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**Culture Keepers Exhibition and Youth Conference**

**North Brentwood, MD (April 13, 2017) – Prince George’s African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC)** is proud to kick off our summer with the ***Culture Keepers presents “Chocolate Cities: Youth Exhibit” Opening Reception and Panel Discussion on June 1 from 6-9pm.*** This youth exhibition group show will feature art works created by students in Culture Keepers, PGAAMCC’s teen after-school program. Culture Keepers students have been working for seven months to create compelling works of art that explore the history and state of African American urban enclaves in Prince George’s County and Washington DC. Following the exhibition opening, Culture Keepers students will present the ***Culture Keepers Youth Conference on June 3 from 10am-5pm.*** This youth-led conference is open to all ages and will feature youth dialogue on topics of art and social consciousness. Join us for an engaging dialogue with young artists to discuss individuality and cultural identity through workshops, panel discussions, and performances.

Students enrolled in the Culture Keepers program become researchers and teachers of African American history, art, and culture. Each year, Culture Keepers engage in innovative projects that interpret Prince George’s African American history, art, and culture through dynamic visual and performing arts events, such as mural projects, cultural exchanges, and community forums. This year’s exhibition opening and youth-led conference will allow the community to engage in dialogue with Culture Keepers to discuss the theme of ***Chocolate Cities.***

PGAAMCC is an art and history museum, cultural center, and community space doing groundbreaking work in the County and beyond. 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.

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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](mailto:programs@pgaamcc.org), or visit the Museum’s website at [www.pgaamcc.org](http://www.pgaamcc.org).