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**Brooklyn Museum Appoints Radiah Harper  
New Vice Director for Education and Program Development**

Brooklyn, New York—May 28, 2004. Dr. Arnold Lehman, Director of the Brooklyn Museum, today announced the appointment of Radiah Harper as the Museum's new Vice Director for Education and Program Development. An artist and museum professional, with experience creating and developing art, cultural and history programs, Ms. Harper has been Director of Education and Program Development of The Weeksville Society in Brooklyn since 2002. As the new Vice Director for Education and Program Development, she will have the responsibility for the Museum's innovative educational programs, which serve over 100,000 adults and children each year. She will also oversee the Public Programs division, which offers Museum visitors a wide range of films, concerts, lectures, and performances and will also play a critical part in interpreting the collections with the objective of accessibility to a broad range of visitors.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Lehman stated: "I am delighted that Radiah will be joining our senior management team. Her breadth of experience, along with her vision and energy, will enhance the Museum's stated mission—to serve as a bridge between the artistic heritage of world cultures, as embodied in its collections, and the unique experience of each visitor, as well as to serve its growing and diverse audience as an innovative and welcoming center for learning through the arts."

In 2002 Ms. Harper joined The Weeksville Society, a public institution whose mission includes promoting an appreciation of the African American legacy in Brooklyn and beyond. In her position at The Weeksville Society, Ms. Harper was responsible for establishing an educational and program vision and setting priorities for the historic Hunterfly Road Houses and the new museum/cultural center. She developed, implemented, and evaluated on-site and outreach programs, among them interpretive tours and community-based programs. She also created and managed internship and volunteer programs.

Prior to Weeksville, Ms. Harper was Deputy Director for Program and Education at the Museum for African Art in New York, Executive Director and Curator of the Museum of African American Art in Tampa, Florida, and Director of Programs for the Historical Hudson Valley in Tarrytown, New York.

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A graduate of Marymount College in Tarrytown, with an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts, Ms. Harper received a Master of Science in Education from the Bank Street College of Education in New York City. Radiah Harper states, "These are exciting times for the Brooklyn Museum. I am looking forward to working with a group of individuals dedicated to building accessible and innovative programs around community. I am thrilled that I will be working toward the continued growth of this vital institution." Radiah Harper succeeds Joel Hoffman, who is now Director of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami, Florida. Ms. Harper will take up her new appointment at the Brooklyn Museum on June 7.

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