

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

This newsletter includes selected information and websites to check for Pan-African events and resources; and it is compiled by the WO'SE Council Elder for Pan African Affairs. You may view current and past monthly issues if you log on to the WO'SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" under Latest News. You may also click on the Subscribe link to receive the monthly digital copy.

NOTE: If you have suggestions for additional listings or websites, please send email info to ciyatestt@yahoo.com.

WO'SE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAYS 10:30am – 12:30pm

8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621 / Call 510-632-8230

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES FOR WO'SE & ILE OMODE SCHOOL:

For Ile Omode School at WO'SE: <http://www.ileomode.org/>

For WO'SE: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/WoseCommunity/>

For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesac.com/>

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

<http://youtu.be/Uh-IXTMrTlY>

"VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY"

Newsletter and Media by Mxolisi Ozo Sowande, WO'SE's Minister Emeritus

<https://hcvoice.wordpress.com/about/> AND <https://www.harambeeconnection.net/>

WO'SE GREETING: "ANKH, UDJA SENEB!" = "May you have Life, Prosperity and Health!"

JUNE 2018 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

JUNE IS NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH !!!

(2018 is the 12th Anniversary)

WHAT IS CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH?

In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort. The Proclamation was issued by President George Bush on June 6, 2006.

<http://caribbeanamericanmonth.org/>

NOTE: Check additional links on page 24 of this newsletter

JUNE 19th, 2018 IS JUNETEENTH LIBERATION DAY !!!

(Bay Area Juneteenth Events are listed on Pages 7 – 15 of this newsletter)

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

Juneteenth is an annual observance to celebrate the date Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all remaining slaves in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865. Texas was the last state in rebellion, following the end of the Civil War, to allow enslavement. Although the rumors of freedom were widespread prior to this, actual emancipation was not announced in this last state practicing enslavement until General Gordon Granger came to Galveston, Texas and issued [General Order #3](#), on the "[19th of June](#)", almost two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the [Emancipation Proclamation](#).

NATIONAL JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE FOUNDATION

<http://www.nationaljuneteenth.com/>

The above website provides links to extensive information for JUNETEENTH, including: celebrations, initiatives, archives, symbols, news, reconciliations, store and much more.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY THE UN INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-costume-pop-up-dinner-and-celebration-tickets-44987764615?aff=es2>

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

"Follow in the footsteps of your ancestors, for the mind is trained through knowledge. Behold, their words endure in books. Open and read them and follow their wise counsel. For one who is taught becomes skilled.

Do not be evil for kindness is good. Make the memory of you last through love of you...

And the people will give thanks for your goodness and pray for your health"

From: "The Husia / Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt"

The Book of Kheti (p. 50, #II), c1984 by Maulana Karenga

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

"GUKIRA KURI NGATHO (Kikuyu language, Kenya)

"TO KEEP ONE'S TONGUE IS WORTHY OF PRAISE" (Translation)

"SILENCE IS GOLDEN" (English Equivalent)

From: "1000 Kikuyu Proverbs" / 1960 by G. Barra

Published by Kenya Literature Bureau

PAN AFRICAN MISSIONS FOR THE DECADE...LET'S DO IT !!!

"INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT"

This is a United Nations Resolution that covers the decade from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2024, with the theme "People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development". Check details in the links below. If you have any project / program suggestions or contributions for this very special mission of the decade, please contact the

WO'SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

UN Links for events and other info: <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

AND http://www.un.org/pga/101214_launch-international-decade-people-african-descent/ AND
<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/index.shtml>

STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE (SOBWC) IV

Held November 2016, and includes Conference summary, program, declaration and more. Special workshops on reparations, the Afro family, Afro economic issues and implications for the Pan African world.

<http://sobwc.ibw21.org/>

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity

On 23-24 August 2016, two hundred and seventy two representatives from civil society, trade unions, women, young people, men, people living with disabilities, parliamentarians, media organizations and faith-based groups, from across Africa and the African Diaspora gathered in Arusha, Tanzania and committed to build a pan-African movement that recognizes these rights and freedoms of our People. Read (and sign) the Declaration on the website below.

<http://www.africans-rising.org/2016/08/24/the-kilimanjaro-declaration/>

REPARATIONS PROJECTS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

If you are interested in or planning any local or global Reparations project / program please contact the

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DANNY GLOVER: SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON REPARATIONS (Nov 2017)

<https://ibw21.org/news/actor-danny-glover-advocates-reparations-n-o-benefit/>

REPARATIONS RESOURCE CENTER

Includes information for reparations news and articles; and recommended links to global activities.

<https://ibw21.org/reparations-resource-center/>

NATIONAL COALITION OF BLACKS FOR REPARATIONS IN AMERICA (N'COBRA)

N'COBRA was convened for the purpose of broadening the base of support for the long-standing reparations movement. N'COBRA has chapters, members, affiliates, and supporters throughout the U. S. and in Africa, Europe, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMISSION (NAARC) PRELIMINARY

10-POINT REPARATIONS PLAN: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CONFERENCE, 2015

The 10-Point Reparations Plan developed by NAARC at the Congressional Black Caucus September 2015 Conference.

https://ibw21.org/docs/naarc/NAARC_Preliminary_Reparations_Program.pdf

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

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For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesac.com/>

**PLEASE NOTE: WO'SE SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM, WITH "SPECIAL" SESSIONS LISTED BELOW.
ALL SUNDAY SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY A KARAMU (COMMUNITY FEAST).**

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASSES

(Sundays), 9 – 10:15 am

Current NLS sessions are being organized and facilitated with a focus on WO'SE spirituality past, present and future. For an update or if you have any questions please call WO'SE at number 510-632-8230.

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

June 3rd + June 17th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, WO'SE's much praised "Stones of Fire" choir will share inspiring songs from Africa and The African Diaspora. Enjoy the artistic vocal, rhythmic and soul stirring performances that will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. There will also be a special tribute to Fathers. The Karamu follows.

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE

June 10th (Sunday), part of the 10:30 am service

The regular two special monthly services are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will resume in July. Their music will be interlaced with soul inspiring music by the "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends; and will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

WO'SE SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

June 24th (Sunday), please arrive at 10 am

WO'SE's annual outdoor ceremony to celebrate the Summer Solstice will be at the Lake Merritt Park, so there will be no service or NLS class at the WO'SE building on this day. The specific location for the Solstice is being finalized, so please check the update on the WO'SE website at the top of this page. Ancient Nile Valley Civilizations celebrated the summer solstice as the most important day of the year. This is the day that the sun reaches its highest point, and the Nile River begins to rise, marking the "Opening of the Way". Wear comfortable clothing for outdoors and / or the commemorative hike. Please bring an inspirational item for the alter, and food or drink to contribute to the Karamu / community buffet.

ILE OMODE 2018 SUMMER CAMP SESSION

June 18th – August 10th, 7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

This year's Ile Omode Summer Program will include: Computer Coding/Applied Math (June 18 – 29); Robotics: Adventures in Engineering (July 2 – 13); Science is Us (July 15 – 27); and West African Dance & Drum (July 30-August 10). Daily activities include art projects, math and science challenges and everyday outdoor activities. Camp Goers are 1st to 9th grade. For enrollment, please contact Ile Omode (510-632-8230). Check website for more details and costs:

http://ileomode.org/announcements/summer_program/summer_program.php

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR JUNE 2018

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for June 2018

NOW UNTIL JUNE 24 (check contact info below for gallery opening schedule); No Fee

"NIGHT FLOWERS: NEW PAINTINGS BY KEVIN WOODSON"

New works by artist Kevin Woodson bring the mystery and allure of flowers at night to Joyce Gordon Gallery. There's something special about people who linger in the garden after everyone goes home and the stars come out. Kevin says:

"When I stay past dark, the world's poetry, myth, and magic come alive in the flowers." Special events: First Friday

Preview, May 4th, 6-9pm / June First Friday, June 1st, 6-9pm / Artist Talk Saturday, June 9th, 1-2pm /

Bloom and Brush Flower Painting Workshop Saturday June 9th, 2-4pm / Closing, Saturday June 24th, 11am – 4pm.

Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-465-8928 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/1737792586515881/> OR

<http://kevinwoodson.com/> OR <http://kevinwoodson.com/Media.html>

JUNE 1 + 2 (Friday + Saturday), 8:30 am – 5 pm; No Fee

"THE 11TH ANNUAL BLACK HEALTH & HEALING SUMMIT"

The Rafiki Coalition's Summit is expected to again attract hundreds of health care professionals, community activists, and residents seeking to learn more about Afro/Black health inequities and strategies for improvement. The Summit will feature dynamic speakers, health symposia, health screenings, local performers & artists, nutritional food, free therapeutic massage, chiropractic and acupuncture services. There will also be a vendor fair and Pop Up village. This year's keynote panelists are Dr. Wade Nobles, founder and executive director of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family, Life and Culture, Inc. in Oakland, and Dr. Joy DeGruy, a nationally and internationally renowned researcher and educator and author of "Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: Be the Healing." The Rafiki Coalition is a holistic community wellness organization dedicated to eliminating health disparities in Afro/Black and marginalized communities. Its center features ongoing exercise classes, nutrition workshops, health education forums, health screenings and complementary medicine services; and manages an 11-bed transitional housing facility.

Rafiki Coalition for Health & Wellness, 601 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco 94124

More info / Register: 415-615-9945 (Julie Harris) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rafiki-presents-the-11th-annual-black-health-healing-summit-tickets-45354247776>

JUNE 1 + 2 (Friday + Saturday), 7 – 9 pm; \$20 / No Fee for Tenderloin residents

Event is also every Friday and Saturday at 7pm, from June 1 through June 16.

"REFLECTIONS IN BLACK 2018, BY SF RECOVERY THEATRE"

A mix of original monologues and devised plays, and excerpts, songs and adaptations of plays and essays by prominent Afro American writers. "Reflections In Black 2018" is an outgrowth of the mission of the SF Recovery Theater (SFRT), to: provide a safe place for those that are suffering, their family members and those in recovery; and examine issues facing Afro Americans around the country at large and in San Francisco specifically. With this production, SFRT is striving to include as much of the Mid-Market and 6th Street corridor population by organizing groups from neighborhood organizations to see the play free of charge, and by casting actors who are currently or have lived in the Tenderloin.

PianoFight Second Stage , 144 Taylor Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 650-438-3964 OR www.pianofight.com OR <http://www.sfrecoverytheatre.org/aboutSFRT.htm>

JUNE 1 - 3 (Friday - Sunday), check website for event schedule, times, venues; No Fee for all events

"15TH ANNUAL BERKELEY WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018"

The "Berkeley World Music Festival" is a free world music and cultural weekend that features musical genres from every corner of the world! Some of the finest musicians in the world who call the Bay Area home perform at this Festival. The Festival opens with a Friday night kick-off party at Le Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue.

More info / event details + venues: <https://www.berkeleyworldmusic.org/>

JUNE 2 (Saturday), 8 – 11:59 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm); No Fee

"BERKELEY WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL - SPECIAL FREE EVENT"

The Saturday night party at Ashkenaz, celebrates the Festival's 15th anniversary with an all-free cross-cultural concert performance of percussion of the feet and body from the world's great music traditions from Africa, Spain and the Americas. The party musicians will be Yaelisa of Caminos Flamencos, Chinyakare Ensemble, Wang Dang Doodle (Keith Terry and Linda Tillery) and others; followed by a world dance party with DJ Corey Mason of World One Radio!

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info: 510-525-5054 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2018/6/2/berkeley-world-music-festival-special-free-event>

JUNE 2, (Saturday), 9:30 am – 5:30 pm; No Fee

"5TH ANNUAL SACRAMENTO BLACK BOOK FAIR 2018: CREATING A LEGACY"

The 2018 Sacramento Black Book Fair (SBBF) will include book signings, talks by each featured writer, cultural vendors, food trucks, a Kids Zone, a community parade at 10 am, poetry readings, writer's circles, and art displays. SBBF will feature more than fifty authors of African descent, showcasing and highlighting a diverse spectrum of authors and literature, from contemporary and historical fiction, to anthologies, poetry, academic books; children's stories and books, non-fiction to biographies, self-help, inspirational, and religious.

Historic Center of Oak Park / Women's Civic Improvement Club, 3555 3rd Avenue (near 35th St.), Sacramento 95817

More info: <http://sacramentoblackbookfair.com/schedule.html> OR faye@bluenilepress.com (Faye)

JUNE 2, (Saturday), 10 am +; No Fee

"TRACY'S 2018 JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL: A FAMILY AFFAIR!"

You are invited to join the Tracy African American Association (TAAA) for this Juneteenth celebration with the theme "From Our Roots Come Greatness". The event will include: Live Vocal, Dance, Comedic & Spoken Word Performances, an A.M. Gospel Hour, Vendors & Exhibitors, Scholarship Presentations, a Cooling Tent, a Health Tent, a Kid's Corner and Assorted Foods & Beverages.

Lincoln Park, East Street & Eaton Avenue, Tracy 95376

More info: 209-249-6644 OR <https://taaa.net/juneteenth/>

JUNE 2, (Saturday), 12 – 5 pm; No Fee

"GRILLIN' IN THE MO': FILLMORE SUMMERFEST KICK-OFF"

This Free blues concert and family BBQ celebrates the start of summer events in the Fillmore District and summer enrichment programs for Western Addition youth. The C-Notes, an all youth band, will open this free blues concert; and Tia Carroll and Soul Mechanix will headline the entertainment. Soulful hits will be spinning all day by DJ, Mr. "C". Bring your family, a big appetite, a blanket and prepare for a day of community connectedness. Kids will enjoy youth activities in the Kid's Zone that will include face painting and other fun events. Volunteers and donations are welcomed.

Hamilton Recreation Center, 1900 Geary Blvd (at Steiner) San Francisco 94115

More info: 415-424-2980 (Adrian) OR <http://thevillageprojectsf.org/vp/field-trips-events/grillin-in-the-moe/>

JUNE 2 + 3, (Saturday 4pm + 7pm & Sunday 1pm + 4pm); \$20 General / \$10 Students/Seniors

“NKISI NKONDI-SACRED KONGO SCULPTURE / PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION”

This is a very special performance installation conceived of and choreographed by Byb Chanel Bibene. The Nkisi Nkondi Sculpture project is based on the statue from the Kongo people of central Africa. This divine figure represents the moral and spiritual codes of the people; and it is also a political and religious symbol of power, resistance, fear, and defiance. The nkisi were power figures used to destroy evil spirits, cure illnesses, and resolve disputes. The performance installation guides the audience through time, where one can witness multiple performances and installations exhibiting how text, body pigments, dance, and music, converge to tell history. Byb Chanel Bibene is a dance instructor, researcher, choreographer and performer working in theater and contemporary dance. His own technical and aesthetic sensibility is rooted in the culture and dances of his country of origin, the Republic of Congo.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd Street), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/nkisi-nkondi-sacred-kongo-sculpture-performance-installation/?instance_id=14583

JUNE 3, (Sunday), 1 – 5 pm; No Fee

“YOLO COUNTY JUNETEENTH”

Join this Afro-American Holiday of Juneteenth celebration for an afternoon of food, entertainment, vendors and more! Headliners for the day include Kippy Marks and Charlotte Crossley. The event is sponsored by the Yolo County Library, Friends of the Davis Public Library, UC-Davis, Travis Credit Union, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, the Davis Food CO-OP, Nugget Markets and other community organizations and businesses.

Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis 95616

More info: 530-757-5593 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/121056178579757/>

JUNE 3 (Sunday), 2 PM; \$15+

“KRIP HOP NATION: THE CROSSROADS EXPERIENCE”

Keith Jones scores the “Experience” film with a funky soundtrack along with verses from collaborators. Crossroads illuminates the untold tales behind the headlines and the challenges faced while being Black and Disabled in the U.S.

This is one of the final events of the San Francisco International Arts Festival.

Southside Theater / Fort Mason, 2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco 94123

More info / tickets: 415-399-9554 OR <http://www.sfiarf.org/>

JUNE 3, (Sunday), 2 – 5 pm; No Fee

“SIGN-UP EVENT FOR THE 10-DAY HAVANA/SANTIAGO TRIP IN JANUARY 2019”

You are invited to join this sign-up event for the next Cuba tour hosted and co-directed by Marcus Penn, a Bay Area revolutionary, Yoga instructor, founder of Self-Care Reform Wellness and a community spirit. At this event you may connect with past travelers through conversation and a photo slideshow; and learn about / sign up for the January 18-29, 2019 Santiago & Havana Cuba Trip that will include: a visit to Fidel Castro’s house; 3 days in Afro Santiago; Havana Walking Tours (and biking) with visits to the Museum of the Revolution and the Fine Arts Museum, and to historic natural sites such as the Waterfall, Organic Farms, Dance Classes and more.

You may RSVP and bring a dish for a delicious Potluck!

8 Kinkaid Square, Alameda 94501

More info / RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/330069944188773/permalink/330861240776310/>

JUNE 3, (Sunday), 4 – 6 pm; \$10 + (no one turned away)

“HAITI REPORT BACK: BENEFIT FOR COMMUNITY RADIO IN HAITI”

A report back by a recent delegation to Haiti with activists from the Haiti Action Committee, BAIJOakland, and Global Women’s Strike. Margaret Prescod, Pierre Labossiere, Devonte Jackson, Walter Riley, and Leslie Mullin will share news about meetings with activists from Haiti’s popular movement including youth, agricultural workers, market women, peasant movement leaders, human rights attorneys, school teachers, and journalists/reporters.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94705

**More info: 510-595-4650 OR haitisolidarity.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Haiti-Report-Back-Radio-benefit.pdf
OR <http://www.haitiemergencyrelief.org/>**

JUNE 5, (Tuesday), 5 pm; No Fee

“36TH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ FESTIVAL KICKOFF CELEBRATION”

NOTE: The Jazz Festival dates are June 5 – 17, check websites below for details

This FREE Hayes Valley Block Party is the starting point for the 36th San Francisco Jazz Festival that will kick off with live music from Bay Area artists Howard Wiley & Extra Nappy and Beso Negro; plus films, beer from PROXY’s Biergarten, and food from many of the Bay Area’s best food trucks. Check the website for the full listing of Jazz Festival performances that will include: Amad Jamal, Soweto Kinch, Amadou & Mariam, Jamison Ross, Marcus Miller, and more!

The Proxy, 432 Octavia Street (at the corner of Hayes Street), San Francisco 94102

**More info (no tickets necessary): 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/events/kickoff-celebration/> OR
Tickets for June 6 – 17: <https://www.sfjazz.org/calendar/?month=6.2018&event-type=3&season=14045>**

JUNE 6, (Wednesday), 6:30 – 8:30 pm; check for entry fee

“STANDING IN YOUR POWER: INVESTING IN YOURSELF”

The Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce (OAACC) has started a women’s empowerment chat, in conjunction with the North Bay Area Chapter of The Women of Global Change, the National Association of Female Executives and the National Sales Network. They invite you to be a part of the second talk in a series of five that will be held at Geoffrey’s Inner Circle. There will be a panel of women in finance, real estate, and credit counseling.

Following the panel discussion, you may join the networking mixer for guests and speakers.

Geoffrey’s Inner Circle, 410 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-268-1600 OR <https://oaacc.org/event/standing-in-your-power-investing-in-yourself/>

JUNE 9 (Saturday), 10 am - 4 pm; No Fee

“JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT SHUTTLESWORTH ”

NOTE: call the number below to check ride sharing / transportation from the Bay Area

The Celebration will have great entertainment, great speakers and of course, fabulous free tours of the historic buildings, given by the Friends of Allensworth docents. The Allensworth was founded in 1908 and is one of the oldest settlements by a person of African Descent in California.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Star Route 1 / Box 148, Earlimart CA 93219 (check website for directions)

More info: 877-245-6232 OR www.friendsofallensworth.com

JUNE 12 (Tuesday), 3 - 6 pm; \$12 advance / \$15 at door

“DARNELL L. MOORE: COMING OF AGE BLACK & FREE IN AMERICA”

Darnell Moore is an award-winning writer and activist, a leader in the Movement for Black Lives, and a tireless advocate for justice and liberation. Darnell Moore's book, “No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free In America” is his compelling account of how a bullied, frightened teenager not only survived, but found such a unique calling. The event is presented by KPFA Radio 94.1FM and Marcus Books; and Hosted by Greg Bridges.

First Congregational Church of Oakland 2501 Harrison Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 510-967-4495 OR 800-838-3006 OR

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3382983>

JUNE 12 (Tuesday), 6 – 7:30 pm; \$15

“PERSONAL BRANDING”

You are invited to join the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce (OAACC) for an introspective workshop designed to transfigure each attendee's perception of themselves to that of a company, by embodying fundamental business principles such as marketing, products/services, security, liability, and profitability. Participants will dig deep, uncover valuable insight into personal branding and learn how to effectively represent both their company and themselves. This is not a lecture, nor is it an update of LinkedIn profiles or social media.

Featured Speaker will be Kevin L. Nichols, Founder of the Social Engineering Project.

Argosy University / San Francisco Bay Area, 1005 Atlantic Avenue, Alameda 94501

More info / Register: 510-268-1600 OR <https://oaacc.org/event/personal-branding/>

JUNE 14 - 17 (Thursday - Sunday), check website for times, fees, venues and more details

“SAN FRANCISCO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL / SFBFF”

The festival will feature music documentaries supplemented by live shows with Q&A's. The SFBFF will be taking place at various venues located in San Francisco. There will also be special events and a Filmmaker's Lounge for media types to socialize and network. You may join the forums discussing the state of Independent Film and how filmmakers can find out how to get their projects done. This festival is for everyone, so you are invited to come and share the culture that helped shape San Francisco, and enjoy great films that are of entertainment and importance to all. Check the website below for the current list of official selections for this year's film festival and for updates on the schedule of events.

More info: 770-369-3776 OR <http://sfbff.org/wordpress/>

JUNE 15 (Friday), 5 – 9 pm; \$0 - \$20

“3RD ON THIRD JUNETEENTH + SOUL FOOD COOK OFF”

Events include: Neighborhood Top Chefs Competition for BBQ, GREENS, or DESSERT categoris, with a \$250 cash prize for the winner in each category. The Bayview Opera House will be offering \$25 stipends to 10 contestants in each category, and the Board of Directors will be the tasting judges. Entertainment will include: Live Music by "Kynship" formed by the sons of Ruth Williams and grandson, young rapper Kyrie Williams who will freestyle about his grandmother Ruth Williams; dancing to tunes by DJ Casanova; and Spoken Word Artists honoring ancestors. Other speakers will share and illuminate the history of Juneteenth Freedom Day. There will also be: a Kids Fun Zone; Bayview Underground Food Scene vendors; and a Free Movie Screening of "Hidden Figures" at 7 pm. The event is supported by generous grants from the San Francisco Arts Commission, Grants for the Arts and The San Francisco Foundation.

Bayview Opera House (Ruth Williams Memorial Theatre), 4705 3rd Street, San Francisco 94124

More info / Tickets: 415-824-0386 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-on-third-juneteenth-soul-food-cook-off-tickets-46479958808>

JUNE 15 - 17 + JUNE 22 – 23 (check website for times); \$25 + / \$1 age under 12 years

Note: JUNE 20+27+28 there will be additional events at MoAD

“CUBACARIBE FESTIVAL 2018: THE MOVEMENTS OF MIGRATIONS”

Artists at this festival will examine migration throughout the Diaspora and explore the movements, exchanges, paths, clashes, and creations in their work. Though migrations continue today, the movement of people is still riddled with complicated ideologies of borders and nationhood. In the Caribbean Diaspora migrations originally occurred through slavery and have given birth to new cultures, customs and artistic expressions. Check listings below and the website.

Weekend 1 (June 15-17): Alayo Dance Company

Laney College (Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center), 900 Fallon Street, Oakland

Weekend 2 (June 22-23): Afro-Caribbean dance companies from around the Bay

Brava Theater, 2781 24th Street, San Francisco

June 20 + 27 + 28: evening series of lecture, film and spoken word

Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-340-2340 OR <https://www.cubacaribe.org/upcoming>

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 9:30 am – 4:30 pm; \$35 + (no one turned away)

“HEALING BLACK LIVES: A DAY OF RENEWAL FOR ACTIVISTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

Join the OneLife Institute for a special day of healing and renewal for Activists of African Descent. The event will include: Practices for sustainability, Resilience, and Spiritual Well-Being; Free mini-sessions with healing practitioners; Community Connection and Support; Finding strength in ourselves and one another; Sharing hopes and visions; and Gathering in sacred space. The event will be facilitated by Rev. Kamal Hassan and Leah Kimble-Price LMFT. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch, a re-fillable water bottle (filtered water available), a journal or notebook, and anything you need to be comfortable for the day.

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland 94606

More info / RSVP: onelifelifeinstitute.org OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/207407279866038/>

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 10 am – 6 pm; No Fee

“48TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION”

This commemoration in Santa Rosa will feature the dynamic stage presentation of “Unshackled” about enslavement, with a facilitated discussion; and a Special Scholarship Presentation by Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow to three recipients. There will also be live entertainment, food, historical artifacts, a variety of vendors, basketball games, arts and crafts, dominoes, kid’s activities, health and fitness presentations and more. The event is sponsored by: the City of Santa Rosa, Red Rose Catering and 100 Blackmen from Sonoma County.

Martin Luther King Park, 1671 Hendley Street, Santa Rosa 95404

More info: 707-623-2701 (Nancy) OR

http://sonomacounty.golocal.coop/events/48th_annual_juneteenth_festival_of_diversity_inclusion/2746/

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 11 am – 6 pm; No Fee

“JUNETEENTH REFLECTION AND GROWTH (IN THE FILLMORE DISTRICT)”

This year’s kick off Parade will include: Marching Bands, Drill Teams, Car Clubs, Horse Riding Clubs and more. Special performances will include: Lloyd, Fillmore Slim, Yours Truly and lots of other live entertainment. There will be a Kids’ Zone; Health & Wellness; Arts & Crafts and Food Vendors; and Community Information & Resources.

Fillmore Street between Geary Boulevard & Golden Gate Avenue

More info: 415-378-0408 OR <http://www.sfjuneteenth.com/>

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm; No Fee

“JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION”

Join the Friends of the Negro Spirituals for a community sing of Spirituals and bread breaking feast to celebrate Juneteenth. There will be drumming, praise dance, and poetry.

Oakland public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-238-7352 OR <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/juneteenth-celebration-0>

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 1 – 3 pm; No Fee

“LA PARRANDA EL CLAVO & VNOTE ENSEMBLE”

A rising force on the world stage, this powerhouse Afro-Venezuelan vocalist Betsayda Machado and her percussion/vocal ensemble “Parranda El Clavo” play Tambor, a celebratory tradition that evolved to accompany parties, parades and processions. Hailing from a central coast village founded by people escaping slavery during the colonial era, their lapidary harmonies flow over thickly textured rhythms tracing directly back to Senegal. Caracas-born, Oakland-based Jackeline Rago (a master of the four-string cuatro) will open the event with her “VNote Ensemble”, a group with an intoxicating fusion of Venezuelan styles and jazz, reflecting new Bay Area-cultivated roots.

Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade, Mission Street (between 3rd & 4th Streets), San Francisco 94103

More info: (415) 543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/betsayda-vnote/>

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 3 – 8 pm; \$5 / No Fee for Youth under 18

“SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH DAY”

Join this special celebration and remembrance with a special Guest Speaker, Youth & Young Adult performances and presentations. There will also be Braai (food & bev sold separately); Vendors with handcrafted beads & arts; music & dancing; and more. South African/African Youth performers are invited to participate in this event with: dance, music, spoken word, presentations on South Africa projects; or volunteering and other tasks.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 397 Euclid Ave, Oakland 94610

More info / Tickets: Afrocalidancar@gmail.com OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-african-youth-day-june-16th-celebration-tickets-45746525088?aff=ehomecard>

JUNE 16 (Saturday), 9 – 11:59 pm (doors open 8:30 pm); \$20 +

“NAJITE & THE OLOKUN PROPHECY”

The ensemble is led by Nigerian master percussionist Najite Agindotan who was mentored and eventually taken as a godson by the late, great Fela Anikulapo Kuti. This 16+ piece ensemble embraces the genius of Fela's afrobeat music as well as expanding into their own unique blend of jazz, funk, highlife, and traditional West African drumming and folk song. The message of the Olokun Prophecy is that “THERE IS AN AGE OF GOODNESS COMING AND WE MUST HELP TO USHER IT IN TOGETHER”.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2018/6/16/najite-the-olokun-prophecy>

JUNE 17 (Sunday), 11 am - 7 pm; No Fee

“BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL”

Family entertainment is the focus of all Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations, and is free and open to the public.

The “RD Bonds Main Stage” is the heart of Juneteenth-in-Berkeley. The music incorporates the best of the Afro American experience: drumming, jazz, blues, neo-soul, gospel, R&B, and reggae. While honored talents, like John Handy, Faye Carol and Pharoah Sanders have graced the stage, the Festival is a vehicle for showcasing “up and coming acts” by providing them with an opportunity to expand their audience. The “Lothario Lotho Stage” features specialty performances like dance, spoken word, fashion, and community performers. There will also be: Health Screenings and Workshops provided by Alameda County health agencies; a Two On Two Basketball Tourney that provides wholesome, physical competition; Historical Exhibits with a collaboration of presenters; Art for Children programs; and For-Fun activities coordinated by practicing artists. The “Vision Magazine” is a souvenir publication that features articles about performers, artists, and stories pertinent to the community.

5 - block Alcatraz - Adeline Corridor (near Ashby BART station), Berkeley

More info: 510-524-8804 OR <http://berkeleyjuneteenth.org/>

JUNE 17 (Sunday), 2 pm (arrive 2-4 hours early to get a seat + bring a seat + cover); No Fee / No tickets

“THE BIG PICNIC STARRING JEFFREY OSBORNE & PEABO BRYSON”

NOTE: check website below for additional performances through August 19th

Celebrate Father’s Day in the Grove at The Big Picnic! Kick off the summer season with a soulful Sunday featuring two R&B greats, Peabo Bryson and Jeffrey Osborne. Come early, since seating in the concert meadow is first-come, first-served. Peabo Bryson is one of the premier male vocalists in contemporary music over the last quarter century. With 20 albums to his credit and two Grammy Awards, he has enjoyed an unprecedented level of international success, with the distinction of being the first artist to have separate records topping four different charts. Jeffrey Osborne’s solo career has brought him four Grammy Award nominations, and five gold and platinum albums. After more than a decade with the band Love Men Ltd., Osborne produced 40 top hits. His latest project entitled “Worth It All” (Artistry Music), is inspired by the late great George Duke and takes Osborne back to his deep R&B roots. “The Big Picnic” is a fundraising event benefiting the Stern Grove Festival and its mission to present admission-free concerts and outreach programs to the people of the Bay Area. This performance is dedicated to the memory of Rosalie M. Stern, donor of Stern Grove to the City of San Francisco and founder of the Stern Grove Festival Association.

Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove, 19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco 94132

More info: 415-252-6252 OR <http://www.sterngrove.org/june-17-2018/>

JUNE 18 (Monday), 7 pm; \$25

“FLYIN’ WEST BY PEARL CLEAGE”

The Lorraine Hansberry Theatre (LHT) in association with Project1Voice (P1V) presents this benefit staged reading of “FLYIN’ WEST” by Pearl Cleage. “Flyin’ West” is a powerful look at African American women pioneers searching for equality. The play explores the universal themes of determination, feminism, pride and freedom. Set in 1898, the lives of a small group of African American women change as they leave the oppressive South for the West. The reading will be followed by a reception and silent auction of LHT memorabilia. Staged readings of FLYIN’ WEST will be performed at over 45 African American theater companies nationally and internationally as part of P1V’s One Day One Play event to bring attention to Afro / Black theaters and playwrights. All local proceeds benefit the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre.

African American Art & Culture Complex (Burial Clay Theater), 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets: 415-474-8800 OR <http://www.lhtsf.org/event/301845189a2c7f715ebbf756bb17816d/Flyin-West-Staged-Reading>

JUNE 20 (Wednesday), 7 pm; \$12 +

“FLOWS WITH YORAM SAVION: FILM SCREENINGS & DISCUSSION”

The 14th Annual CubaCaribe Festival and MoAD present this series of short films by YAK FILMS that illustrate the beauty and art of “street” hip-hop dance. Discussion will follow the screenings with Yoram Savion, co-founder of YAK Films, a multimedia company dedicated to filming movement-based art. Currently Yoram is working with Adobe and Destiny Arts Center in Oakland, teaching multimedia production with up and coming dancers, musicians and martial artists.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR

https://www.moadsf.org/event/film-screenings-discussion-flows-with-yoram-savion/?instance_id=14599

JUNE 22 (Friday), 9 – 11:59 pm; \$15 +

“RAHAN BOXLEY BAND”

Singer Rahan Boxley hosts an evening of fresh dance music that ranges from traditional Congolese to R&B, reggae, house, funk, capoeira, and Afro stylings. With a band of fellow open-minded musicians, he will showcase his original songs. Boxley was born in Cleveland is now residing in the Bay Area.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2018/6/22/rahan-boxley-band>

JUNE 23 (Saturday), 11 am – 7 pm; No Fee

“LAKEFEST OAKLAND!”

Lake Merritt reflects the heart and soul of Oakland. Music, food, art, and play will draw thousands to the center of the city for an event experience that only the Town can provide. Highlights of this free, family-friendly festival include: Live music featuring Oakland/ Bay Area Artists; Food and beverage vendors representing cultural highlights of Oakland; Retail and artisan vendors; Dancing on the deck; Interactive games and learning experiences for kids; and Outing on the Lake with the boating opportunities that OPRYD has to offer.

Lake Merritt Sail Boat House, 568 Bellevue Ave, Oakland 94610

More info: 510.394.7417 OR <http://lakefestoakland.com/>

JUNE 23 (Saturday), 12 – 3 pm; No Fee (RSVP requested before June 18th)

“MEET THE A-APRP (AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY)”

The California chapter of the A-APRP cordially invites you to an informational meeting about the historic work being done to achieve Kwame Nkrumah’s vision. After hearing this information, you are also invited to further activities and to help fund building of the A-APRP. The A-APRP recently hosted the African Liberation Day celebration on May 26th.

Tassafaronga Community Center, 975 85th Avenue, Oakland 94621

More info / RSVP: 510-388-4022 OR 408-219-0025 OR aaprp.cali@gmail.com

JUNE 23 (Saturday), 2 – 4 pm; No Fee

“FREEDOM RIDERS: A FILM SCREENING”

You are invited to a group-watch of the screening of Stanley Nelson's inspirational documentary feature-length film about the Freedom Riders, one of the most courageous groups of civil rights activists.

African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-637-0200 OR

<http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/freedom-riders>

JUNE 23 (Saturday, 6:30 pm) + JUNE 24 (Sunday, 2 pm); \$35+ general / \$25+ 12 years and under

“9TH ANNUAL FALLEN HEROS, RISING STARS JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!”

Join the Grown Woman Dance Collective for their Juneteenth Celebration. The performance will feature: former soloists of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Martha Graham Company, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company, Complexions and the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble. This event is an inspiring and educational phenomenon for the whole family, and honors the memory of: Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole, Luther Vandross, Phife Dawg, Michael Jackson, Maya Angelou, and Prince, Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali and Maya Angelou.

Malonga Arts Center, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: 925-680-4400 OR <https://www.grownwomendance.org/juneteenth-20172>

JUNE 24 (Sunday), 1 - 3 pm; No Fee

“STUDIO GRAND UNDER THE OAKLAND SKIES”

Come and enjoy the Afrocultural rhythms of: Nairobi + Fua Dia Congo; Gbedu Town Radio; Babá Ken Okulolo & the West African Highlife Band-Proyecto Lando. The event is presented by Studio Grand and the MalongaFest with the support of the Walter & Elise Haas Fund, The City of Oakland's Cultural Funding Program, and the Akonadi Foundation.

Lake Merritt Amphitheater, Lake Merritt Boulevard (Between 12th Street and 1st Avenue), Oakland 94612

More info: 510-761-5652 OR

<https://sanfrancisco.carpediem.cd/events/6687560-under-the-oakland-skies-malonga-fest-at-studio-grand/>

JUNE 24 (Sunday), 1 - 5 pm; \$60 + \$20 for materials

“SPIRITUAL PROPERTIES OF PLANTS”

For those interested in plant spirit medicine, this class offers the opportunity to explore the spiritual and energetic properties of plants, and to deepen and re-script relationships to them as living and wise beings! The discussion will include properties of sacred plants used in ceremony and ritual as well as several powerful allies that can be grown and harvested locally. There will also be a journey through some plant and medicine meditations. All participants will have an opportunity to create and take home a formula that will support their deepening connection to the “Green Family”. Maya Blow will be the Instructor for the workshop.

NOTE: Soul Flower Farm’s location in the Bay Area will be provided with registration.

Soul Flower Farm has vending weekly at the Berkeley Farmer's Markets!

More info / Registration: <http://soulflowerfarm.com/summer.html>

JUNE 24 (Sunday), 2 pm (arrive 2-4 hours early to get a seat + bring seat + cover); No Fee / No tickets

“ZIGGY MARLEY & FLAVIA COELHO”

NOTE: check website below for additional performances through August 19th

Soak in a perfect summer soundtrack of reggae rhythms and inspiring lyrics with Ziggy Marley. Opening the show with a smooth blend of samba, bossa nova, and reggae is Brazilian songstress Flavia Coelho. Ziggy is a world acclaimed Grammy and Emmy Award winning singer, songwriter, producer, humanitarian, and visionary. He upholds a family tradition that began with his father Bob Marley, and has blazed his own trail as an acclaimed artist. Flavia Coelho who was raised in Rio de Janeiro, is a Brazilian singer delivering a fresh cocktail of samba, bossa nova, Brazilian rap, reggae, and ragga with a playful confidence. Flavia’s latest recordings glow with hints of forro and ragga, frenzied ska rhythms, and a dub nonchalance. Flavia’s voice and harmonies are at once sensual, joyous, and unforgettable.

Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove, 19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco 94132

More info: 415-252-6252 OR <https://www.sterngrove.org/june-24-2018/>

JUNE 24 (Sunday), 6 - 9 pm (doors open 5:30 pm); \$15 for 1 workshop / \$25 for 2 / \$40 for 3 / \$50 for 4

“TALKING ABOUT RACISM: UNMASKING THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM”

Check website below for details and dates for each session

A series of six interactive and progressive workshops exploring racism in contemporary U.S. society is facilitated by Ann-Ellice Parker, an Afro health educator and counselor, who brings a lifetime of political activism to her current anti-racism work. The political and historic footprint of racism will be traced as well as the policies and practices that have kept racism ongoing. The sessions will address attitudes, implicit biases and family stories; and will focus on what it means to become anti-racist and explore conversational approaches to talking about race with neighbors and friends.

Participants may come to workshops sequentially or to individual 3 hour sessions.

HERE ARE THE SESSIONS AND TOPICS:

SESSION ONE: The development of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the notion of race

SESSION TWO: Master Narrative vs Back Story – how are perceptions shaped?

SESSION THREE: Color Blind is Color Mute – the myth of meritocracy – who is an immigrant?

SESSION FOUR: The “new racism” – Exploring the idea of a “Post racial” America

SESSION FIVE: Guidelines, Conditions and Solutions for Honest Racial Dialogues

SESSION SIX: Building Lasting Bridges – Where are we now and where can we go?

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702

More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR

<http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2018/2/25/talking-about-racism-the-elephant-in-the-room-brss8-c8j6t>

JUNE 27 (Wednesday); 7 pm; \$12 +

“CURRENT CONDITIONS FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN CUBA AND THE U.S.”

This lecture by Bill Martinez, immigration attorney and cultural arts producer is presented by the 14th Annual CubaCaribe Festival and MoAD. Bill Martinez is an immigration attorney who has also produced and managed cultural events in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1973. A native San Franciscan, he is a graduate of the University of San Francisco and Hastings College of the Law. In 1981, he co-founded the Encuentro del Canto Popular, a San Francisco-based Latin American music festival. His work with the Encuentro led him to become one of the nation’s leading experts

in U.S.-Cuba cultural exchanges and artists’ visas. He co-founded the Latino Entertainment

Partners which produced historically significant concerts of Cuban artists.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/lecture-current-conditions-for-cultural-exchanges-between-cuba-and-the-u-s-by-bill-martinez/?instance_id=14598

JUNE 27 - JULY 1 (Wednesday thru Sunday); check website for event details and fees

“ABPSI 2018 CONVENTION: BUILDING FOR ETERNITY”

The Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) will celebrate its 50th year anniversary at this international convention. As a professional association dedicated to the mental health and wellness of African Americans the ABPsi International Convention provides an outstanding educational program, which includes continuing education units and general professional development opportunities for attendees. Keynote speakers, guest panelists and general sessions will cover a diverse array of topics related to the practice, research and professional training related to the total well-being of our world community. In addition to over 80 presentations, students and early career professionals will have opportunities to be mentored by the association's elders and seasoned members. The events are open to the public.

Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland 94607

More info / Registration: 301-449-3082 OR <http://www.abpsi.org/convention/>

JUNE 29 (Friday); 11 – 11:30 am + 12:15 – 12:45 pm; No Fee

“UNIQUE DERIQUE (KIDS’ SHOW)”

A beloved Bay Area institution, the “Unique Derique” is a prince among clowns, and an internationally esteemed performer who has honed a singular blend of physical comedy and hambone body percussion. Derique (aka Lance McGee) started clowning in Berkeley at 15 with Circus A La Mode and later joined San Francisco’s Pickle Family Circus. He is also a licensed drama therapist and school counselor who teaches mindfulness. Whether he’s in a park, Harlem’s storied Apollo Theatre, or collaborating with Bobby McFerrin, The Temptations, or the late Sammy Davis Jr., the Unique Derique earns gales of laughter with his wildly imaginative skits.

Yerba Buena Gardens (Children’s Garden), 799 Howard Street, San Francisco 94103

More info: (415) 543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/unique-derique-2018-show-1/>

JUNE 30 (Saturday); 1 – 9 pm; \$0 - \$18

“AN ANKARA BAZAAR – OAKLAND”

The Ankara Bazaar resembles the vivid West African patterned fabrics (ankara) that inspire its creators and avid followers. It is vibrant and chic, yet warm and handmade. With this legacy, the event includes performances, a fashion show and a homewares pop-up store with the cenergy of an open-air market, complete with music, food, and drinks.

Venue to be announced, check Facebook website below

More info / Tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/events/219346258545206/> OR

<https://www.vipsocio.com/e/190/An-Ankara-Bazaar-Oakland>

JUNE 30 + JULY 1 (Saturday + Sunday); 10 am – 6 pm; \$ No Fee

“34TH ANNUAL FILLMORE JAZZ FESTIVAL”

This year’s theme is “THROWBACK!”

If you were here in the Bay Area in the 1990s, you’ll recognize many of the bands on this year’s lineup from their stints at the now legendary SF venues such as The Up and Down Club, Cafe du Nord, Bruno’s, the Elbo Room or Enrico’s. These bands will make a reunion with: The Mo’Fessionals, Alphabet Soup, Jungle Biskit, Dogslyde, Marshall Arts, plus Lavay Smith, the Broun Felinis and many more. There will be five stages and many other street venues with elements of jazz, hip-hop, Latin and funk. Kim Nalley, who will return again to close Saturday’s festivities on the California Street Stage.

Join the revelations in a smoke-free area all day on Saturday and Sunday...RAIN OR SHINE!

Fillmore Street / Jackson to Eddy, San Francisco 94115

More info / schedule: 800-310-6563 OR <http://www.sresproductions.com/events/fillmore-jazz-festival/>

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

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CAPOEIRA ANGOLA

Instructor: Sergio Bitencour / Tuesdays 7pm-9pm & Saturdays 2pm-4pm

Capoeira Angola, a martial art and ritual combat dance, is one of the major expressions of an African, specifically Kongo-Angolan, continuum in Brazil. It is believed that its origins may go as far back as the 16th century, when Africans from western Central Africa were enslaved and taken to Brazil, specifically Salvador and the surround Recôncavo region.

In its history and practice, Capoeira Angola reflects the philosophy and aesthetics of its origins. Similar to many traditional African traditions, there are no clear-cut distinctions between the sacred and secular, work and play, fight and fun. Capoeira Angola integrates music, movement, theatrics, play, martial arts, philosophy, and spirituality.

Sergio teaches Capoeira Angola as a path to self-knowledge and a way of life that can serve as a vehicle for the development of ethnic pride and the fight for human rights. Within Capoeira Angola is the history of the political and cultural resistance and struggle of Afro-Brazilians and their role in the formation of Brazilian society.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94705

More info / Registration: 510-849-2568 OR <https://lapena.org/event/capoeira-angola/2018-05-01/>

SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

BLACK GIRLS PLAY

Black Girls Play (BGP) is a holistic program sponsored by the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music that combines music education, mentoring, entrepreneurship and leadership development for aspiring Black Girl musicians (age 11 – 18) in Oakland. The program provides: Private lessons, Performance Ensembles, Mentorship, Business of Music/Entrepreneurship and Production. To register, applicants should have: a minimum of one year private or group instruction in music; and the ability to read and to learn music.

More info / Registration: 510-836-4649 OR <http://www.opcmusic.org/BlackGirlsPlay.php>

FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA

Filhos de Bimba Bay Area was founded on June 10, 1986 by Manoel Nascimento Machado (Mestre Nenel), the son of Mestre Bimba, the creator of Capoeira Regional, and one of the most influential masters of Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines music, dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. Music and song accompanied by percussion is an inherent part of Capoeira, and an integral part of what is taught at Filhos de Bimba Bay Area. The school preserves the cultural legacy of Africa, with its effective method of teaching, character building, and rituals.

More info / Registration: <http://capoeirabayarea.com/>

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS
(Check website for details on future tours and special events)

The tour company conducts ultimate journeys to the motherland to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are: Ghana, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; The Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour (this was rescheduled with an optional tour to Tanzania Nov 16-30, 2018 for \$3,600 Ethiopia & \$1,000 Tanzania; Brazil Roots & Culture Tour July 20-29, 2018 for \$3,600. These are all inclusive packages that include full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia.

More info / Registration: <https://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS TO WATCH

NOTE: Your suggestions for more free listings will be appreciated

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1. "AFROPOP X": Segments of the this tenth year series will screen from January 15 through February on Mondays at 5 pm and Tuesdays at 12 noon on the Comcast KQED World channel (#190 in the Bay Area).
2. "KOJO": a short documentary on gifted 12-year-old jazz drummer Kojo Odu Roney. The film and the film maker have received numerous awards. The film was funded by the National Black Programming Consortium and screened in the 2017 PBS Online Film Festival.
<http://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/2017-festival/kojo/>
3. The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion (watch on YouTube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
4. "The Black Panther Party in San Francisco: Impact, Legacy, and Continued Inspiration" (Black Panther Party Program by the California Historical Society, April 21, 2016)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS9ip138MBo>
5. McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia (performance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
6. Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
7. Film: "Untold Legacy" by Dr. Leslie Brown (watch online or download)
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
8. "Afropop Caribbean Films" (watch now until further notice!)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>
9. "Afropop Season 9" : new films to watch and appreciate (some study guides available)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop/#season9>

NOTE: You may also link to films for Seasons 1 - 8

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JUNE 2018

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NOTE: many African and Afro Diaspora nations celebrate the End of Ramadan (June 15th - June 18th).

JUNE 1: "Labour Day / Sir Randol Fawkes" (in honor of Fawkes as Trade Unionist) in The Bahamas; "Youth Day" in Cape Verde; and "Madaraka (National) Day" in Kenya. **JUNE 3:** "Martyrs' Day" in Uganda. **JUNE 5:** "President's Day (Obiang Nguema Mbasogo)" in Equatorial Guinea. **JUNE 9:** "National Heroes' Day" in Uganda. **JUNE 10:** "Abolition Day" in French Guiana; and "Reconciliation Day" in the Congo (Republic). **JUNE 16:** "Youth Day" in South Africa. **JUNE 18:** "Constitution Day" in the Seychelles. **JUNE 19:** "Labour Day" in Trinidad & Tobago. **JUNE 20:** "Martyrs' Day" in Eritrea. **JUNE 21:** "Martyrs' Day" in Togo. **JUNE 25:** "Independence Day" in Mozambique. **JUNE 26:** "Independence Day" in Madagascar and Somalia. **JUNE 27:** "National Day" in Djibouti. **JUNE 29:** "Independence (National) Day" in the Seychelles. **JUNE 30:** "Prayer Day" in the Central African Republic; and "Independence Day" in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR JUNE

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- June 1:** 1843 - Sojourner Truth (Isabella Baumfree); abolitionist, speaker, and women's rights advocate, began her journey to help escaped Afros find housing and work in the North.
1920 - W. E. B. Du Bois received the 6th NAACP Spingarn Medal for founding the Pan African Congress.
1921 - Race riot in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Twenty-one Euros and sixty Afros were killed.
1973 - WGPR became the 1st television station owned by African Americans and given a permit to operate.
- June 2:** 1863 - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and engineer of the Underground Railroad, led Union Army guerillas into South Carolina and freed nearly 800 slaves. Tubman was the first woman in U.S. history to command an armed military raid.
1900 - Samori Ture (Warrior king, empire builder and hero of the resistance against the French colonization of West Africa) died in a French prison (how did he die ???).
1950 - The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation on dining cars used in interstate transportation.
1948 - Herb McKenley, Jamaican born track star set a new world record for the 400-yard dash.
1999 - Thabo Mbeki elected as President of South Africa to succeed Nelson Mandela.
- June 3:** 1884 - Granville T. Woods, inventor, patented the Steam-Boiler (Furnace Patent # 299,894).
1946 - Segregation in interstate bus travel was banned by the Supreme Court in the case of Irene Morgan v. Commonwealth of Virginia.
2008 - Barack Obama became the first person of African Descent to win the Presidential primary for the Democratic Party.
- June 4:** 1946 - Legislation was enacted to establish the Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.
1972 - Angela Davis, activist and professor, was acquitted of murder, kidnapping, and other conspiracy related charges for a courthouse shooting in Marin County, CA, at which Davis was not present.
- June 5:** 1940 - Frederick O'Neal and Abram Hill organized the American Negro Theatre in Harlem.
1950 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that no distinctions can be made on the basis of race once a "black" student is admitted to an all-white school (McLaurin v. Oklahoma).
1950 - The Supreme Court ordered that Herman Sweatt be admitted to the University of Texas Law School (Sweatt v. Painter).

- 1966 - James Meredith, the first Afro to graduate from the University Of Mississippi, began a campaign to register 450,000 Afro voters in Mississippi.
- 1973 - Doris A. Davis, Mayor of Compton, CA, became the first African American woman to govern a major city.
- 1987 - Dr. Mae Carol Jemison became the first African American female astronaut.
- June 6: 1790 - Jean Baptist Pointe Du Sable founded the city of Chicago, Illinois.
- 1831 - The first Convention of Free Persons of Color was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Wesleyan Church.
- 1930 - Dillard University, a Traditionally Black College (TBC), was chartered in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1942 - The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was founded in Chicago, Illinois.
- 1966 - Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Toure'), civil rights activist, launched the "Black Power" movement.
- June 7: 1712 - Pennsylvania passed a law that prevented the importation of slaves (enslaved persons) into the colony by imposing a tax on any persons newly enslaved.
- 1892 - G. J. Sampson received a patent for a Clothes Dryer (Patent # 476,416G).
- 1994 - The Organization of African Unity (OAU) was formally admitted South Africa as its 53rd member.
- 1998 - James Byrd, Jr., a 49-year-old pedestrian of African descent, was brutally murdered by three white men in Jasper, Texas. He was beaten, chained to a truck, and dragged three miles.
- June 8: 1953 - The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed discrimination in Washington D.C. restaurants, and it became effective throughout the U.S.
- June 9: 1904 - James Napier organized the first bank begun by an African American (in Tennessee).
- 1983 - Scott Joplin, musician and creator of "Ragtime", was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- June 10: 1794 - Richard Allen founded the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.
- 1940 - Death of Marcus Garvey after two strokes, and after he read a false obituary about himself.
- 1997 - Geronimo Pratt, former Black Panther Party member was released from prison after serving 27 years for a crime he did not commit.
- June 11: 1889 - Purdy and Sadgwar, inventors, patented the Folding Chair (Patent # 405,117).
- 1905 - Niagara Movement was organized by W.E.B. Du Bois, William Monroe Trotter and other Afro activists and intellectuals. The organization demanded abolition of all racial distinctions.
- 1911 - Marcus Garvey founded the UNIA (United Negro Improvement Association).
- 1964 - Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment by the South African government.
- 1976 - African nation of Angola placed British and U.S. mercenaries on trial.
- June 12: 1949 - Convention People's Party (CPP), a socialist party, was formed by Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana.
- 1963 - Medgar Evers, civil rights activist was assassinated at his home in Jackson, Mississippi.
- 1964 - Nelson R. Mandela, South African political activist, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mandela served a 27-year prison term after being convicted for "sabotaging" the South African government. Mandela, later became president of South Africa.
- June 13: 1866 - The Fourteenth Amendment, granting citizenship to persons of African Descent, was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1868 - Oscar J. Dunn, a former enslaved man, was installed as Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana.
- 1893 - T. W. Stewart, inventor, patented the Mop (Patent # 499,402).
- 1967 - Thurgood Marshall became the first African American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1980 - Walter Rodney, Guyanese historian, political activist and scholar was assassinated.
- 1997 - Harvey Johnson was elected as the first mayor of African Descent in Jackson, Mississippi.

- June 15:** 1877 - H.O. Flipper became the first African American graduate of West Point.
- 1921 - Bessie Coleman became the first female licensed pilot of African Descent when she was awarded her pilot's certificate in France.
- 1921 - Sadie T.M. Alexander became the first person of African Descent to receive a PhD in Economics. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1971 - Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., was appointed Executive Director of the National Urban League.
- 1999 - Rosa Parks was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. In 1996 Ms. Parks also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor for her efforts on behalf of racial harmony.
- June 16:** 1804 - Jacques Dessalines was declared Emperor of Ayiti (Haiti).
- 1822 - Denmark Vesey led his famous slave rebellion in Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1960 - The Mueda Massacre of 600 Africans led to the armed struggle in Mozambique.
- 1969 - The U.S. Supreme Court decided that the House of Representatives had violated the constitution when it suspended Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. from his congressional seat.
- 1976 - Students rioted in Soweto, South Africa, as a result of the Mueda Massacre.
- 1999 - Maurice Greene, U.S. track and field athlete, broke the world record for the 100-meter dash.
- 1999 - Thabo Mbeki was elected to succeed Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Afro President.
- June 17:** 1890 - P. B. Downing, inventor, patented the Electric Switch used for railroads (Patent # 430,118).
- 1966 - SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) and Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael) called for "Black Power" in Jackson, Mississippi.
- June 18:** 1882 - Denmark K. Vesey who had purchased his freedom from enslavement, was arrested for conspiring an attack on Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1889 - William H. Richardson, inventor, patented the Children's Carriage (Patent #s 405,599 and 405,600).
- 1949 - Ada L.S. Fisher enrolled as a law student in the University of Oklahoma after a Supreme Court ruling.
- June 19:** 1865 - "Juneteenth": News of the Emancipation Proclamation reached the South and Texas after 2 years.
- 1912 - Tennessee State University opened as Tennessee A&I College.
- 1968 - "Solidarity Day," was organized by the Poor People's Campaign about the need for economic justice and ending racism. Coretta Scott King and Ralph Abernathy were key speakers.
- June 20:** 1967 - Muhammad Ali was convicted of refusing abduction into the U.S. armed services by the Federal Court in Houston, Texas.
- June 21:** 1821 - The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was founded in New York City.
- 1915 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the "grandfather clauses" in the Oklahoma and Maryland constitutions violated the "15th Amendment".
- 1964 - James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, CORE members and activists on a "Freedom Summer" mission to register Black voters, were murdered in Philadelphia.
- June 22:** 1972 - National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) was incorporated with over 2,000 members.
- 1993 - Joe Louis, boxer and first African American national sports hero was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp. He knocked out German boxer, Max Schmeling, on this date in 1938.
- June 23:** 1900 - Yaa Asantewa (Ghana female elder) led the Ashanti rebellion known as the "War of the Golden Stool" against British colonialism.
- 1982 - Coleman Alexander Young, Detroit, Michigan's, first mayor of African Descent, was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.
- 2007 - Anthony Reed became the first person of African descent to complete 26.2-mile marathons on every continent, including Antarctica.

- June 24:** 1896 - Booker T. Washington, educator and founder of Tuskegee Institute, received an honorary degree from Harvard University.
- 1936 - Mary McLeod Bethune became the first woman to receive a major appointment from the federal government when she was named Director of the Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.
- 1988 - Atlanta University and Clark College merged to become Clark Atlanta University.
- 1996 - Ramona Africa and the families of two other victims of the 1985 bombing of MOVE, a back-to-Africa group, received \$1.5 million from the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- June 25:** 1792 - Death of Thomas Peters, an enslaved African American, who led freed men from Nova Scotia (Canada) to Sierra Leone.
- 1919 - Marcus Garvey founded the Black Star Line.
- 1975 - Mozambique was proclaimed independent. Samora Machel became its first President.
- June 26:** 1960 - The African nation of Madagascar was proclaimed independent.
- 1964 - Franklin H. Williams was appointed to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. He was the first African American U.S. delegate to the United Nations.
- June 27:** 1872 - Birthday of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, prominent poet and writer. He was born in Dayton, Ohio.
- 1890 - George "Little Chocolate" Dixon won the World Bantamweight Boxing Championship, and became the first African American to win the World Boxing Championship.
- 1977 - The African nation of Djibouti was proclaimed independent.
- 1979 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that unions and employers can use voluntary programs and quotas to facilitate minority employment.
- June 28:** 1839 - The Cinque Revolt took place on the Amistad slave ship.
- 1948 - Joe Louis won the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion by knocking out "Jersey" Jo Walcott.
- 1964 - Malcolm X Omowale founded the OAAU (Organization of Afro American Unity).
- 1971 - The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously overturned the draft evasion conviction of Muhammad Ali.
- 1978 - The U.S. Supreme Court handed down the Bakke Decision which ruled that strict racial quotas guaranteeing access and opportunity to African Americans, women, and other minorities in education and industry were unconstitutional. The decision has been much disputed.
- June 29:** 1956 - Charles Dumas became the first person to jump over seven feet in U.S. Olympic history.
- 1972 - The Supreme Court ruled the death penalty as cruel and unusual punishment and a violation of the Eighth Amendment. African Americans and other minorities were 81% of persons on death-row.
- 1976 - The African nation of Seychelles was proclaimed independent.
- 1998 - Lenny Wilkens, Atlanta Hawks Head Coach, was elected to the NBA's Hall of Fame as player and coach.
- June 30:** 1874 - H. Pickett, inventor, patented the Scaffold (Patent # 152,511).
- 1960 - The African nation of Zaire proclaimed independence.
- 1967 - Major Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. was proclaimed the first African American astronaut. He died later that year during a "training flight" (how did he die???)

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2018:

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for June 2018

NOTE: Check the following websites for more national and international tours, festivals and conferences:

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/events/>

<https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/senses-of-timevideo-and-film-based-works-of-africa/>

"NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: 12TH ANNIVERSARY" (JUNE 2018)

OFFICIAL NATIONAL WEBSITE:

<http://caribbeanamericanmonth.org/>

A FEW OTHER SELECTED EVENT WEBSITES:

Georgia Caribbean American Heritage Coalition

<http://www.gcahcinc.org/>

Tampa Bay, Florida

<https://www.facebook.com/events/879240938912691/>

Pembroke Pines, Florida

<http://www.cahmusa.com/>

CaribbeanLens Film Festival (June 11-16)

<http://caribbeanlens.com/2018schedule/>

Caribbean Heritage Salute to Hollywood

<http://caribbeanheritage.org/eventer/caribbean-heritage-salute-to-hollywood-excellence-gala/edate/2018-06-16/>

NOW – AUGUST 6, 2018 (check calendar website below for all events and details)

"BARBADOS CROP OVER FESTIVAL"

The Crop Over Festival, celebrates a 200 year-old tradition that honors the end of the sugar cane season. The six-week festival celebrates all that is Bajan with dusk till dawn parties, arts and crafts markets and culinary-driven street fares. Grand Kadooment Day (August 6) celebrates the end of Crop Over, where Masquerade Bands make their way to Spring Garden highway with revelers dressed in sequin costumes decorated with colorful feathers, jewels and bright accents; dancing behind music trucks and moving bars. As the finale of Crop Over, this events is the island's most exciting day of the year. Many Bajans who now live off the island return home to join in the festivities with family and friends.

More info: General: <https://www.visitbarbados.org/crop-over-festival>

Calendar: <https://barbados.org/cropclnd.htm#.WueLvLjIOSo>

JUNE 6 - 9, 2018 (check website for times and other info); \$175 daily / \$295+ for all sessions

"BLACK ENTERPRISE ENTREPRENEURS SUMMIT"

Participants will gain access to the connections, financing, resources and strategic insight needed to launch and grow their dream businesses. This is considered to be the must-attend event for aspiring business owners, startup founders, and established entrepreneurs looking for new money-making and growth opportunities for their ventures.

Venue: Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

More info / Registration: <http://www.blackenterprise.com/entrepreneurssummit/> OR

MorrisJ@BlackEnterprise.com (Johann)

JUNE 8 - 10, 2018 (11am - 9:30pm); FREE Admission

“CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL”

The Chicago Blues Festival is the largest free blues festival in the world and remains the largest of Chicago's Music Festivals. During three days on four stages, blues fans enjoy free live music in the "Blues Capital of the World." This year's festival celebrates Chicago's music legacy with Mavis Staples performances, a Little Walter Tribute, a special tribute to Bob Koester, the 65th Anniversary of Delmark Records and much more. There will also be many “Blues Around Town” events before, during and after the Festival.

Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph Street / Michigan Avenue / Columbus Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

More info: 312-744-3316 OR

https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_blues_festival.html/

JUNE 16 + 17, 2018; 12 noon – 6 pm

“FESTIVAL SUNDIATA: BLACK ARTS FEST”

A special Black Arts Festival by the Sundiata African American Cultural Association in Seattle Washington. The Festival is heralded as the ultimate in Black Culture, history, food, fun, dance, and soul music experience in the Pacific Northwest.

Seattle Center, 305 Harrison Street, Seattle, Washington 98109

More info / Schedule: 866-505-6006 OR <http://www.festivalsundiata.org/schedule-18.html>

JUNE 22 - 24, 2018; 12 noon – 6 pm or 10 pm

29TH ANNUAL BAYOU BOOGALOO MUSIC & CAJUN FOOD FESTIVAL

The Festival is Norfolk's annual love-fest with New Orleans' vibrant spirit, and it captures the melting pot of Bayou culture. This popular 3-day festival delivers the heart and soul of Louisiana to visitors of Town Point Park in true Cajun and Creole style. From New Orleans to the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, two stages featuring national recording artists providing diverse cultural musical entertainment. The Arts Market of New Orleans returns and brings with it unique artistry and the culture of Louisiana. Festival guests can feast on fresh crawfish straight from Louisiana, jambalaya, gumbo, etouffee, alligator, muffuletta, andouille, and beignets. Guests will also find festival favorites like sno balls (discovered in New Orleans, by the way!), root beer floats, smoothies, Italian water ice, glazed nuts, kettle corn and funnel cake. Wash it all down with a variety of cold beverages including a fine selection of beers straight from New Orleans' own Abita Brewing Company as well as New Orleans-born Southern Comfort Hurricanes.

Town Point Park (on the Elizabeth River), 113 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia, 23510

More info / Tickets: <https://festevents.org/events/2018-season-events/bayouboogaloo/>

JUNE 23, 2018 (7 – 10 pm); \$45 +

“JUNETEENTH COSTUME POP-UP DINNER AND CELEBRATION!”

This Juneteenth Costume Pop-Up Dinner by the Ase Café will honor traditional Juneteenth foods, dance, and music. The Dress Code for the event is based on enslaved Africans who were unable to dress up prior to Juneteenth. As a result, during the initial days of Juneteenth celebrations the former enslaved tossed their ragged garments into creeks and rivers and wore their former masters' finest garments. Participants are therefore encouraged to wear Reconstruction Era costumes (1865-1867) or African attire. The Menu will be traditional African / African American foods such as: Shrimp Grillades and Grits, Catfish Courtbouillon, Collard Greens, Cornbread, Sweet Potato Pone, Peach Cobbler, and Watermelon. Drinks will include Homemade Fruit Punch and Red POP. Vegetarian and Pescatarian options are available.

Ase' Café, 91 East 3rd Street, New York, NY 10003

More info / Reservations: 718-924-0576 (Judith) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-costume-pop-up-dinner-and-celebration-tickets-44987764615?aff=es2>

JUNE 24 - JULY 12, 2018;

“CULTURAL IMMERSION TRIP TO ZIMBABWE”

This summer, Julia Chigamba, leader of the Bay Area Chinyakare Dance Troup will be visiting her family and village in Zimbabwe, and will be hosting a cultural immersion program for visitors. The program for guests/participants would include: Zimbabwean food, dance, and music at the Chigamba family home (the Chinyakare Cultural Center) in Hatfield, as well as local tours of Harare (the capital city). The requested dates by guests/participants would be scheduled sometime between June 24 - July 12; and all guests/participants would be responsible for their own flight arrangements and costs, as well as a program fees. If you are interested in this opportunity to visit Zimbabwe with this “Home Girl”, please contact the Kumusha Foundation.

More info/Registration: 510-214-3886 OR kumushafoundation@gmail.com OR
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/kumushafoundation/events/>

JULY 5 - JULY 8, 2018 (Thursday – Monday); check website for fees, events / activities and more details
“2018 ESSENCE FESTIVAL”

This 4-day festival will have a separate free exhibition section with many daytime activities that include: a beauty and style expo, food vendors, all access entertainment, an empowerment experience and more. The 3 evening events include many “super” performers for evening concerts that include: Mary J. Blidge, Janet Jackson, Snoop Dog, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, Queen Latifah, Mali Music, Idris, Guy and many more! The two venues will be:

- (1) Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
- (2) Mercedes Benz Superdome, 1500 Sugar Bowl Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

More info / Tickets: 800-274-9398 OR <https://www.essence.com/festival>

NOTE: Registration requested for free events / tickets needed for concerts and special events

JULY 5 - JULY 26, 2018 (Thursdays, 6 pm – 12 am); check website for events, fees and more details
“GOOMBAY SUMMER FESTIVAL: BAHAMAS”

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism’s annual summer festival features live displays of Bahamian culture in the form of food & music. Come and experience the local culture as you: listen to the sweet sounds of “Goombay”; indulge in local delicacies; browse through the most authentic Bahamian arts and crafts; dance to the beat of “Junkanoo”; and then relax on the beaches! The festival is held every Thursday in July throughout the Bahamas.

More info / Bookings / Deals: 1-800-224-2627 OR <https://www.bahamas.com/event/goombay-summer-festival>

JULY 7 + JULY 8, 2018 (Monday + Tuesday); check website for events, fees and more details
“30TH NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL (NBAF)”

After 30 years, the festival has become a legacy of stellar artistic and educational programs in music, dance, film, visual arts, theater and the literary arts. The NBAF is recognized as the oldest multidisciplinary arts organization in the U.S. that is focused exclusively on the arts and artists of African descent. By featuring artists from the African Diaspora, from the U.S., Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and Latin America, NBAF promotes art and culture as vehicles for bringing diverse communities together. Activities include a special youth program, a Gala, fine arts, fashion and more. Over the years, NBAF has featured acclaimed artists such as Angelou, Wynton Marsalis, The O’Jays, Toni Blackman, Spike Lee, Katherine Dunham, Harry Belafonte, Maxi Priest, Sonia Sanchez, Youssou N’Dour, Amiri Baraka, Tito Puente, Ousmane Sembene, National Ballet de Guinea, Gladys Knight, Cicely Tyson, August Wilson, and Nikki Giovanni, and many others.

More info: 404-939-1594 OR <http://nbaf.org/>

JULY 12 - JULY 15, 2018; \$250 (\$150 each for groups of 10+) check website for events and more details

“ROCK CONFERENCE 2018”

2018 THEME: “Fortifying the Foundation to Empower the Faces of Education”

The 4-day ROCK Conference offers an impacting professional development experience for educators and a platform to share a plethora of best practices, resources, academic successes, and professional accomplishments for educators. The Conference will provide educators with: workshops, keynote presentations, team building experiences, professional networking opportunities and more. Dr. Melissa Chester is the CEO & ROCK Conference Coordinator.

Venue: DoubleTree Jacksonville Riverfront , 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207

More info / Registration: 833-BER-ROCK OR <http://www.rockconference.org/>

JULY 15 - JULY 22, 2018; \$22 + (check website for events, fees and more details)

“REGGAE SUMFEST 2018: JAMAICA”

Jamaica’s premier festival is also the world’s biggest and best Reggae festival. Now confirmed to perform are: Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley, Beres Hammond, Popcaan, Maxi Priest , Spice, Sizzla, Capleton, Aidonia, Cham , Ding Dong, I-Octane, and many more. Check the website for the complete lineup. All Week Tickets will include admission to both Main Festival Nights, The Colorfest Beach Party, The All White Party, The Blitz Party, and more.

Any other Preview or post events are either free or purchased separately.

Catherine Hall Festival Grounds & Various Venues in Montego Bay, Jamaica

More info / Tickets: <http://www.reggaesumfest.com/> OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reggae-sumfest-2018-tickets-39399138885>

JULY 21 + JULY 22, 2018; A Free Event (check website for schedule of events and more details)

“THE AFRICAN DESCENT FESTIVAL”

The African Descent Festival (ADF) celebrates the cultural diversity of people of the growing African Community within Vancouver, British Columbia, while recognizing and promoting attitudes of oneness among all ethnic groups and communities. The Festival promotes excellence in arts, culture, music and speech by providing performance and educational opportunities through music. Activities for the festival include: an Inaugural Ceremony, a Market Place, AfroBeat Entertainment, Crafts, a Community Fair and Tours. The event is organized by African Descent Society, BC.

Thornton Park, 1166 Main Stret, Vancouver, BC V6A 4B6, Canada

More info: <http://www.africandescentfestival.com/>

AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 6, 2018 check website for details

“EMANCIPATION DAY 2018”

(Public Holiday in several countries in the Caribbean)

“Emancipation Day” marks the end of slavery in the British Empire; and it is a public holiday in several Caribbean countries. Slavery was finally abolished throughout the British Empire by the Slavery Abolition Act 1833, which came into effect on August 1st 1834. Although the holiday commemorates events that took place on 1 August, it may be celebrated on different days in post-slavery countries. AUGUST 1st: celebrations are in Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago. AUGUST 2nd: celebration is in Bermuda. AUGUST 6th: celebrations are in The Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts & Nevis and Turks & The Caicos Islands. It is celebrated on March 22nd in Puerto Rico and on July 1st in Suriname. In the U.S. Emancipation Day is a state holiday in

Washington DC and is celebrated on the weekday closest to April 16th.

More info: <https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/emancipation-day>

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 6, 2018 (Thursday – Monday), check website for details and updates

“CARIBANA TORONTO 2018”

Toronto's Caribbean Caribana festival has grown exponentially since its start in 1967, and its “Grand Parade” is hailed as one of the most popular parades in the world. The Caribbean music includes Reggae, Calypso, Salsa and other Afro dance rhythms with African drums, Steel Pan and many other handmade instruments. There will also be Caribbean food, crafts and cultural events. What was once a three-day event has now grown into three weeks of Caribbean inspired events and parties taking place all over Toronto. Caribana is currently North America’s largest cultural festival.

Get your tickets as soon as possible, and check updates on the website below.

More info: <https://www.caribanatoronto.com/>

AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 5, 2018 (Friday – Sunday), check website for details and updates

“UMOJA FEST 2018”

This festival in Seattle, Washington celebrates the best of the African American community and African Diaspora culture in the northwest; and features lots of Music, Food, Culture and Family Fun! Attractions include the Africatown Heritage Parade featuring dance troops and drill teams; Children’s Day & Family Fun Village; Soul N The Park; the Afrobeat & Roots Stage; Heal The Hood Basketball Tournament; and a Hip Hop 4 Peace stage. There will also be delicious foods of the African Diaspora from restaurants and food trucks, a vendor marketplace, a community resource Fair and more!

Judkins Park, 2150 South Norman Street, Seattle, Washington 98144

More info: <http://umojafamilyfest.com/>

AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 17, 2018 check website for details and registration

“A FESTA DA BOA MORTE - THE FESTIVAL OF THE GOOD DEATH”

Tour to Salvador, Bahia Brazil

This is one of the most fascinating Candomblé festivals and it's worth a special trip to see it. The Festival is organized by the Irmandade da Boa Morte (Sisterhood of the Good Death), a secret, Afro, religious society. The Festival is celebrated by the descendants of slaves, who praise their liberation with dance and prayer and a mix of themes from Candomblé and Catholicism. The Sisterhood of the Boa Morte (Good Death) is the oldest organization for women of African descent in the New World; and it is a secret society of African-Brazilian women, all descendants of African slaves, who paid to release their sisters from enslavement. The organization sponsors a procession each August that parades through the streets of the historical city of Cachoeira on the banks of the Paraguacu River. It is perhaps the most important festival in the African Heritage calendar in Bahia / Brazil, and is a living tribute of African culture and Diaspora in the New World.

The Tour Package costs \$3,800 and includes:

Round trip Air fare from New York or Miami to Salvador, Bahia; Round-trip airport transportation; air conditioned tour van; Hotel accommodations with breakfast ; Selected meals in outstanding restaurants; Historic city tour; Museum tour; Daily briefings, Music workshop; Beach days; Shopping; Samba Reggae rhythms in the historic district at night; Folklore shows; Music and dance events, Informal lectures with cultural leaders and artists; Visit to an Afro-Brazilian spiritual/candomblé community; Countryside day trips; Participation in the Cachoeira festival; and more. The hotel is on a secure beach front hotel on Avenida Sete de Setembro in Porto da Barra, Bahia. All US and Brazilian Departure and airport taxes are included. Participants will need: a US Passport with a Brazilian Visa (note: a Brazilian travel Visa for US citizens is \$160). The tour down payment of \$300 is due March 8th 2018 (or ASAP) and is non-refundable after 10 days.

You may create a plan to pay in installments. Balance is due 50 days prior to departure date (June 12, 2018).

More info Registration: Dr. Ken Dossar Cell: 215-473-6495 (U.S.) / Office: 215-878-2816 (U.S.) OR

<https://www.mandinga-culture.org/a-feista-da-boa-morte-tour-2018>

<http://www.salvadorbahiguide.com/sisterhoodofthegooddeath.html>

AUGUST 13 – 20 (Sunday – Sunday / 7 days); check contact info below for pricing and registration options

“CAMP FARETA 2018”

Camp Fareta is a residential workshop hosted by Youssouf Koumbassa, a master dancer, choreographer, and teacher from Guinea, West Africa, and features other master dancers and drummers from Guinea, Mali, Senegal, the Congo, and other countries. It is an immersion in West African drum and dance that started in 2006 and is held at a beautiful setting in the southern Sierras of California each summer.

Venue: Camp Hye Sierra (Note: Camp Hye Sierra is an hour drive east of Fresno, California)

More info / Details / Registration: 443-739-4306 OR http://www.dancingvillage.com/camp_fareta.php

ONGOING PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for June 2018

SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

(Check website for details on future tours; videos of previous tours; and special events)

Consider the ultimate journey to the motherland and the Diaspora to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are:

“BRAZIL ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR”: July 20 – 29, 2018

“ETHIOPIA & TANZANIA ROOTS TOUR”: November 16 - 29, 2018

NOTE: Prices for these tours are “all-inclusive” and include: full accommodations and round trip flights from the U.S.; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily breakfast & dinner; hotel accommodations; business & investment networking; and transportation & access to all tour sites & activities.

<http://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

Black Family Life and Culture's vision is to utilize its rich thirty-five (35) year history of culturally based research and program development to provide the African American community the tools to reclaim ownership of their health and wellness by Reunifying the Families, Revitalizing the Community and Reestablishing the Culture.

"Mu Kala Kintwadi Ya Tubu I Mu Zinga" (To know one's origins, is to live forever) African Proverb

<http://blackfamily-life.org/>

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

Inspire Health Solutions, LLC provides services, products and resources to minority women that are designed to motivate, innovate, invent and inspire! Encouragement and inspiration is offered through some of the featured motivational books written by Dr. J. Nwando Olayiwola; including “Minority Women Professionals (MWP are MVPs”); as well as customized workshops, training, consultation and coaching. Scholarships are available.

More info / Event registration: <http://inspirehealthllc.com/>

“ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER”

Tours or retreats to this healing retreat, at the One Africa Health Resort in Ghana, provide rejuvenation in a quaint Afrikan village style environment. Fourteen day tours are priced from \$2,500 and include roundtrip airfare from New York City. Tour sites included in the itinerary are the: W.E.B. DuBois Centre, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial, Cultural Art Center, Makola Market, Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons; and more.

More info / Tickets: 011-233-20-750-1221 OR <http://www.oneafricaghana.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

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BAY AREA

1. AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER: check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC): check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL: an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA
 - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
 - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only)
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
 - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
6. AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE: The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.
510-434-3935 OR 510-531-4911 OR <http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/>
OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E_9UJQ0UJg&feature=youtu.be
7. AFRICANA STUDIES / PROFESSOR MANU AMPIM: check his Save Nubia Project, African studies / radio program, educational tours, e-store, publications, special events, lectures and more.
<http://www.manuampim.com/>

8. **AFROCENTRIC OAKLAND:** promote individual and community rejuvenation and cultural pride through art.
<http://www.afrocentricoakland.com/>
9. **AKILI DADA:** check details and activities of the Africa and San Francisco Branches coordinate transformative leadership for young women from underprivileged backgrounds in Africa and the U.S.
<http://www.akilidada.org/#home>
10. **AUSAR AUSET SOCIETY---WEST COAST:** check details for the West Coast chapter that carries on the mission of Ausar Auset Society International by: offering monthly classes on the material created by Ra Un Nefer Amen I; providing an outlet for the supplies and materials of AASI; and by creating a community environment through which one can live out the Kamitic spiritual system with others.
<http://www.ausarasetwestcoast.com/>
11. **AVOTCJA:** check info and links to Avotcja's activities as a D.J., poet, musician with Modupe; and more.
<http://www.avotcja.org/>
12. **BAOBOB:** Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses: supports Black owned businesses and their customers, who agree that keeping our dollars circulating within our community is tantamount to Black empowerment in the Bay Area and beyond.
<http://baobobdirectory.com/>
13. **BARBARA LEE'S CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #13:** keep up-to-date on international /national / regional / local issues and events that impact on the Bay Area represented by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.
<http://lee.house.gov/>
14. **BAY AREA BLACK UNITED FUND (BABUF):** strives to improve Bay Area African-American wellness by: putting needed resources into the community; compiling a Health Conductors list; and by engaging the community in leading healthier lives. Check info and more.
<http://www.babuf.org/>
15. **BAY AREA PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Established in 1987, the organization writes, directs and produces quality production throughout the Bay Area; and is based at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts.
<http://bayareapac.wix.com/bapac>
16. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
17. **CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION:** a Bay Area group building powerful movements from below and the left through education, analysis, theory, and dialogue.
<http://www.politicaleducation.org/>
18. **DIAMANO COURA WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY:** provides classes / workshops for West African dance and music at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts in Oakland. The Company has professional performances locally, nationally and internationally.
<http://www.diamanocoura.org/>
19. **DOWNTOWN TAY:** Empowering the young adult community (16-24 years old) in Alameda County. Connecting to culture; inspiring hope; cultivating creativity; supporting wellness and promoting critical thinking.
<http://www.downtowntay.org/>

20. **EAST OAKLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EOYDC):** EOYDC develops the social, higher education and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 6 – 24).
<http://eoydc.org/>
21. **ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:** advances racial and economic justice to ensure dignity and opportunity for low-income people and people of color.
<http://ellabakercenter.org/>
22. **FREEDOM FARMERS' MARKET:** check the African American farmer's site for ordering your "Harvest Box" and to learn about farming or assist those wishing to maintain or create sustainable farms.
<http://freedomfarmersmarket.com/>
23. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
24. **HUNTERS POINT FAMILY:** grass-roots, community-based organization providing holistic programs supporting at-risk youth and young adults living in BayView Hunters Point, San Francisco.
<http://hunterspointfamily.org/>
25. **IJO ADULAWO ORISA TEMPLE OF OAKLAND:** Ijo Adulawo means the temple of Black Theology. Main objective is to promote spiritual development in the Bay Area through the study and practice of the Orisa Lifestyle. Online products and services available.
<http://ijoadulawo.weebly.com/> + <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
26. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
27. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SACRED WOMAN CIRCLE:** receive and provide Sisterhood support through the Gateways and beyond! Services include Kemetic & Womb Yoga; and products include holistic teas, tonics, elixars, soaking salts and more.
<http://www.holisticpsr.org/>
28. **OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (OPC):** community music classes with Afro energy for all ages.
<https://www.opcmusic.org/>
29. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
30. **OUSD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:** Oakland Unified School Districts program that pilots a three-tiered model of prevention/ intervention/ supported reentry in response to conflict/harm.
<http://www.ousd.org/Page/12324>
31. **OUTDOOR AFRO:** reconnects African-Americans with natural spaces and one another through camping, hiking, biking, fishing, gardening and more.
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro/>
32. **PAN AFRICAN CITY ALIVE:** check the online store and Resource Center in Sunnyvale, CA for African art, clothing, books, culture, etc.
<http://www.panafricanstore.com/default.aspx>

33. PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK: check the Oral History Project (“I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland’s Griots”). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142
www.peraltahacienda.org
34. PRIORITY AFRICA NETWORK (PAN): check the Bay Area’s website for Pan African affairs, resources, organizations, events, news and updates, African Immigration, African restaurants, etc.
<http://www.priorityafrica.org/index.html>
35. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
36. RADIO 97.5 FM/KDEE: A Community Radio Station, owned and operated by the California Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Includes news and updates, business directory, community events and more.
<https://www.kdeefm.org/>
37. RED BAY COFFEE: Check the website to purchase coffee and gifts in Oakland or San Francisco, at some Farmer’s Markets or online. Fosters single origin, fair trade, direct trade, organic and sustainable coffees.
www.redbaycoffee.com
38. USHIRIKA KENYA Inc.: check details and activities for the community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong, united and thriving Kenyan community in Northern California and throughout the U.S.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline
39. VILLAGE-CONNECT: the mission is to build the capacity of people to become more self-aware and self-directed, resulting in sustainable positive transformation. The Project has received many awards.
<http://www.village-connect.org/>
40. WANDA’S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
41. YOUTH SPEAKS: founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

42. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
43. ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP): a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
44. AFRICA TIMES NEWS: THE AFRICAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER: comprehensive access in French and English to events in and about all countries in Africa. Organized by a group of young African journalists.
<http://www.africa-times-news.com/>

45. AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—NATIONAL

- The Final Call: <http://www.finalcall.com/>
- National Newspaper Publishers Association – list of member newspapers
http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45

46. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): committed to transform communities in Kenya and the Diaspora through education, information dissemination for knowledge, skills and sustainability.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>

47. AFRICAN GLOBE: BLACK NEWS, POLITICS AND INFORMATION: dedicated to the propagation and the dissemination of news and information relating to, and of importance to African Peoples worldwide. Includes videos, biographies, etc.
<http://www.africanglobe.net/>

48. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>

49. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>

50. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>

51. AFRICAN UNION (AU): official organization for 53 member African nations and the African Diaspora, with the head office in Ethiopia. Formerly Organization of African Union (OAU).

- For info on each nation, and all AU programs and projects: <http://www.au.int/en/>
- For info about “Agenda 2063” (50 year proposals / projects for Africa): <http://agenda2063.au.int/>
- For live stream of important meetings: <http://summits.au.int/en/livestream?q=livestream>

52. AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA: a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.
www.awdf.org/awdf-usa OR www.awdf.org (sister organization)

53. AFRICANS RISING: a growing and self-selecting collective of social movements, NGOs, peoples and popular social justice movements, intellectuals, artists, sports people, cultural activists and others, across the continent and Diaspora.
<http://www.africans-rising.org/>

54. AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE: links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>

55. AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS: Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma’at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS Campaign.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>

56. **AFRICOLOGY: THE JOURNAL OF PAN AFRICAN STUDIES:** a trans-disciplinary and scholarly journal devoted to intellectual synthesis of research, scholarship and critical thought on the African experience around the world.
<http://www.ipanafrican.org/>
57. **ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa. The All-African People's Revolutionary Party recognizes that African People born and living in over 113 countries are one People, with one culture, one Nation and one destiny.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
58. **AMERICA'S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:** virtual galleries and links to resources to educate the public about the ongoing injustices endured by people of African heritage in America.
<http://www.abhmuseum.org/>
59. **ARISTIDE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY:** community and internationally sponsored programs which include the new Medical School at UNIFA (University of the Aristide Foundation) in Ayiti (Haiti).
<http://www.aristidefoundationfordemocracy.org/>
60. **ATLANTA BLACK STAR:** online resource for global Pan African information on all topics (health, travel, politics, TV & film, lifestyle, parenting and more)
<http://atlantablackstar.com/>
61. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
62. **BLACK ALLIANCE FOR JUST IMMIGRATION (BAJI):** educates and engages African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial, social and economic justice. Has a Bay Area branch.
<http://blackalliance.org/>
63. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
64. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
65. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
66. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
67. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
68. **BLACK PUBLIC MEDIA / NATIONAL BLACK PROGRAMMING CONSORTIUM (NBPC):** founded in 1979, the NBPC develops, produces, distributes and funds media content about the Black experience for public media outlets. Content provided online at BlackPublicMedia.org and via broadcast through AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange documentary series.
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/>

69. **BLACK STAR PROJECT:** operates nationally with a belief in the strength of parental and community involvement in education to eliminate the racial academic achievement gap.
<http://blackstarproject.org/action/>
70. **BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS - LOS ANGELES (BWWLA):** is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment and advocacy.
<http://www.bwwla.org/>
71. **BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE:** dedicated to promoting optimum health for Black women across the life span - physically, mentally and spiritually.
<http://www.healthyblackwomen.org/>
72. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
73. **CARICOM / CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT:** partnership of Caribbean nations for regional projects and development. Represented in PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) and UN (United Nations).
<http://www.caricom.org>
74. **CENTER FOR THE RESTORATION OF MA'AT:** New York based organization providing courses, tours, TV and radio programs about the Kemetic legacy.
http://www.centerformaat.com/About_KLT.html
75. **THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT (CRRJ) – Northeastern University School of Law:** serves as a resource for scholars, policymakers, and organizers involved in initiatives seeking justice for crimes of the civil rights era.
<http://nuweb9.neu.edu/civilrights/>
76. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
77. **CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (COSAS):** international organization for free, compulsory and relevant education and training systems that embrace democracy and equity and quality for students.
<http://cosas.co.za/>
78. **COLORED CONVENTIONS:** info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
79. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
80. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
81. **INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORD 21ST CENTURY:** for building the capacity of Black communities in the U.S. to work for the social, political, economic and cultural upliftment of the global Black community.
<http://ibw21.org>

82. **INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN’S CONGRESS:** an international, non-profit networking organization; setting exemplary models of womanhood for building up African people worldwide.
<http://www.ibwc.us/>
83. **THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN ANCESTORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE (ICCAAMP):** organizes and lists international activities that are designed to remember the millions of Africans who were sold, kidnapped, shipped then died along the route from Africa to the Americas.
<http://www.remembertheancestors.com/>
84. **KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE:** founded in 1997 to bring relevant news, information and life enhancing programs to the Black community via multimedia.
<http://www.know4life.org/> + News: <http://know4life.tumblr.com/>
85. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today’s community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
86. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maat institute-aboutus.html>
87. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
88. **NAARVA.com:** the National African American RVer's Association, Inc. is a special RV Organization for “US” like no other RV Camping Organization.
<http://naarva.com/>
89. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** a mass-based coalition organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>
90. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
91. **PAN AFRICAN NETWORK IN DEFENSE OF MIGRANTS RIGHTS (PANiDMR):** an Africa-led organization that promotes the well being and interests of migrants, refugees and stateless persons from Africa.
<http://www.panidmr.org/>
92. **RACE FOR THE TIMES (RFT):** provides links to national and global projects for understanding racial issues. Includes in-depth interviews, conscious hip hop, radio archives and more.
<http://www.raceforthetimes.com/tags/african-internationalism>
93. **RACIAL EQUALITY TOOLS:** this site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for those working toward racial equity and racial justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.
<http://racialequitytools.org/home>
94. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>

95. **RESTITUTION STUDY GROUP (RSG):** a non-profit institute based in New York City to examine and execute innovative approaches to healing the injuries of exploited and oppressed people. The RSG partners with community advocates bringing about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>
96. **SISTA WORKS:** an organization to connect women and girls of African Descent worldwide to enrich one another and discover the resources to fulfill their dreams.
<http://www.sistaworks.org/>
97. **UWITV:** the online news from all campuses of the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean region.
<https://www.uwivt.org/>
98. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
99. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
100. **YENOBA.COM:** free website featuring many major achievements and important dates for /by people of African Descent. It includes inventions, and leadership that have helped mankind world-wide.
<http://www.yenoba.com/>
101. **ZENVIBA CAPITAL CORPORATION:** a non-profit investment bank that makes direct measurable impacts in underserved urban and rural communities.
<http://www.zenviba.com/index.html>

BOOK SALES FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE

A SHORT LIST OF SITES FOR AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS (REVIEWS AND PURCHASE)

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1. **AFRICA'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 20TH CENTURY** - The ASC (African Studies Center) Leiden Library, compiled a dossier on Africa's 100 Best Books of the 20th Century project. It includes an introduction, the top twelve list, the top hundred list, and a selection of Web resources
<http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/webdossiers/africas-100-best-books-20th-century>
2. **ASHAY BY THE BAY** – African American and Multi-Cultural Children's Books
Online catalog with 600+ bi-lingual and picture books and products. Provides special reading lists online and online or onsite book fairs for fundraising. Orders may be taken online, by email, phone or fax.
www.ashaybythebay.com
3. **THE BLACK BOOK REVIEW ONLINE**
<http://www.qbr.com>
4. **BLACK BOOK PLUS** - Knowledge Books
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, Caribbean, etc.
Publisher + online bookstore: <http://www.blackbookplus.com/KNOWLEDGE%20BOOKS.asp>
5. **BLACK BOOKS DIRECT** – African American History
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, children's books, arts & media, bargain books, etc.
Online bookstore: <http://www.blackbooksdirect.com/history.html>
6. **MARCUS BOOK STORE** - Home Library Must-Haves
NOTE: you may choose from other categories such as art, history, elementary, middle School, high School, politics, science fiction, self-help, etc. Self-directed Book Clubs may meet at the Marcus Bookstore.
Oakland + online: <http://marcusbooksoakland.com/>
7. **PAN AFRICAN CITY LIVE** – Special collection of African and African American books.
Culture and Bookstore in Sunnyvale + online: <http://panafricancity.com/product-category/books/>
8. **PER ANKH PUBLISHERS** (owned by AYI KWEI ARMAH - author of "Two Thousand Seasons")
Online bookstore (Bay Area distributor / facilitator): <http://www.perankhbooks.com/>