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WHAT: Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum presents its 42nd anniversary benefit

luncheon "Jubilee."

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 15

Noon -2 p.m.

WHERE: National Press Club Ballroom

529 14th Street N.W.

WHO: Camille Akeju, director, Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum

Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

Johnnetta Betsch Cole, director, Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art Gloria Herndon, chairperson, Anacostia Community Museum advisory board

Colbert I. King, columnist, Washington Post

The "Jubilee" benefit luncheon features keynote-speaker Johnnetta Betsch Cole, the director the National Museum of African Art.

Colbert I. King, Pulitzer prize-winning columnist at the Washington Post, will receive the John R. Kinard Leadership in Community Service Award. Kinard was founding director of the Anacostia Community Museum. Bruce Johnson, weekend anchor at WUSA Channel 9 is the master of ceremony for the benefit, which includes a silent auction of a piece by renowned artist, Sam Gilliam. Dorothy I. Height, chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, is honorary chair for "Jubilee," which was organized by Anacostia Community Museum advisory board chairperson, Gloria Herndon.

Inspired by the museum's current exhibition, "Jubilee: African American Celebration," which focuses on historical and contemporary holidays and traditions, the luncheon is a fundraiser that will benefit the museum's public programs. The exhibition closes Sept. 20.

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