



## EAC Program



Figures from the "Katsina in Hopi Life" exhibit at the Autry National Center.

**Katsina in Hopi Life • September 15, 2012 • 11 am**

**Southwest Museum at Autry National Center**

**5700 Western Heritage Way. LA 90027**

**Katsina in Hopi Life**, featuring nearly 200 remarkable Katsina dolls from the Autry's Southwest Museum, provides a glimpse into Hopi life and culture. *Katsinam* (the plural form of *Katsina*) are spiritual beings who represent all aspects of life and travel to be with the Hopi people six months of the year. *Katsinam* are integral to the Hopi for they control the rain that allows crops to grow. Dolls crafted in the likenesses of the spirits are prized possessions of Hopi girls who receive them as gifts. Told from the Hopi perspective, this exhibition shares the unique relationship the Hopi people have with the Katsinam, focusing on the values, lessons, and encouraging messages learned from them.

This multimedia exhibit took eight years to develop and involved EAC underwriting the featured showcase, **Mixed Dance**, where 15 katsinas meticulously carved by Clayton Kaniatobe are on display. Join Ahmanson Curator **Kim Walters** and Assistant Curator **Paige Bardolph** for a very special tour of this well-received exhibition in this **first** program of the 2012-2013 year. Open to 50 current (paid) members of EAC. Please reserve early in order to guarantee a place at the party! Meet in the plaza area at the Autry.

**RSVP by Noon September 12, 2012 to [feelie@ucla.edu](mailto:feelie@ucla.edu) or (310) 454-7851**

