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The California Museum Welcomes Lisa Ling to its Board of Trustees

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. – Nov. 29, 2010: The California Museum, home of the California Hall of Fame, welcomes Sacramento native and international journalist Lisa Ling to its Board of Trustees.

Dina Eastwood, Chair of The California Museum's Board of Trustees, said, "I look forward to working with Lisa and our fellow board members as we continue to make The California Museum a world-class destination showcasing California's incredible history, art and culture."

Claudia French, Executive Director at The California Museum, agreed by stating, "Lisa's passion is contagious, and as a journalist she helps us experience a myriad of people and cultures all over the world. Who better to put a magnifying glass on California -- one of the most innovative, exciting places in the world -- and make those stories come to life? Her vision, creativity and love of California will be a tremendous asset to the Museum."

As the field correspondent for *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, contributor to ABC News' *Nightline* and National Geographic's *Explorer*, Lisa has reported from dozens of countries around the globe to cover stories about issues that are too often left untold. A Sacramento native, Lisa started her career in journalism as a host on KXTV 10's *Scratch* in 1990 while attending Del Campo High School, and moved on at 18 years of age to co-anchor *Channel One News* with CNN's Anderson Cooper. From 1999-2002, she co-hosted the ABC Daytime's *The View*, which won its first daytime Emmy during her time on the show.

Lisa is a contributing editor for USA Today's *USA Weekend* magazine, as well as the co-author of *Mother, Sister, Daughter, Bride: Rituals of Womanhood* and *Somewhere Inside: One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and The Other's Fight to Bring Her Home* as authored with her sister Laura. Starting Jan. 30, 2011, Lisa will have her own series, *Our America with Lisa Ling*, on the new channel, OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network.

"Growing up in Sacramento, I used to wish there was a museum showcasing California's unique history as the greatest state in the nation," said Lisa. "Years later, I'm thrilled to join The California Museum's Board of Trustees and share their commitment to celebrating the richness and diversity that is distinctly California."

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM:

The California Museum — home of the California Hall of Fame and California Legacy Trails — engages, educates and enlightens people about California's rich history and unique contributions to the world through ideas, innovation, art and culture. Through interactive and innovative experiences, the museum inspires men, women and children to dream the California dream and dare to make their mark on history. Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.; Sunday from noon to 5:00p.m. Admission: Adults \$8.50; Students/Seniors \$7.00 with valid ID; Children 6-13 \$6.00; Children 5 and younger free. For more information, visit: <http://www.CaliforniaMuseum.org>

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