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305-375-5829/ [LilianH@miamidade.gov](mailto:LilianH@miamidade.gov)**AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER PRESENTS  
PULITZER PRIZE-NOMINATED PLAY “HUSTLE” BY KEITH C. WADE****Opens tomorrow for one weekend only**

**(Miami, September 10, 2015)** - The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (AHCAC) presents “Hustle,” a theater production written and directed by award-winning playwright Keith C. Wade, this weekend September 11-September 13, 2015. Nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 2006, “Hustle” speaks to the hearts of men of color and follows the story of four men who are drawn to their neighborhood basketball court where they share their fears, frustrations, anger and dreams while playing a game to give their lives balance. Starring Andre’ L. Gainey, Lorenzo Johnson, Jesus C. Mitchell, Keith C. Wade, Njie Sabik, Herman McGloun, Jamil Malik, Charita Joseph and Sumaiyah E. Wade, “Hustle” is a stirring and enlightening play that promises to invoke conversation and expose the shared struggles facing young men of color between the ages of 18 to 40.

Performances are Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm \$20; Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm \$25; and Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm \$20 at AHCAC, 6161 NW 22nd Avenue, in the heart of Liberty City.

“Hustle” is a part of “Sankofa: Looking Back, Going Forward,” a year-long series of events, performances, educational workshops, recognizing and celebrating the talented performers, instructors and community leaders who have grown up in and contributed so importantly to the development and creativity of young people in the inner city in celebration of the Center’s fortieth anniversary with funding support from The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, as part of its Knight Arts Challenge.

For tickets call: (305) 638-6771 or send email inquiries to: [hartheo@miamidade.gov](mailto:hartheo@miamidade.gov). The box office opens an hour before show time and the house opens 15 minutes before show time. Discount rates for groups available.

The play contains language and subject matter not suitable for children under 14. Parental discretion is strongly advised.

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**The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center**, part of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, was founded in 1975 to serve as the nesting ground for emerging talent in the performing and visual arts in the heart of Liberty City. By providing quality instruction, inspiration and encouragement to young people within the community, the Center has fulfilled its mission for almost 40 years, and everyday creates a means for youth to discover their artistic talents. [www.ahcacmiami.org](http://www.ahcacmiami.org)

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