The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum has created an exhibition space that will rotate semiannually. The new exhibit is featuring two women entrepreneurs, Kathy Hughes and Madame CJ Walker.

From the very beginning, black Americans have struggled to leave the world a better place. Thanks to their passion and determination, these outstanding women have made and continue to make a difference in our lives. Here we spotlight two of them.

**Catherine L. Hughes** (born Catherine Elizabeth Woods; April 22, 1947) is an African-American entrepreneur, radio and television personality and business executive. Hughes founded the media company Radio One and later expanded into TV One. The company went public in 1998, making Hughes the first and only African-American woman to head a publicly traded corporation at the time. In the 1970s, Cathy Hughes created the urban radio format called "The Quiet Storm" on Howard University's radio station, (WHUR). With its very first disc jockey, she chose the late Melvin Lindsay (who was a Howard University student, at the time).

![Radio One](image)

**Madam C.J. Walker** was born Sarah Breedlove on December 23, 1867, near Delta, Louisiana. After suffering from a scalp ailment that resulted in her own hair loss, she invented a line of African-American hair care products in 1905. She promoted her products first by going door-to-door and ultimately traveling around the country giving lecture-demonstrations. Eventually established Madame C.J. Walker Laboratories to manufacture cosmetics and train sales beauticians. Her savvy business acumen led her to be one of the first American women to become a self-made millionaire. She was also known for her philanthropic endeavors including, donating the largest amount of money by an African-American toward the construction of an Indianapolis YMCA in 1913.
Find her hair care products on-line today at [www.madamewalker.org](http://www.madamewalker.org)