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SPRING INTO SUMMER

North Brentwood, MD (April 13, 2017) – **Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC)** invites you to spring into our summer and check our exciting upcoming events at the museum.

Our critically acclaimed and groundbreaking *Chocolate Cities* exhibit we will be up until September. If you haven't visited us, PGAAMCC will be hosting **First Friday with Chocolate Redux, May 5th 6-8pm**. Join us for our first Friday networking event with food, drinks and vendors. We welcome all to a night of celebration and fun.

We are proud to kick off our summer with the **Culture Keepers presents "Chocolate Cities: Youth Exhibit" Opening Reception and Panel Discussion, June 1 6-9pm**. This youth exhibition group show will feature art works from our after-school teen Culture Keepers program. Our students have been working for seven months to create compelling works of art exploring the history and state of African American urban enclaves in Prince George's County and Washington DC. Following the exhibit opening will be the **Culture Keepers Youth Conference, June 3 10am-5pm**. The conference is for youth and adults to experience youth dialogue in topics of art and social consciousness. Come join us for an engaging dialogue with young artists to discuss individuality and cultural identity, through workshops, roundtables, and performances.

Bring a blanket and popcorn to our first **Summer Saturday Film Series 7-10 pm**. PGAAMCC and **Electric Llama** will partner to facilitate a Summer Saturdays film screening on site at PGAAMCC on the following dates: **June 17, July 15, August 19, September 9**. Each Summer Saturday Film Screening will include an outdoor screening of a film created by a local filmmaker and a Q&A segment. It may also include an outdoor mobile gallery, music, merchandise tables, food trucks, and vendors.

Family Day: A Taste of Chocolate City, July 1st 2-6 pm will be an afternoon to remember. This community gathering will bring families from neighborhoods throughout the region for an afternoon of fun. We hope to see you there.

Last but not least, this October 7th we will have the 1st major Black Arts Festival in the County - **Rated PG: Black Arts Festival**. PGAAMCC's Black Arts Festival is an intersectional look at Black women throughout the Diaspora. The festival will exhibit female artists and performers that explore beauty standards, identity, multi -generational traditions, sisterhood, and break barriers. Look forward to a night of celebration with live performances, art, vendors and refreshments. Special guest **Angela Alsobrooks** will be the keynote speaker. The festival will also be the launching of our **Rated PG: Podcast**. We want to publicize and document our impact on the community, engage in a dialogue from the museum's point of view, and broadcast panel events.

Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center is a small alternative art and historical museum and community space. We are doing groundbreaking work in the community. There is an arts and culture synergy in Prince George's County and we are working diligently to support its growth. We are creating a platform for youth through educational programs, connecting with local community advisors and supporting local artists. We appreciate your support during this pivotal point of the museum's success.

The Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center is recognized nationally and internationally for its innovative approach to the documentation, interpretation, preservation, and presentation of local and regional African American history, art, and culture. PGAAMCC is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-5pm. Admission to the museum is free. For more information, call (301) 809-0440, email programs@pgaamcc.org, or visit the Museum's website at www.pgaamcc.org.