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**BUILDING AND GROWING --
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES
TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS**

PITTSBURGH, PA – Following extensive national searches, The African American Cultural Center has announced the appointments of **Grace C. Stanislaus to the position of Senior Vice President** and **Heather D. Clark to the position of Director of Marketing and Audience Development.**

“I take great pleasure in welcoming Grace and Heather to the growing AACC family.” said Neil Barclay, President and CEO of The African American Cultural Center. “It is a remarkable testament to the work we are doing to have persons of this caliber involved.”

As Senior Vice President, Ms. Stanislaus will focus on the programmatic development of the center and assume a principal role in the planning and development of the exhibition spaces for the new facility. An internationally-recognized curator and arts administrator, Ms. Stanislaus has had over 20 years of senior management expertise including positions at the Museum for African Art, New York (Executive Director); The Bronx Museum of the Arts (Director); and The Studio Museum in Harlem (Curator). She is currently directing a city wide celebration focused on Romare Bearden's life and work scheduled for fall 2004 in New York City.

Elizabeth Reiss, Executive Director of the Three Rivers Arts Festival, who worked with Ms. Stanislaus at The Bronx Museum of the Arts enthused “I am so excited that Grace is coming to Pittsburgh. She will bring a wonderful level of programming which we haven't yet seen in Pittsburgh.”

Ms. Clark comes to the AACC from The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, where she worked for seven years in marketing. Having been quickly promoted from Manager of Advertising to Director of Marketing, Ms. Clark gained experience in all aspects of marketing communications. Prior to her work at the PSO, Ms. Clark was the Promotions Director for *In Pittsburgh Newsweekly*, where she initiated such projects as “A Great Day In Pittsburgh,” an historical photograph of Pittsburgh's jazz musicians, and the launch of the newspaper's website – one of the first newspapers in the city to go online.

Ms. Clark is a former Board Member of Nego Gato, Inc. and currently heads the Marketing Committee of the Board of WYEP. In 2003, Ms. Clark was named one of “10 to Watch” by Pittsburgh Magazine.

“It was of utmost importance that these key and interdependent positions – Programming and Marketing – be filled simultaneously and with energetic, focused and talented professionals,” said Oliver Byrd, Chairperson of the

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Board of Directors. “I am thrilled to say, I think we’ve found that and then some in these two individuals.”

Ms. Clark joins The African American Cultural Center on June 7, 2004. Ms. Stanislaus, who is finishing up prior commitments, will join the AACC on a modified schedule beginning August 1, 2004.

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