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“BLACK-ISH” STAR, ANTHONY ANDERSON RETURNS AS HOST**

Hill Harper, Dr. Peter L. Slavin, Lee Pelton, and Ibram Kendi, Honored as Living Legends on Sunday, December 5, 2021

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BOSTON, MA – November 1, 2021 – Leon Wilson, President & CEO of the Museum of African American History Boston and Nantucket announced the recipients of the Living Legends historic silver cup award: accomplished actor, best-selling author and philanthropist, Hill Harper; Professor of Health Care Policy Harvard University and former President of Massachusetts General Hospital, Peter L. Slavin, MD; President & CEO of The Boston Foundation, M. Lee Pelton; and Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, Director and Founder of the Center for Anti-Racist Research and nationally recognized author and historian. The Living Legends Gala will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 4:00 PM to an in person and virtual crowd of 500 guests. The in-person event will be held at the Newbury Hotel, in Boston.

Anthony Anderson, Actor and executive producer of ABC's Emmy-nominated sitcom “Black-ish”, and 2018 Living Legends Silver Cup recipient returns as Host for the third year thanks to a generous donation by The TJX Companies, Inc. Co-Chairing the Gala are Ronald L. Walker, II, CEO of The Walker Group, S.C., LLC, and David F. M. Brown, MD, President of Mass General Hospital.

“At TJX, our core values of honesty, integrity, and treating one another with dignity and respect have lived at the heart of our business for many years, and play a key role in our approach to giving back to the communities we serve,” said Dr. Beverly Edgehill, TJX’s Senior Vice President, Organizational Development. “We are proud to be a longtime supporter of the Museum of African American History and its Living Legends Gala, as it works to preserve the authentic stories of New Englanders of African descent and promote cultural understanding for all.”

In addition to the Silver Cup awards presentation, the event will feature the Museum’s Historians, Dr. Kerrie Greenidge and Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson who, along with others highlight the remarkable journey of Boston’s African Americans’ role in the abolition of slavery. A live auction with exclusive luxury items, a dinner reception featuring African American and Caribbean cuisine, and live entertainment will complete the night. The event will raise funds to support its historical sites in Boston and Nantucket, and education and research.

“The Museum of African American History is much more than a collection of artifacts, said David Long, President & CEO of Liberty Mutual Insurance. “it’s a window into a time when voices from the Boston community started a movement that changed our country. I learn something new every time I visit. It should inspire us all to see the world differently and to shape our actions based on the experience.”

Among the vast artifacts in the Museum of African American History’s collections are four of the oldest African American extant buildings in the country the African Meeting House (est. 1806) and the Abiel Smith School (est. 1835) on Boston’s Beacon Hill, and the African Meeting House (est. 1827) and the Boston Higginbotham House (c. 1774) on Nantucket, as well as walking trails and educational programs, the Museum interprets, informs, and engages with the public to illuminate the role 18th and 19th Century African Americans played in shaping American History.

Tickets are \$500 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.eventcreate.com/e/LLG. For more information about the gala, contact the Event Producer AJ Williams at AJ Events (617) 267-2244 / aj@ajwevents.com.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY BOSTON | NANTUCKET

Our mission is to connect Colonial and early African American history and culture in Boston and the larger New England area with the abolition of slavery and current explorations of race and the struggles of human rights. As one of the oldest African American public history museums in the United States, the Museum is dedicated to telling the stories of African Americans in Massachusetts and New England who seeded the growth of the antebellum abolitionist movement and the 19th Century fight against segregation, discrimination, and racial inequity. The Museum was founded in 1967 and is New England’s largest museum dedicated to preserving, conserving, and interpreting the contributions of African Americans. The Museum has two locations – one in Boston’s Beacon Hill neighborhood and the other on Nantucket Island – and two Black Heritage Trails® that tell the story of organized black communities from the Colonial Period through the 19th century. Visit www.maah.org or call 617-725-0022 for more information.