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**5th ANNUAL WOMEN OF COLOR ARTS AND FILM (WOCAF) FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES 2009 SCHEDULE**

Atlanta, Georgia (February 10, 2009) – In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Annual Women of Color Arts & Film (WOCAF) Festival, announces its schedule for its annual celebration of films and art by and about women of color. The festival scheduled for March 19th – 22nd 2009 will include lectures, film screenings of films by and/or about women of color, Q & A with filmmakers, a visual arts exhibition and a music concert.

“This year is our 5th year anniversary and as always we will be celebrating the creative ingenuity and leadership of women artists and media makers from diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. The immense growth of the festival confirms a need for a platform that celebrates women of colors creativity” states Festival Director Mojisola Sonoiki.

WOCAF produced by Iyàlódè Productions and The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History will showcase films from places such as Hawaii, Paris, Nigeria, Canada, Germany, Pakistan to name a few. The film festival and arts exhibition will be held at The Auburn Avenue Research Library (AARL) on African American Culture and History, 101 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta GA 30303

The festival begins on Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm to 9:00pm with an lecture/discussion and screening about “*Saartjie "Sara" Baartman*”, a Khoikhoi woman exploited as a sideshow attraction in 19th century Europe , under the name Hottentot Venus. The opening night reception will be held on Friday March 20, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm with screenings from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Screening will be held 12noon-7:00pm Saturday, and 1:00pm- 5:00pm Sunday, March 22. Admission to screenings at AARL is free. During the four-day festival, a music showcase will take place Sunday, March 22; artist, venue and door TBA.

Highlights of the film festival include *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority*, a feature documentary about the first woman of color in the U.S. Congress; *Nollywood Lady* about the founder of the African Academy of Motion Pictures Awards in Nigeria, *We are Riders*, about female motorcyclist’s in the US and *Arugba* by Tunde Kelani starring Bukola Awoyemi who will both be in attendance from Nigeria.

The Baymont Inn and Suites, 175 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta 30303 will be the host hotel for the festival and offers a discounted rate for the duration of the festival.

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About WOCAF:

Now in its fifth year, The WOCAF’s schedule of films and music attracts a diverse audience of women and men. Each year, films from Africa, America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Asia and Europe are showcased. Founded in 2005, WOCAF is dedicated to promoting cultural, political and social issues about and/or related to women of color. WOCAF’s goal is to utilize the arts as a powerful vehicle to inform, enrich and entertain.