from critics and financial support from fans.

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Issa Rae screened two episodes of *The Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl* and answered questions from the audience. Rae revealed her inspiration came from moving from a suburban neighborhood on the east coast to the fast, hip life of Los Angeles.

The Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl includes a 12-member cast and is a comedic take on the life of an African American girl named “J” (played by Issa Rae) chronicling awkward encounters of everyday life. The first season explores J’s love life obsessions between two potential love interests - the character “Fred,” a co-worker who plays hard to get and J’s Caucasian friend “White Jay”. The monthly web series offers a platform for Rae to address issues she can relate to while still satisfying a love for offbeat humor. For more information on Issa Rae or to view her webisodes visit www.issarae.com.

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 In addition to its permanent collection of over 3,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, CAAM also houses a research library containing more than 20,000 volumes, employs and trains high school students through its *Young Docents* program, and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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