

# African American Heritage Month 2009

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The City of Los Angeles and  
The African American Heritage Month Planning Committee  
Invite you to participate in this year's

## POSTER COMPETITION

**Purpose:** To celebrate African American heritage and promote greater access to the arts in Los Angeles

**Theme:** "The Movement: Making Your Dreams a Reality"

To participate, it is required that you choose one of the following movements from African American history and connect how the movement has inspired you or how it has affected you personally. For examples of the events or people that have helped shape these movements please visit the website at [www.aahm.lacity.org](http://www.aahm.lacity.org):

- African American Contributions to the Building of Early American History
- The Role African American's have played in the United States Military
- The Long Road from Slavery to Freedom
- The Civil Rights Movement and The Voting Rights Act
- The Long Fight for Equal Education in America
- African American Influence on Music
- The Role of African American Churches Past, Present and Future
- Dr. Carter G. Woodson: The Father of Black History Month
- From Africa to America: The Diaspora
- The Road to Public Service: 'Those That Came Before Barack Obama'

### Poster entry must have the following information:

On a 3 x 5 index card **taped** to the back:

1. Title of work & **medium**
2. Student's full name & **visible grade level**
3. Student's home mailing address
4. Student's home phone number or cell number
5. School's name & address
6. Teacher's full name, telephone number, e-mail
7. A sentence about the inspiration/description of the depicted subject matter

### Submit poster entries to:

Department of Cultural Affairs  
Attn: Youth Arts and Education  
201 N. Figueroa St., Suite 1400  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Email: [dca.yae@lacity.org](mailto:dca.yae@lacity.org)

### Poster Contest Guidelines:

- Competition is open to ALL Los Angeles County public and private school students in grades K-12
- Poster size **MUST NOT EXCEED 11" x 17" (without a mat board)**
- Poster must be on paper, canvas or wood • Only two-dimensional posters will be accepted • 3D work will NOT be accepted
- Collage is accepted ONLY IF IT IS ORIGINAL ARTWORK (magazine cutouts or previously published material not accepted)
- Poster medium can be watercolor, acrylic, oil, pen, pencil, chalk, marker, or original digital images or photography
- Poster must be signed by the student at the bottom right corner on the side of the work
- Poster will be judged on quality of the work, originality and creativity of the depicted figure chosen within the theme
- Only one entry per person (Previous Heritage Poster Competition 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in calendar year 2008 are ineligible for 1<sup>st</sup> Place)

**Deadline:** Posters MUST arrive by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 19, 2009 (this is **NOT** a postmark date)

**Prizes:** All winners will receive tickets to Disneyland and additional prizes provided by Wells Fargo.

Division I K to 1<sup>st</sup>  
Division II- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Division III- 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

Division IV 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>  
Division V 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>  
Division VI 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Winners will be notified via phone call the week of February 19, further details of the awards ceremony will be provided at this time. **Winners are invited to attend an awards ceremony to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.** (Date subject to change.) All winning entries become the property of the City of Los Angeles. The City has the right to reproduce or publish the artwork in any medium for current or future use in educational materials and programs. Selection of winners by the judging panel is final.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE COMPETITION PLEASE VISIT [www.aahm.lacity.org](http://www.aahm.lacity.org) or CALL (213) 202-5565 or Email: [dca.yae@lacity.org](mailto:dca.yae@lacity.org)