



MEDIA ADVISORY
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**THE LEWIS CELEBRATES KWANZAA WITH FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND
SPECIAL THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30**

WHAT: Enjoy two days of family-themed activities including arts and crafts, films, and a theatrical performance of *Mali Sadjó: The Legend of the Hippopotamus*, performed by Philadelphia's oldest African dance company **Kùlú Mèlé African Dance & Drum Ensemble**.

WHEN: Family activities: Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Kùlú Mèlé Dance Performance: Wednesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Reginald F. Lewis Museum
830 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

COST: Museum admission required Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m./ \$7 members, children 12 and under; \$10 non-members for Wednesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m. dance performance.

OTHER: *Mali Sadjó: The Legend of the Hippopotamus* is a West African theatrical ballet set in Africa's mystical past as the people of Bafulabe lean on the spiritual forces of nature to pull them through a time of drought and famine. This ballet premiered in 2009, after the Kùlú Mèlé African Dance & Drum Ensemble spent a two-week residency in Guinea to learn about traditional dance culture. The performance includes an excerpt from the film "*In Search of Mali Sadjó: Kùlú Mèlé's African Dance Expedition*" that was created in conjunction with the theatrical project. Museum visitors can participate in a Kwanzaa craft activity, face painting, and visit vendor tables prior to this performance. For more information call 443-263-1800 or visit AfricanAmericanCulture.org.

Reginald F. Lewis Museum is Baltimore's premier facility highlighting the history and accomplishments of African Americans with a special focus on Maryland's African American community. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum is the East Coast's largest African American museum occupying an 82,000 square-foot facility with ample permanent and special exhibition space, interactive learning environments, auditorium, resource center, oral history recording studio, museum shop, café, classrooms, meeting rooms, outside terrace and reception areas. The museum is located near Baltimore's Inner Harbor at the corner of Pratt and President Streets. The museum is also accessible on Baltimore's Charm City Circulator Orange and Green Routes. For more information, please call 443-263-1800 or visit the museum's website at www.AfricanAmericanCulture.org.

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