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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC HOSTS 12th ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22-23, 2014

Aquarium Festival Celebrates African-American Culture During National Black History Month

The Aquarium's African-American Festival features live entertainment, arts and crafts, and ethnic food

WHAT: Celebrating the richness and diversity of African-American and African cultures, the Aquarium's twelfth annual African-American Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Guests can experience the sights and sounds of performances by local African-American groups, including Mardi Gras second line dancers, hip hop and break dancers, tap dancers, jazz musicians, interactive drum circle musicians, and West African dancers. The festival will also feature cultural displays, handmade craftwork, ethnic food, and storytellers. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the festival's offerings and discover the wonders of the Pacific Ocean at the Aquarium.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, February 22-23, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

COST: Free to Aquarium members and included with general admission for the public
General admission: \$28.95 adult (12+), \$25.95 senior (62+), and \$14.95 child (3-11)

INFO: (562) 590-3100 or
http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/african_american_festival/

AQUARIUM: The Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, is home to more than 11,000 animals and is dedicated to environmental education. The Aquarium features the Ocean Science Center, the June Keyes Penguin Habitat, and the new *Wonders of the Deep* exhibit. A world of discovery awaits. The Aquarium is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (except Dec. 25 and during the Grand Prix April 11, 12, and 13, 2014).

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