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**State Museum of Pennsylvania Presents New Exhibit on African American History**  
*Trailblazers: Notable African Americans in Pennsylvania History at The State Museum*  
January 10, 2006 – June 18, 2006

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**Harrisburg** - The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, presents a new photography exhibit focusing on the accomplishments of African Americans and their contributions to the Commonwealth's. *Trailblazers: Notable African Americans in Pennsylvania History*, highlights significant African Americans and presents a good opportunity to introduce visitors to the diversity of the state's history. A trailblazer is a pioneer, a person who opens up a new trail or new territory. This exhibit, which opens January 10, 2006 and continues through June 18, 2006, features African Americans closely associated with Pennsylvania who entered jobs, activities and businesses where no African American had gone before. It depicts stories of real-life people from Pennsylvania and tells visitors about the many accomplishments and contributions of these outstanding citizens.

Some of the prominent Pennsylvanians featured include opera star Marian Anderson, C. DeLores Tucker, political pioneer and civil rights activist, Billy Eckstine jazz musician, photojournalist Charles "Teenie" Harris, and Horace Pippin, painter.

After the exhibit opens at The State Museum, a 20-panel version of the exhibit will be available for loan to historical societies, museums, libraries and schools across the Commonwealth. To learn more about booking this exhibition, contact the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations at (717) 909-6905 or email [dfilipi@pamuseums.org](mailto:dfilipi@pamuseums.org).

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History® administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. General admission to The State Museum is FREE. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on *Trailblazers: Notable African Americans in Pennsylvania History* and other exhibitions, events and programs at The State Museum, click on [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).

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