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**“The Sentence Unseen” at AAMLO: Exhibit Offers  
Perspective on the Impact of Imprisonment**

**Oakland, CA** – We are not always aware of the true price of sending someone to prison. **The Sentence Unseen: Celebrating Resilience**, an exhibit at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO), bears witness to the unrecognized impacts of incarceration – the sentence levied on children and families when a loved one is imprisoned. The installation, which was originally installed at Alcatraz Island for three months, features large-format photography, video diaries, and multi-media artwork. It opens November 5, 2015 and will continue through January 25, 2016. AAMLO is located at 659 14th Street, Oakland.

**The Sentence Unseen** is produced by Community Works, a nonprofit whose mission is to restore communities, build alternatives to incarceration, and ultimately heal the fractured relationships of children, families and communities separated by incarceration. Celebrated documentary photographer **Ruth Morgan** and visual artist **Dee Morizono** have curated the exhibit around compelling artwork that challenges assumptions about people behind bars and their families.

Incarcerated men and women, and children of incarcerated parents, contributed to the exhibit. All the work in **The Sentence Unseen** reflects the healing and restoration that incarcerated people, youth, and survivors experience through Community Works’ restorative justice processes.

Join us for an opening reception on Thursday, November 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The **Marcus Shelby Trio** will perform his composition **Beyond the Blues: A Prison Oratorio**, a musical examination of the troubling impacts of the prison industrial complex. Shelby’s composition was inspired by his monthly visits to the Juvenile Justice Center and his discussion series on prisons at the Red Poppy Art House in San Francisco

For more information, please contact Rick Moss, AAMLO’s Chief Curator, at 637-0197 or [rmoss@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:rmoss@oaklandlibrary.org). You may also visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org).

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