

Black History Month Events

Boca Raton

The Sights & Sounds of Africa

February 8th, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

SITE: Boca Raton Museum of Art,

501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432 in Mizner Park.

COST: Museum Member: \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door

Non-Member: \$18 in advance, \$22 at the door. Tickets include light appetizers and two glasses of wine (cash bar available by *Potions in Motion*).

Join us at the Boca Raton Museum of Art in celebrating Black History Month.

Experience the pulsating sounds of [Venus Rising](#), a local all-female African drum ensemble, and view vibrant African art from the Museum's permanent collection with a tour led by animated Gallery Specialist, Stacey Giulianti. Also, don't miss out on an exclusive tour of the special exhibition, *MARTIN SCHOELLER: Close Up* with Museum Director and specialist in the history of photography, Steven Maklansky. We'll meet you there!

INFO: 561.392.2500 ext. 208.

<http://www.bocamuseum.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=MeetMeAtTheMuseum&category=Annual%20Events>

Wonderful World: A Salute to Louis Armstrong

Wednesday, February 8; Friday, February 10; Saturday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium (Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton campus)

The Palm Beach Pops, including guest artists Longineu Parsons (trumpet) and Lillias White (singer), will perform a tribute to Louis Armstrong in celebration of his legacy and Black History Month. For tickets and additional information, call 561-832-7677 or visit www.palmbeachpops.org.

Boston

Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership Boston 1980 -2012 by Don West

Date & Time: December 2011 – March 2012

Location: Museum of African American History

Cost: Admission to Museum is \$5

Info: During the 18th and 19th centuries, Boston was a leader among Northern communities of color. Black Bostonians traveled and interacted with leaders nationally and internationally. They were entrepreneurs, educators, artists, authors, activists, elected officials, and patriots. This tradition continues. A selection of these dedicated citizens is represented in Don West's *Portraits of Purpose*, a collection of life-sized photographs. *Portraits of Purpose* gives us an understanding of the many people of Boston and beyond who have acted their conscience...and made a difference. Their history will not be forgotten.

Link: <http://www.afroammuseum.org/exhibits.htm>

African-American Patriots Tour

Date & Time: Thursdays – Sundays in February at 1pm

Location: The Freedom Trail

Cost: \$6 - \$12

Info: The Freedom Trail Foundation is excited to bring back, for a limited time, the African-American Patriots tour, taking visitors through historic events of the American Revolution and the contributions of African-Americans such as Crispus Attucks and others who played a significant role in the country's formation. Tales of intrigue and bravery, poetry and defiance by Black Boston townspeople in the 18th century will unfold during this unique 90 minute tour of the Freedom Trail. See the Revolution through the eyes of these sailors and soldiers, writers and craftsmen, men and women of the day.

Link: <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/tickets/african-americanpatriotstour.html>

Event: Black History Month Celebration

Date & Time: Saturday, February 11, 2012; 3pm

Location: Villa Victoria Center for the Arts

Cost: Free

Info: Delicious food, music and dance come together to celebrate Black History Month in Villa Victoria. In addition to various performances by outstanding youth and community groups, this exciting event will feature a special performance by Akili Jamal Haynes & Chibuzo Ensemble.

Link: http://www.villavictoriaarts.org/performances_021112.html

The Presidency and Civil Rights: A Kennedy Library Forum

Date & Time: Monday, February 20, 2012; 12:30pm – 5pm

Location: John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum

Cost: \$10 for adults/\$8 for seniors/\$7 for children 13 -17/free for children under 12

Info: This conference will examine key moments in the civil rights movement during five American presidencies – from Roosevelt to Johnson – with a final panel examining contemporary civil rights struggles in the years after the signing of the Civil Rights Act.

Link: <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Events-and-Awards/The-Presidency-and-Civil-Rights.aspx>

A Visit with Abraham Lincoln at the Concord Museum

Date & Time: Monday, February 20, 2012; 1:00-2:00pm

Location: Concord Museum

Cost: \$10 adults/\$5 child

Info: The Concord Museum is pleased to once again host Steve Wood and his amazing performance as Abraham Lincoln. Matching Mr. Lincoln's height and beard, Wood bears enough of a resemblance to our 16th president to make heads turn. His first-person historical interpretation, *A Visit with Abraham Lincoln*, includes stories of Lincoln's early life, campaign debates, the Civil War, and the *Emancipation Proclamation*, and concludes with a stirring reading of the *Gettysburg Address*. A member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, Steve Wood has performed at schools, libraries, historical societies, and community events since 1995, and in conjunction with the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "American Originals." Recommended for all ages, by reservation only; reserve early as space is limited (978) 369-9763.

Link:<http://www.bostonusa.com/visit/bostoneveryday/be/events?view=single&id=26404>

Djembe dell'Arte – African Dance and Drumming

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 22, 2012; 10:30am – 11:30am

Location: John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum

Cost: \$10 for adults/\$8 for seniors/\$7 for children 13 -17/free for children under 12

Info: Experience the energy and excitement of African Dance with **Djembe dell'Arte**, accompanied by drumming ensemble *Troupe Komee Djosee* from Mali, West Africa. The performance features authentic African masks and costumes, folk dances of Mali, and a lively drum circle.

Link: <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Events-and-Awards/Celebrate.aspx>

Journey: The Souls of Black Folk

Saturday, February 25, 1:00pm

Location: Park Street Church

Info: The Boston Branch of the NAACP invites you to celebrate JOURNEY: The Souls of Black Folk

A dramatic exploration of Black History, revealed through Song, Dance, Oratory and Spoken Word

Link:<http://calendar.boston.com/boston-ma/events/show/240998805-journey-the-souls-of-black-folk>

**Black and Beautiful: Celebrating African American Actresses - *Lackawanna Blues*
Monday, February 27, 2012; 6pm**

Location: Central Library

Cost: Free

Info: In a story fueled by rhythm and blues, a young boy's life is shaped by love and the stories of a cast of characters in the boarding house where he lives in 1960s Lackawanna, New York. Based on the play by Ruben Santiago-Hudson. Starring S. Epatha Merkerson. This film series is part of the Boston Public Library celebration of Black History Month.

Link: <http://www.bpl.org/news/calendar.htm>

Chicago

The Alliance Celebrates Black History Month!

When: February 7, 2012 - 6:30pm

The Alliance Française de Chicago 54 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60610

Speaker Carolyn Armenta Davis leads a picturesque excursion through contemporary and modern vernacular architecture created by five visionary architects, men and women, of African heritage with ateliers in Paris, Dakar, and other great Francophone metropolises. Explored are recent designs, built and un-built, which integrate cultural aesthetics, technology, and green principles to create new landmarks.

City/Neighborhood: [Gold Coast](#)

Phone: 312.337.1070

E-mail: styus@af-chicago.org

Event Type: [Art, Literature, & Art Fairs](#)

How Much: Free for Members/Non-members \$10

Annual Tribute to Black Heritage Concert

Sunday, Feb. 19; 4-6 p.m.

South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Dr., 773-256-0149

Admission free, all ages

The Chicago Music Association performs a concert.

<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/celebrate-black-history-month-in-february-2012/>

CBAA 2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration "Remembering The Past & Celebrating the Future"

February 21st, 5 – 8:30 pm

Gleacher Center - Midway Club

450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive

Chicago, IL

A Tribute to Outstanding Business & Community Leaders-hosted by the University of Chicago Booth School of Business Black Alumni Association (CBAA)

Free to CBAA financial members, \$15 non-financial members, this includes students, graduates and non-members.

Registration

[Register Online](#)

Deadline: 2/21/2012

<http://www.chicagobooth.edu/alumni/events/showEvent.aspx?eventId=3295>

Ashaki Black History Month Celebration

Friday, Feb. 24; 6-9 p.m.

Washington Park, 5531 S. King Dr., 773-256-1248

Admission \$3, all ages

Washington Park field house will be transformed into the countries of Ghana, Ethiopia, Senegal, Nigeria, Egypt, and Somalia. Eye-catching live musical performances, vendors with African artifacts and displays, and culinary delights illustrate the important roles each country has played in the lives of African Americans past and present.

<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/celebrate-black-history-month-in-february-2012/>

Excerpts from The March: A Civil Rights Opera by Alan Marshall and Jonathan Stinson

Sunday, Feb. 26; 4 p.m.

South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. Shore Dr., 773-256-0149

Admission free, all ages

The South Shore Opera Company presents excerpts from The March, a work in progress by Alan Marshall about the civil rights movement.

<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/celebrate-black-history-month-in-february-2012/>

Los Angeles

African American Art Festival

Celebrate African American Heritage month with Capoeira, hip hop dancers, live music, spoken word, visual art, and jewelry. The event also features food vendors, crafts, and more!

WHEN: February 11, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Star Eco Station

INFO: 310-842-8060, www.ecostation.org

California African American Museum

600 State Drive – Exposition Park

Los Angeles, CA 90037

Sundays in February – February 12, February 19, February 26 - 2:00-4:00pm

Following a one hour screening from the “Eyes on the Prize” documentary series, Drs. Brenda Stevenson of UCLA and Marne Campbell of Loyola Marymount will offer a series of lectures during the second hour focused on American Civil Rights Movement from 1954-1965.

Bones and Blues

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

WHEN: February 24, 8:00 p.m.

SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles

COST: \$25 Door, \$15 Pre-sale

SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)

INFO: 323-563-5639, www.wlcac.org

African American Festival

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific during its tenth annual African American Festival, celebrating African American and African cultures. The event features hip hop and break dancers, tap dancing, Mardi Gras second line dancers, jazz, interactive drum circles, West African dance, cultural storytelling, ethnic food, arts and crafts, and the Heritage Award ceremony.

WHEN: February 29 & 30, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach

COST: \$24.95 Adults, \$21.95 Seniors, \$13.95 Children (3 -11),

Free children under 3 and Aquarium members

SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific

INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

New Orleans

Black History Month, 2012

Beginner's Genealogy Workshop

New Orleans Public Library

Main Library Auditorium

February 25, 10:30 am—3:00 p.m.

Learn how to research your family at a beginner workshop held by Mr. Aristide O. Marshall, Author and Genealogist. Advanced registration required. Limited to 50 participants.

Family Workshop: Red Tails — the Tuskegee Airmen

Saturday, February 25, 2012, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Explore the air war against Germany and learn about the Tuskegee Airmen — African-American fighter pilots — who escorted our bombers, saving many lives. Have fun building your own P-51 Mustang model plane! Workshops are designed for children ages 8 – 12. Pre-registration is required. Call 504-528-1944 x 229 or email [Lauren Handley](mailto:Lauren.Handley@nola.gov) to secure your spot. 1 adult per 3 kids required. This program is free for kids with Museum admission. Accompanying adults admitted free.

New York/Newark

Event Title: Performances at the Schomburg: Harlem Opera Theatre

Date & Time: Thursday, February 16, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Langston Hughes Auditorium ([Map and directions](#))

Cost: Tickets: \$25 Concert/\$40 Concert and Reception.

Info: In celebration of a decade of musical excellence, Harlem Opera Theater will feature excerpts from some of the great operas written for voices of African descent. Listen to songs from works including Porgy and Bess (George Gershwin), Treemonisha (Scott Joplin), Lost in the Stars (Kurt Weill) and Queenie Pie (Duke Ellington). This concert is a prelude to the Theater's first international tour.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a concert at 7:30 p.m.

Link: For ticket information, visit www.harlemoperatheater.org or call (212) 592-0780

Event Title: Historic Harlem: Celebrating Black History Month

Date & Time: 2/17 @ 1:00 pm and 2/26 @ 11:00 am

Cost: \$18 for Adults, \$15 for seniors, full-time students, members of the Active Military and Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) members.

Info: There's no better place to celebrate Black History Month than in the New York City neighborhood most central to African-American history and culture: Harlem. Meet in front of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and see venues like The Abyssinian Baptist Church, Strivers' Row, the Apollo Theater and The Big Apple Night Club. You'll also travel to places relevant to Harlem innovators like W.E.B. DuBois, Madam C.J. Walker, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X and many others, along with sites related to the Harlem Renaissance.

Link: <http://www.bigonion.com/tour/black-history/>

Event Title: Caribbean Dance Festival

Date & Time: Thursday, February 17, 10:15 am, 12:15 pm

Cost: \$7

Info: In honor of Black History month, Brooklyn's own Something Positive traces the ancestral origins of African-American musical, oral and dance traditions from the motherland of Africa to Caribbean beaches and onward to North America. This inspirational and highly interactive performance incorporates dance, music, song, storytelling and poetry. Something Positive is comprised of more than 40 inter-generational dancers, singers and musicians and was founded by the late Cheryl Byron. The performance is recommended for all ages.

Link: <http://www.nyc-arts.org/events/17565/caribbean-dance-festival>

Event Title: Word Rapport: Harry Belafonte's *My Song*

Date & Time: February 17th, 6 -8 pm, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Langston Hughes Auditorium ([Map and directions](#))

Info: Hear "King of Calypso" Harry Belafonte discuss his memoirs, *My Song*, with Schomburg director Khalil Gibran Muhammad. The autobiography gives readers an inside look at Belafonte's life, from his impoverished Harlem background and his struggles with racism in the Navy during World War II to how he became one of America's most treasured entertainers. For more information, visit nypl.org.

Cost: Free

Link: For registration, go to www.schomburgcenter.eventbrite.com or call (212) 491-2040.

Event Title: Global Weekends: The African-American Musical Mosaic at the American Museum of Natural History

Date & Time: February 18, 12:00 – 6:00 pm, Hall of African Peoples, Kaufmann Theater, LeFrak IMAX Theater

Cost: Free with Museum admission

Info: Celebrate African-American History Month with a day of family-friendly activities and live musical performances, concluding with a special concert by Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, co-founder of the multi-platinum hip-hop group Run-DMC. Gospel, jazz, blues, rhythm and blues, soul music, and hip-hop are the result of an ever-evolving African-American musical journey that has produced unique musical forms and traditions. Musical performances throughout the day include the innovative Harlem Quartet, dynamic First Corinthian Baptist Church Choir, Oscar-nominated IMPACT Repertory Theatre choir, singer-songwriter Charles Mack, and celebrated jazz vocalist Sandra Reaves-Phillips. Fashion model Gail O'Neill will host the evening program. At the conclusion of the program, [Darryl "DMC" McDaniels](#) will rock the house with Run-DMC classics and new singles, including "Rock Solid" and "Attention Please," from his soon-to-be released album *Rock Solid*. The celebration will close with an uplifting collaboration by DMC and the soulful IMPACT Repertory Theatre choir. After the performance, DMC will be available for a special signing in the Grand Gallery.

Link: <http://www.amnh.org/calendar/event/The-African--American-Musical-Mosaic>

Washington D.C.

Event Title: Macy's Celebrates the Romare Bearden Centennial

Date & Time: Thursday, February 16, 2012; 5:30pm

Location: Macy's Metro Center

Cost: Free

Info: Join Macy's and The Romare Bearden Foundation for exciting in-store celebrations that honor Romare Bearden's legacy and artwork. Our weeklong events include an opening reception, children's activities, live music and cooking demonstrations featuring the artist's favorite recipes!

Link: http://www1.macys.com/campaign/sitelets/blackhistory/events.jsp#BHM_anchor1

Event Title: African American Heritage Tour

Date & Time: Saturday, February 18, 2012; 8:30am – 12:00pm

Location: THEARC / African American Civil War Museum

Cost: \$10 for adults; \$5 for children

Info: The Washington Informer presents their annual, "African American Heritage Tour" which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Participants will meet at THEARC and enjoy an opening presentation before embarking on a tour of the African American Civil War Museum.

Link: <http://www.thearcdc.org/events/washington-informer-african-american-heritage-tour>

Event Title: Umoja on U-Black History Celebration

Date & Time: Monday, February 20, 2012; 6:00pm

Location: The Lincoln Theater

Cost: \$10 - \$20

Info: The inaugural Umoja on U - Black History Celebration hosted by Juanita *Busy Bee* Britton and EZ Street. Special performances by the *Black Notes*, *Farafina Kan*, *Maimouna Youssef*, *Gods'illa* and the *Ballou High School Choir*. For more information call 202-286-2688.

Link: <http://www.thelincolntheatre.org/events.cfm?eventID=66>

Event Title: Hollywood Flyers: The Tuskegee Airmen

Date & Time: Monday, February 20, 2012; 1pm – 2:30pm

Location: College Park Aviation Museum

Cost: \$4/Adult; \$3/Senior; \$2/ages 2-18

Info: This HBO special presentation is the story of four pilots recruited to be the first African-American pilots for the United States Army Air Force.

Link: <http://www.pgiparks.com/page28678.aspx>

Event Title: Africa Underground

Date & Time: Friday, February 24, 2012; 7pm – 11pm

Location: African Art Museum

Cost: \$25 advance online

Info: Come join us after hours to celebrate women in African and African American history and culture. This evening features **Emcee Courtney Hicks** (MAJIC 102.3); **DJ Natty Boom**; and singer, rapper, songwriter **Naomi Achu**. Highlights include spoken word performances, African weaving workshop, henna tattooing, music, dancing, and African and African American food. For more information, contact africanartevents@si.edu or call 202-633-4651.

Link: <http://africa.si.edu/calendar.html>