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**CELEBRATE JULY 4TH 'CAAM STYLE' ON A SPECIAL TARGET SUNDAYS AT CAAM
PROGRAM GLEAMING AT TWILIGHT**

A Pre-Show Will Be Featured During the BET Experience at L.A. Live

LOS ANGELES –June 24, 2013 - Experience the 4th of July at the California African American Museum (CAAM) with live performances and a unique art workshop, followed by Exposition Park's annual fireworks display. In celebration of America's birthday, Target Sundays at CAAM has been moved to Thursday, July 4th for this special holiday event. The Museum galleries will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the outdoor live performances start at 6 p.m. for the July 4th program *Gleaming at Twilight*. CAAM will provide guests first priority for a seat on CAAM's lawn to view Exposition Park's annual fireworks display.

A prelude to CAAM's July 4th festivities will be held during the *BET Experience* on the *Taste of Soul* stage Saturday, June 29, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The *BET Experience* will take place at L.A. Live in Downtown Los Angeles. CAAM will feature a number of performers who have graced CAAM's stage during past Target Sundays.

The July 4th program will be co-hosted by Jamaican born actor, Jeffrey Anderson-Gunter and the gifted vocalist, Nita Whitaker LaFontaine, who will sing the National Anthem. LaFontaine is a Hall of Fame "Star Search"

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Grand Champion winner, who has performed at The Freedom Awards honoring Oprah Winfrey, President Bill Clinton and the actress Ruby Dee. In addition, she has shared the stage with Barbara Streisand, Faith Hill, Céline Dion, Richard Marx, Stevie Wonder, and Yolanda Adams.

Target Sundays' live performances on the CAAM Plaza will feature vocalist CJ Emmons, jazz musician Ryan Cross, Broadway star Crystal Starr-Kingston and Latin performer Iliana Garcia and musicians. Vocalist Judith Hill, best known for her performances on this season of "The Voice" will also perform. Prior to the live program, artist and educator Teresa Tolliver will host an art workshop for all ages, which begins at 12pm.

CAAM events are free and open to the public. RSVP is encouraged at (213) 744-2024. Parking is \$10.00 in the lot adjacent to CAAM at 39th and Figueroa Streets. For more information visit www.caamuseum.org or call (213) 744-2024. Follow CAAM on Twitter @CAAMinLA and "Like" the CAAM Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/caaminla>.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper opening July 11, 2013 through September 13, 2013

The Legacy of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company: More Than a Business extended through December 2013

AFRODESCENDIENTES: Photographer Roberto Chile in Guanabacoa, Cuba through October 13, 2013

"Things that Cannot Be Seen Any Other Way: The Art of Manuel Mendive" through October 20, 2013

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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 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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