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MUZEO CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS WITH AFRICAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCES IN KEEPING WITH UNDER AFRICAN SKIES EXHIBITION

Every guest who purchases a ticket to the UNDER AFRICAN SKIES exhibition December 10 – January 10 at The MUZEO receives a beaded sunburst pin handcrafted in KwaZulu-Natal by the women of the Zulu Beadwork Project.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (December 8, 2008) — A Kwanzaa celebration, African drumming, and a gift with ticket purchase are featured promotions during The MUZEO holiday season in keeping with the current exhibition Under African Skies.

During the month of December, MUZEO visitors will enjoy live music and dancing on Sunday's from 1 PM – 3 PM featuring internationally trained Clarence Jah-Amen and Tamara Mobley, African drummers, dancers and storytellers.

On Sunday, December 21, from 1 PM – 4 PM, The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) Orange County Chapter will host a Kwanzaa celebration and African Market in the MUZEO courtyard under the Baobab trees. The program will begin with a call to gather for the tradition of demonstrating the seven principals and symbols of the Kwanzaa flags. This will be followed by storytelling, music and dance performances. An ethnic marketplace will feature gifts and artwork and there will be a traditional KARAMU celebration feast. Visitors are encouraged to dress in African attire and RSVP attendance by calling (714) 765-4500.

Through the end of the exhibition (and while supplies last) visitors who purchase a ticket to the exhibition will receive a beaded sunburst pin handcrafted by the women of the Zulu Beadwork Project. The beaded works of art were handmade by women in an income generation project in rural KwaZulu Nata, South Africa. Proceeds support orphans and other vulnerable children at the Thanda After-School Project. The MUZEO purchased the jewelry in support of this project, and a symbol of celebration for visitors to enjoy.



Kwanzaa table setting

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Under African Skies, explores one continent with two incredible exhibitions. Kids and adults discover common ground Under African Skies. From hands-on activities to three dimensional settings to moving imagery, these stunning exhibitions showcase the intrigue of Africa's people, lands, and cultural history.

INSIDE AFRICA: The 6,000 square foot exhibit explores the many facets of Africa, its traditions, stories, land, rich cultural history and its diverse population. Examine an amazing collection of artifacts. Observe modern family life. Size up a giant termite mound. Marvel at gorillas. Understand the diaspora – the dispersal of African peoples from Canada to Argentina. These are just a few of experiences visitors will enjoy.

SUDAN, THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE:

This exhibition showcases 70 photographs by award-winning photographer Michael Freeman, and writers Timothy Carney (U.S. Ambassador and Victoria Butler. Every image captures the emotion and shares the story of Sudan people in crisis during two years amidst the war-torn nation. "In showcasing this incredible photography at the MUZEO we hope to introduce our visitors from throughout southern California to the beautiful country of Sudan – its customs, landscapes, and most importantly its people," said Peter Comiskey, executive director of the MUZEO. "It's the perfect complement to our umbrella exhibit, **Under African Skies**, which brings the entire history of the continent to life through interactive and thought provoking displays."

Admission to **Under African Skies** is as follows: Adult General Admission (\$11.00); Children General Admission 3-12 (\$9.00); Students with ID and Seniors – 62 and over (\$10.00). Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

A special Kwanzaa Celebration price of \$10 is honored on December 21. After 5 PM \$5 for all.

Southern California's newest museum, the MUZEO is a center for arts, knowledge, entertainment and culture, which engages people of all ages via the showcase of prestigious and world-class traveling exhibits. A new model for urban cultural centers the MUZEO features a unique variety of changing exhibitions, special events, lectures, classes and weekend festivals. The 25,000 square foot MUZEO complex encompasses Anaheim's original Carnegie Library (built in 1908) and a state-of-the art gallery space that has been seamlessly integrated into an urban setting, intimately surrounded by two connecting courtyards, apartment loft living and street-level retail outlets.

The MUZEO is located at 241 South Anaheim Boulevard in Anaheim.

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