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ENDEAVOUR CREW MEMBER, DR. MAE C. JEMISON, FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO TRAVEL TO SPACE WILL SPEAK AT EXPO PARK MUSEUMS – CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER

Los Angeles (October 30, 2012) In 1992 the Endeavour Space Shuttle launched into space on its first mission. On the shuttle was the first African American woman, Dr. Mae C. Jemison, to travel to outer space. Sunday, November 4, 2012, Dr. Jemison will give personal accounts of traveling on the Endeavour, her career and life inspirations that led her to becoming a trailblazer during the California African American Museum’s program, *Target Sundays at CAAM* starting at 1p.m. Dr. Jemison is set to take the stage at 2 p.m.

Target Sundays at CAAM program, “Remembering the Legacy of our Ancestors,” co-hosted by Jeffrey Anderson Gunter and actress Jackée Harry will feature live performances by Toni Malone and the Susie Hansen Band, in addition to arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and an art workshop by Teresa Tolliver. The Endeavour will be on view at CAAM’s neighboring museum the California Science Center, where Dr. Jemison will speak at 11a.m.

Dr. Jemison holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Stanford University, and a Doctorate Degree in Medicine from Cornell University. Dr. Jemison was selected for the astronaut program in 1987 and by 1992 was on her first mission to outer space.

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Target Sundays at CAAM is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.caamuseum.org and RSVP at (213) 744-2024. CAAM is located at 600 State Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, 90037. Parking is \$10, adjacent to CAAM at 39th and Figueroa Streets.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

Coloring America: Selections from the California African American Museum's Permanent History Collection opening October 31, 2012 – January 27, 2013

Shared Thread in CAAM's Courtyard through December 30, 2012

African American Military Portraits from the American Civil War: Selected Images from the Library of Congress Collections through January 20, 2013

Legacy of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company: More Than a Business through March 3, 2013

Go Tell it on the Mountain through April 7, 2013

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.