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WHAT: Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum presents its 44th anniversary benefit luncheon "Community and Creativity"

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011
Noon – 2 p.m.

WHERE: National Press Club Ballroom
529 14th Street N.W.

WHO: Camille Akeju, director, Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano, honorary benefit chair
Maria Rosario Jackson, keynote speaker
James Larry Frazier, chairperson, Anacostia Community Museum advisory board
Honorees: David C. Driskell; Mary Brown and Elnora Jackson

The "Community and Creativity" benefit luncheon features as keynote speaker, Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD, senior research associate and director of culture for the Creativity and Community Program at the Urban Institute. Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano is honorary chair for the benefit. Artist and scholar David C. Driskell will receive the John R. Kinard Leadership in Community Service Award. Kinard was founding director of the Anacostia Community Museum. Mary Brown, executive director and co-founder of Life Pieces to Masterpieces will receive the Anacostia Community Museum Award and Elnora Jackson will receive the ACM Volunteer Appreciation Award. Maureen Bunyan, weeknight anchor at WJLA-TV7 is the mistress of ceremony for luncheon organized by Anacostia Community Museum advisory board, chaired by James Larry Frazier. The event is inspired by the museum's Call & Response: Community and Creativity initiative that focuses on creativity found in everyday communities as illustrated by the current exhibition on view, "Exercise Your Mynd-BK Adams I Am Art."

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