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## BMA CELEBRATES AFRICAN ART DURING 15TH ANNUAL KWANZAA FAMILY DAY ON DECEMBER 28

BALTIMORE, MD (October 24, 2011)—Inspired by the exhibition *Hand Held: Personal Arts from Africa*, the BMA hosts its 15th annual Kwanzaa Family Day on Wednesday, December 28, 2012. This year's celebration of community and family features a special performance by Keur Khaleyi African Dance Company and art-making projects inspired by the exhibition. Baltimore actress and storyteller, Maria Broom, will be on hand to perform never-before-heard tales about the personal treasures in our lives. For information, contact 443-573-1832 or visit [www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org)



### HANDS ON ART MAKING, 1–5 p.m.\*

#### Fashion a Festive Headdress

In many West African cultures, the head is the most sacred part of the human body. Design a festive hat to adorn your head for the day!

### PERFORMANCES\*\*

#### 2:00 p.m. Storyteller Maria Broom

Baltimore's acclaimed actress, dancer, and storyteller is on hand to weave wonderful tales, teaching families about the importance of community, the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, and the *Hand Held* treasures in all of our lives. (45 min.)

#### 3:30 p.m. Keur Khaleyi

Join Keur Khaleyi for a high energy performance of traditional African dance and drumming. More than 20 performers will be on hand to get your toes tapping and get you moving in a dance workshop. (45 min.)

*\*while supplies last*

*\*\*Space is limited and tickets are required for this FREE performance. Tickets available outside the Auditorium beginning at 1:00 p.m. Limit one ticket per person on a first-come basis. Doors open ½ hour prior to performance. No seat saving.*

### EXHIBITION, 11 a.m. –6 p.m.

#### *Hand Held: Personal Arts from Africa*

September 25, 2011- February 5, 2012

This exhibition brings together more than 80 objects used in daily life that blend beauty and utility. These striking works from the BMA's outstanding African collection come from 21 countries across the African continent, and range from baskets and combs to wearable textiles. A selection of videos and photographs show how the objects were created and used. *Free*

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