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**LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE HOSTS ARTIST TALK**

**WITH KERRY JAMES MARSHALL**

LOS ANGELES – March 21, 2017 - Los Angeles City College is honored to present an artist talk featuring renowned painter Kerry James Marshall on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Clausen Recital Hall on the LACC campus.

Marshall is an LACC alumnus and will discuss his life and work. The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles is presenting a 35-year retrospective of Marshall’s work from March 12 through July 3, 2017.

“We are thrilled to offer this rare opportunity to hear from and meet an artist as brilliant as Kerry James Marshall,” said Reneé D. Martinez, President, Los Angeles City College. “This is a fantastic event for our students and the entire Los Angeles community to learn about and experience the work of one of our country’s greatest artists.”

Marshall was born in Birmingham, Alabama and grew up in South Central Los Angeles. He attended LACC prior to graduating from the Otis College of Art and Design. He is known for his large scale paintings and sculptures highlighting African-American life and history. Marshall’s work is based on a broad range of historical art references, ranging from Renaissance painting to black folk art. His work has been exhibited in and collected by major United States museums for over twenty years.

The event is free and open to the public.

**About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is the flagship institution of the Los Angeles Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In 2019, LACC will celebrate its 90th anniversary.