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## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE CARTER MUSEUM SPECIAL AUTHORS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS**

**Atlanta, GA.** - Mark your calendar for these upcoming Black History Month and Presidents Month activities at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum.

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm...** Author Evelyn Coleman discusses and signs her children's book *Freedom Train*. (Free with paid museum admission)

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm...** Author Evelyn Coleman returns to discuss and sign her children's book *Freedom Train*. (Free with paid museum admission)

**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm...** Groundbreaking Journalist Belva Davis discusses her life and her book *Never In My Wildest Dreams*. As the first black female TV journalist in the West, Belva Davis helped change the face and focus of TV news. Now she is sharing the story of her extraordinary life in her spellbinding memoir, *Never in My Wildest Dreams*. As literary luminary Maya Angelou observed, "No people can say they understand the times in which they have lived unless they have read this book." (The reading & book signing is free and open to the public in the Carter Museum theater.)

**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am & 1:30 pm...** Author Evelyn Coleman returns to discuss and sign her children's book *White Socks Only*. (Free with paid museum admission)

**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm...** Poet Kevin Young discusses and signs his book *Ardency: A Chronicle of the Amistad Rebels*. Acclaimed poet Kevin Young gathers here a chorus of voices that tells the story of the Africans who mutinied onboard the slave ship Amistad. Written over twenty years, this poetic epic—part libretto, part captivity epistle—makes the past present, and even its sorrows sing. ." (The reading & book signing is free and open to the public in the Carter Museum theater.)

**Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am & 1:30 pm...** Actress Joanna Maddox performs her original one-woman show as Rachel Clark, the woman who helped raise Jimmy Carter and who Carter called his second mother. It is a performance you won't want to miss. (Free with paid museum admission)

**Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am & 1:30 pm...** Actress Joanna Maddox returns to the Carter Museum to portray Civil Rights icon Rosa Parks. (Free with paid museum admission)

**Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm...** Dramatic performers Bill and Sue Wills return to the Carter Presidential Museum with their history-based presentation of Presidents and the First Ladies. In this original performance, the Wills bring to life President Harry Truman and his wife Bess. (Free with paid museum admission)

**Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm....** Clarence Jones, the personal attorney to Dr. Martin Luther King, discusses the Civil Rights Movement and King's "I Have a Dream" speech, which he helped write. His book is called "***Behind the Dream.***"(The reading & book signing is free and open to the public in the Carter Museum theater.)

**Reminder...Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> is the final day to see the fascinating exhibition *The Working White House.*** This Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition tells the stories of the men and women who work in The White House through historical images, documents, oral histories, and objects. Presidential administrations come and go, but these are the people who have served presidents and their families from William Taft to George W. Bush. In work that requires a high level of dedication, these men and women balance the social, political, and diplomatic importance of a national symbol with the careful requirements of a family home. The Working White House gives glimpses into the daily work and enduring relationships that many White House staff have developed with several first families.

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