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August Wilson Center Receiving Applications for Second Year of Fellows Program

ONE INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR ARTISTS HELD JANUARY 30

WHAT: The August Wilson Center for African American Culture has created a fellows program designed to support the needs of local African American artists. Selected artists for the second class of Fellows will be provided with new venues to create and present their performances, pursue individualized career advancement, participate in collaborative creative and marketing projects, strengthen community connections, acquire financial services and collect a regular stipend.

The Center will not just provide a physical platform for cultural expression and the arts, it also wants to ensure that creative people in Western Pennsylvania have access to the soft-skill and other resources they need to further their craft and careers.

For more information about the Center's Fellows Program, come to the free informational session! The Fellows application can be downloaded from AugustWilsonCenter.org.

WHO: The August Wilson Center is encouraging all African American artists and/or artists of African descent living and working in southwestern Pennsylvania to attend the information session about the Fellows Program. Artists may be in any of the following disciplines: media arts, music composition and performance, performance-based arts or visual arts.

WHEN: **Saturday, January 30, 2010**
Noon to 2:30 pm
August Wilson Center, Education Center
980 Liberty Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh

For more details about August Wilson Center Fellows Program, call 412.258.8733, e-mail smiles@augustwilsoncenter.org or visit AugustWilsonCenter.org.

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About the August Wilson Center for African American Culture

Named for Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright and Hill District native August Wilson, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture engages regional and national audiences in its mission of preserving, presenting, interpreting, celebrating and shaping the art, culture and history of African Americans in Western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world.

Located in Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District, the multidisciplinary August Wilson Center is reflective of all aspects of African American Culture. The Center's striking, two-story, green building houses seven exhibition galleries, a 486-seat theater for performances in all disciplines, an education center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events. The Center is among a select few African American cultural institutions presenting visual and performing arts, the humanities and educational programs in a state-of-the-art venue.

More information on the Center's activities and its membership program is available on the Web site at AugustWilsonCenter.org and by calling 412.258.2700.