

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 cjvatestt@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-IXTMrTIY>

"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!"

MAY 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

MAY 25, 2019: ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY (ALD)

THEME FOR 2019: "Revolutionary Pan-Africanism Calls Us to Unite and Forge a

Definitive Struggle Against Neo-Colonialism: Forward to One Unified Socialist Africa!"

ALD (African Liberation Day) was founded in 1958 when Kwame Nkrumah convened the First Conference of Independent States held in Accra, Ghana that included eight independent African states. Today, ALD is observed as a holiday or special day in African countries, the U.S. and Diaspora. Events include: Formal gatherings with panel discussions; Street marches; Speeches and lectures by political and social leaders; and Rallies featuring cultural entertainment and other activities. It is celebrated as "African Union Day" in Ghana; "Africa Day" in Gambia, Guinea, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia and Zimbabwe; and "Africa Freedom Day" in Zambia.

Check global events on the international website: <https://africanliberationday.net/events/>

ALD is hosted in the Bay Area by the ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

Use the contact info below to confirm your attendance on May 25th

wear white as a symbol of unity (in many parts of Africa, white is a sign of celebration).

Tassafaronga Community Center, 971 - 85th Avenue, Oakland 94621

More info / RSVP: 510.388.4022 / 510.334.2731 / 408.219.0025 / 562.595.1192 / 360.980.1409 OR

<https://africanliberationday.net/event/ald-2019-oakland-ca-u-s/>

2019: YEAR OF RETURN FOR AFRICAN DIASPORA TO GHANA

Ghana rolls out the red carpet to encourage resettlement in the motherland. In Washington, D.C., in September 2018, Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo declared and formally launched the "Year of Return, Ghana 2019" for Africans in the Diaspora, promoting the quest to unite Africans on the continent with their brothers and sisters in the Diaspora.

CHECK PAGES 27 - 29 FOR SPECIAL GHANA TOURS LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL ARTICLE ON THE GHANA PROJECT IN THE UNITED NATION'S AFRICA ONLINE NEWS WEBSITE:

<https://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/december-2018-march-2019/2019-year-return-african-diaspora>

SPECIAL ISSUE OF EBONY MAGAZINE ONLINE WITH INFO FOR THE 2019 YEAR OF RETURN AND GHANA HISTORY :

<https://www.ebony.com/life/travel/ebony-travels-to-ghana-to-mark-400-years-since-the-middle-passage/>

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH

"PIK SENSE OUTA NANSENSE."

(Jamaican proverb)

TRANSLATION: "Pick sense out of nonsense"

EXPLANATION: You can learn something from every situation. Also, some people speak in a roundabout sort of way. Listen attentively, in order to understand fully what is being said to you.

From: The Jamaican Handbook of Proverbs, p. 83 by Island Heart publishers, 1993

By: Vivien Morris Brown

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

"If you move among people, gain respect and trust through speaking openly and truthfully. Those who are trusted and speak truthfully, will become leaders and masters of themselves. Those who master themselves enjoy a good name and are not maligned. They are in good health and their face is turned toward their people. And they are praised without their knowing it."

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

The Book of Ptah-Hotep (p. 43, #VI), c1984 by Maulana Karenga

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

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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

<https://ibw21.org/initiative-posts/naarc-posts/naarc-rolls-out-preliminary-10-point-reparations-plan/>

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

WO'SE SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION WITH SPECIAL SEGMENTS

SUNDAYS, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join us for the Sunday service that includes: Libation to Ancestors; an opening and closing Prayer Circle; Meditation; soul-stirring songs and music; the Litany of Sacrifice; and other inspiring activities followed by a Spiritual Message from one of the WO'SE Ministers and a healthy Karamu (communal meal). Note the special events below for May.

CELEBRATION OF THE ILE OMODE ALUMNI & WO'SE SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 19th, part of the 10:30 am service

This special service will include the annual celebration of graduates from Ile Omode, the WO'SE school. The Ile Omode and The "Stones of Fire" choirs will share inspiring Pan African songs; and WO'SE Minister Hodge will give the Sunday Spiritual Message. The Karamu (community meal) follows.

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR & SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 5th + MAY 19th, part of the 10:30 am service

WO'SE's much praised "Stones of Fire" choir will share inspiring songs from Africa and The African Diaspora. The artistic vocal, rhythmic and soul stirring performances will be enhanced with the Sunday Spiritual Message by WO'SE Emeritus Minister Mxolisi on May 5th and Minister Hodge on May 19th. The Karamu (community meal) follows.

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE & SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 12th, Mother's Day will be celebrated as part of the 10:30 am service

The "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends will provide music that will be interlaced with soul inspiring songs that will get you on your feet! Afterwards, the Sunday Spiritual Message will be by WO'SE Minister Hodge. The Karamu (community meal) follows.

WO'SE MONTHLY SOUL SESSION

MAY 26th: A special Sunday Session for the 10:30 service

During this special monthly session we create an informal healing space for ancestral remembrance, inner reflection and soulful renewal. The session has three sets beginning at 10:30am, 11:30am and 12:30pm that will include: Music & Movement & Message; Healthy Light Food; Spiritual Table Talks; and a Children's Activity Space. The "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends will enhance the service with music to lift the soul and spirit.

AFRICAN DRUMMING SESSIONS

Fridays (May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31), 7 – 8:30 pm

Join Baba Sidney in these "Learn-It-And-Share-It" sessions for those who have the calling for the African drum rhythms and the "Drum-Call" that are grounded in the Motherland of Africa, and are part of the cultural heritage and expressions in the Diaspora. Bring your drum or you are welcome to use the WO'SE drums! Donations appreciated.

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR MAY 2019

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for May 2019

MAY 3 + 4 (Friday + Saturday), 8 - 10 pm; \$ 5 seniors + USF / \$10 general

"EHYEN | IN THE SHIP - A WORK IN PROGRESS BY PHILIP AGYAPONG"

The University of San Francisco Performing Arts Department & the Afro Urban Society present this excerpt/work-in-progress by Philip Ofori-Ata Agyapong. "EHYEN | IN THE SHIP" attempts to explore the memories of Africans who were captured between the 15th and 19th centuries while they lay in the floating ships. Though their cultural and traditional activities were severed from them, their minds still flooded with images of their political, social, and ritual activities. They knew where they came from, but they didn't know where they were going. Yet, they were strong.

Presentation Theater USF, USF School Of Education, 2350 Turk Blvd, San Francisco 94118

More info / Tickets: <https://www.afrourbansociety.com/events/intheship>

MAY 4 (Saturday), 10 am - 6 pm; No Fee

"15th ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO: SAN FRANCISCO"

The San Francisco 15th annual Cinco de Mayo, produced by Mission Neighborhood Centers, is a family friendly celebration that is planned on one of the Mission's new trendy thoroughfares on Valencia Street between 21st and 24th Streets. Attendees will enjoy rich cultural experiences and activities focused on retaining cultural traditions in its community. Talented artists will perform throughout the day featuring traditional Mexican songs as well as salsa, Latin Jazz, Latin Rock, Pop, and other Latin rhythms that have Afro rhythms. Vendors will: provide delicious foods; showcase arts and crafts; and empower the multi-cultural community. The festive, life enriching family event is within walking distance from the 24th Street BART station and easily accessible via MUNI.

Valencia Street between 21st and 24th Streets, San Francisco

More info: 415-206-7752 OR <http://mncsf.org/sfcincodemayo/>

MAY 4 (Saturday), 12 noon - 4 pm; No Fee (advance tickets requested)

"2nd ANNUAL NON PLUS ULTRA KIDS CARNIVAL"

"Non Plus Ultra" brings you this second annual FREE Kids Carnival that will be fun for all ages! The event in the historic Palace of Fine Arts atrium will have: bicycle carousels from Cyclecide, carnival games, glitter art, face painting, balloon twisters, a photo booth, a DIY car paint station, live music, and for-a-fee food / beverages for the youngest and oldest in the family. There will also be interactive games and exhibitors from Microsoft, Junior Chef Stars, Tree Frog Treks, the SF Maritime National Park, Camp EdMo, Volo City and more. Get your free ticket and plan on early arrival to assure entrance. Donations will be accepted for "Project Wreckless", a program targeting the most at-risk youth in San Francisco. Project Wreckless provides tools for life through a curriculum centered around the restoration of classic cars (some will be on exhibit).

Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon Street, San Francisco 94123

More info / Free tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1021122938097460/>

**MAY 4 (Saturday), 4 - 7 pm (for the Black Business Fair); No Fee
7 – 9:30 pm (for David Banner- The God Box); \$ 40 +**

“BLACK BUSINESS FAIR FEATURING DAVID BANNER AND THE GOD BOX LECTURE SERIES”

The Business Fair will feature: booths by Black Businesses; health vans; vendor products and services; fitness programs; and food vendors with African cuisine, vegan BBQ, herbal drinks, and more. There will also be music by DJ Square, Live performances and Spoken Word. Black Business Directories will be available. The lecture and music show (with paid admission / tickets) begins at 7 pm with David Banner, a Grammy Award winning music producer, actor recording artist, philanthropist, and activist. Throughout his career he has also been a prominent and passionate voice in the face of social injustices and activism. Master of Ceremony, Shawn William, is a spoken word artist and writer from Oakland; and is well known for his vivid and sometimes comical storytelling style. The Event Soundtrack will be By DJ SQUAROPOLIS, a true hip-hop historian and muzik connoisseur from East Oakland. OGUNLANO will provide the Libations and Opening (In the Yoruba language, Ogunlano translates as 'the warrior clears the path').

Laney College / Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center (theater), 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-god-box-david-banner-in-oakland-tickets-56715390259>

OR www.GodBoxOak.com

MAY 5 (Sunday), 5 – 6:30 pm; \$5 students + seniors / \$10 general / Free MoAD Members

“CURATORS & ARTISTS IN CONVERSATION / COFFEE, RHUM, SUGAR & GOLD: A POSTCOLONIAL PARADOX”

NOTE: exhibition “Coffee, Rhum, Sugar & Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox”, is on view May 8-August 11, 2019.

Join the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) for a conversation and a special preview of the next exhibition “Coffee, Rhum, Sugar & Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox”. The program brings together artists Andrea Chung and Lavar Munroe (raised in The Bahamas) in dialogue with the exhibition curators Dexter Wimberly and Larry Ossei-Mensah (Ghanaian-American). The conversation will explore the use, influence, and political legacy of the materials described in the title of the exhibition. The core products that have historically been produced in, and exported from the Caribbean to the rest of the world (coffee, rum, sugar and gold) remain highly valuable commodities and commercially important goods. However, these items have lost much of their historical gravity and visibility as key drivers of European colonialism.

Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/curator-artists-talk-coffee-rhum-sugar-gold-a-postcolonial-paradox/?instance_id=15218

Check MoAD website for additional events: <https://www.moadsf.org/calendar/>

MAY 8 (Wednesday), 6 pm; No Fee

“EXPLORING GHANA”

Journalist/Professor Wanda Sabir will share stories of her travels to Ghana. This year has been designated "The Year of Return", and many African nations are inviting African descendants home to celebrate a shared heritage. Ms. Sabir will share details about the biannual Ghanaian Panafest (for 2019: July 25 – August 3), that will feature many outstanding performances, celebrities and activities. She will also provide information about a variety of tour packages.

Main Library (Walters Auditorium), 125 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-238-3134 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/main-library/spring-travel-series-exploring-ghana>

MAY 9 (Thursday), 6:30 – 8:30 pm; \$ 15 student + senior / \$20 general / \$10 MoAD members

“CHEF-IN-RESIDENCE BRYANT TERRY PRESENTS LAND, LOCAL FOOD, AND LIBERATION”

Join the stimulating conversation with Leah Penniman (co-founder of Soul Fire Farm and author of “Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm’s Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land”) and Dr. Ashanté M. Reese (professor and author of “Black Food Geographies: Race, Self-Reliance, and Food Access in Washington, D.C.”. They will discuss historical and contemporary anti-black racism in the food system; food access in urban and rural communities; locally-owned and driven solutions; and moments of joy, inspiration and strength.

The conversation will be followed by a book signing and reception with drinks and small bites.

Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/chef-in-residence-bryant-terry-presents-land-local-food-and-liberation/?instance_id=15219

Check MoAD website for additional events: <https://www.moadsf.org/calendar/>

MAY 9 (Thursday), 12:30 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT: CONFRONTING URBAN INJUSTICE”

A Community - University Symposium

The Symposium will bring together community activists, non-profit organizations, journalists, and academics to explore the multiple urban injustices afflicting the Bayview-Hunters Point (BVHP) neighborhood and discuss potential areas of collaborative, action-research that might involve the BVHP community and students / faculty at UC Berkeley. BVHP in San Francisco, is home to a long-standing struggle for urban justice, environmental, racial and health equity, housing affordability, and access to employment. Today, the Candlestick Point-Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Project, that includes environmental clean-up of past military and industrial activities at the Hunters Point Shipyard, has been revealed to be fraudulent with falsified data. The symposium will begin with registration and a complimentary lunch, followed by: a welcome by Professor Jason Corburn; introduction of community members; and two panel discussions that will focus on the BVHP issues and opportunities and challenges for action-research collaborations between the university and community stakeholders. The event is organized by the Institute of Urban and Regional Development (IURD) at UC Berkeley, in collaboration with Oxford Brookes University and the BVHP Community.

Berkeley Way West Colloquium (Room 1102) , 2121 Berkeley Way, University of California Berkeley 94704

More info / Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bayview-hunters-point-confronting-urban-injustice-tickets-60225080838?aff=erelexpmlt>

MAY 9 (Thursday), 6 - 10 pm; \$ TBA

“SUN-REPORTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY”

“The Sun Reporter” is the newspaper where San Francisco and Bay Area doctors, lawyers, business executives, political and religious leaders and educators obtain the news that truly affects their lives and their families throughout the Afro / black community. It began as “The Reporter” in 1944, founded and edited by Thomas C. Fleming; and it soon merged with “The Sun”, by Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, Fleming’s longtime friend. The “Sun-Reporter” was launched by Goodlett as the sole publisher, and in 1971 Dr. Goodlett added seven Metro-Reporters and the California Voice to his publications.

Hyatt Regency San Francisco, 5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 94111

More info / Tickets: 415-671-1000 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/sun-reporter-75th-anniversarymay-9/>

MAY 10 + 11 (Friday + Saturday) 8 pm (doors open 7 pm); \$42.50 +

“MULATU ASTATKE”

Mulatu Astatke is an Ethiopian musician and arranger best known as the father and pioneer of Ethio-jazz music. In the radical musical scene of the Sixties, he met and hung out with John Coltrane, who was intrigued to meet an African musician blending music in this fashion. Duke Ellington visited in 1973 and performed with Mulatu at one of his final live appearances in Africa. Mulatu also took part in the “National Black Arts Festival” in Nigeria, where he presented a music production called “Our Struggle”. It was here that he witnessed live shows by Fela Kuti, and Sun Ra. AND NOW for you!

The UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall, 2036 University Avenue, Berkeley 94704

More info / Tickets: 510-356-4000 OR

https://www.theuctheatre.org/event/1828347/?fbclid=IwAR1qBBYF7IZfWHbWOc0SJbn7Jmm_gzG7V0h6O1FpdxX_r9mqyfSMe8pwETI

MAY 11 (Saturday), 10 am – 3:30 pm (please arrive early); No Fee (registration required)

“ILLUMINATING OUR SPIRITS”

Be Still: Annual Retreat to Learn About Stress Reduction and Self Care

This annual event for Afro-women is organized to renew/refresh/regain self-care. Selected activities for the event include: a 9am “Mindfulness Walk” + a Dynamic Women Panel with Yaya, BWMPWP CAB Member and Brandi Mack + Farm(her) + Deep Relaxation to Reduce Stress with Dr. Frank Staggers, Jr. + Soul Chi with Master Instructor Malaak

Atkins, + Workshop by Jenee Johnson, Certified Professional Co-Active Coach + much more! Be ready to “Go Green” and bring a bottle of water. There will be complimentary lunch and snacks. The event is organized by the Health and Human Resource Education Center (HHREC), P.E.E.R.S., and others.

Preservation Park (Niles Hall), 660 13th Street, Oakland 94612 (across from Preservation Park)

NOTE: Free Parking @ City Center West Garage - 1250 Martin Luther king Jr. Way

More info / Registration: 510-834-5990 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-still-tickets-59453939333>

MAY 11 (Saturday), 2 pm; \$9+ / \$6 for SF Cinematheque + YBCA members

“TRIPLE CONSCIOUSNESS: FILMS BY AKOSUA ADOMA OWUSU”

Drawing from W.E.B. Du Bois’ concept of double consciousness, Ghanaian-American filmmaker Akosua Adoma Owusu creates works of cinema embodying a “triple consciousness”, the collision of identities of the African immigrant in the United States. Working in the traditions of Third Cinema, Owusu’s films swirl with a mixture of intersecting subjectivities and perspectives including feminism, queerness and the experience of African immigrants interacting in African, white American, and Afro/black American cultures. Owusu appears in person with Leila Weefur of a local curatorial collective (“The Black Aesthetic”), to discuss recent works.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA), 701 Mission Street, San Francisco 94103

More info / Tickets: 415-978-2700 OR 415-978-2787 OR <https://ybca.org/whats-on/triple-consciousness>

NOTE: check another special event at YBCA:

“Celebrating Ten Years of MediaJustice”, May 16 (Free Third Thursday), 5 pm

<https://ybca.org/whats-on/may-third-thursday>

MAY 16 (Thursday), 6 – 7:30 pm; No Fee

“CARLITOS MEDRANO & SABOR DE MI CUBA”

Havana-born Carlitos Medrano has played an important role in the Bay Area’s Latin music scene over the past decade. After several years as a sought-after sideman, he decided to launch Sabor De Mi Cuba, a band dedicated to hard-charging Afro-Cuban salsa. Since releasing his debut album in 2012, Medrano has earned a reputation as a world-class purveyor of authentic Cuban soul.

Yerba Buena Gardens / Jessie Square, 760 Mission Street, San Francisco 94103

More info: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/carlitos-medrano/>

MAY 16 – 19 (Thursday – Saturday, 8pm / Saturday + Sunday, 3 pm);

Thursday, Saturday Matinee, Sunday = "pay what you can" / Friday & Saturday, 8 pm = \$17 general

“WE LIVE HERE! PERFORMANCE BY IDRIS ACKAMOOOR & THE PYRAMIDS”

“We Live Here!” celebrates Cultural Odyssey’s 40th Anniversary Season of paying homage to the musical developments, genres and world influencing musicians who have resided and made the San Francisco Bay Area their home. It is a personal multi-media “odyssey” as seen through the eyes of composer/multi-instrumentalist, Idris Ackamoor, one of the progenitors of “African influenced Jazz” from the 70s and on into the 21st Century! “We Live Here!” will also reflect the topical social issue of artist dislocation, the diminishing presence of African Americans in San Francisco, and the displacement, and the conflicts that are engendered by gentrification and technological progress.

Brava's Cabaret / Theater Center, 2773 24th Street San Francisco 94110

More info / Tickets: 415-641-7657 OR <https://www.brava.org/all-events/2019/5/16/we-live-here>

MAY 18 (Saturday), 11 am – 7 pm; No Fee

“19TH ANNUAL MALCOLM X JAZZ AND ARTS FESTIVAL”

Join EastSide Arts Alliance for the 19th Annual Malcolm X Jazz and Arts Festival; featuring local musicians, poets, artists, vendors and the community. Performances on the Jazz Stage include: Avotcja and Modúpue, the John Santos Quartet with special guest Bobi Céspedes and David Murray, Howard Wiley and Extra Nappy; and a Tribute to Aretha Franklin with Ms Faye Carol, Dwight Trible, La Favi, and Shavon Moore. Dance Performances on the Katherine Dunham Dance Stage will include: Girl Project, Cunamacué: Son de Los Diablos, and dana fitchett/ defDances and La Mezcla. Poets on the Javad Jahi Stage will include: Tango Eisen-Martin, Tureeda Mikell, Arnoldo Garcia, and more! In the Graf Court there will be: the Historic Archives of Mike "Dream" Francisco; and live painting by SF legends JOKER1, TWICK, CHEPH. There will be more performances in the Dream Courts by Nette Brielle, Afro Urban Society, Sister Iminah, Shy'An G, Gold Honey and a Tribute to Pam the Funkstress. There will also be skate ramps, art demos, as well as Music by DJ Agana and more! Enjoy the kid zone and food court featuring international flavors; and stroll through the Artisan Gallery to support the many talented vendors that will be set up at the festival.

San Antonio Park, 1701 E 19th Street, Oakland 94606

More info: 510-533-6629 OR https://www.facebook.com/events/817027901987926/?active_tab=about

MAY 18 (Saturday), 3 – 6 pm; No Fee

“ARTESTEEM EXHIBITION: OPENING RECEPTION”

NOTE: The exhibit continues until May 31st

The Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC) invites the public to ArtEsteem’s Exhibition, “Reflections of Me and My World: Painting Our Power”, at the location in West Oakland. The exhibit event will feature over 100 pieces of art created by children and youth, ages 4 to 19. The opening reception will showcase vibrant live performances of West African drumming and there will be craft projects (suitable for all ages) on the mobile art truck. Check the website below to learn about the Mobile Art Truck, the Racial Healing series and other special projects.

Attitudinal Healing Connection, 1980 Mandela Parkway, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/>

MAY 18 (Saturday), 6 – 11 pm; \$27 + NOTE: Call To Confirm Date And Time.

“BHS MALCOLM X BANQUET - A BLACK TIE AFFAIR”

You are invited to join the Berkeley High School (BHS) African American Studies Department (AASD) in the final featured event for the semi-centennial celebration of the AASD that is also scheduled to celebrate the birthday of Malcolm X, el-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz. The Honorees will be: Mama Naomi Washington as she retires from the Afro-Haitian Dance Department of BHS; Mrs. Karen Hemphill, after serving 12 consecutive years as School Board Director; and Rev. Dr. Robert McKnight who served as a teacher and chair of the African American Studies Department for at least three decades! This Black Tie/African Attire Affair is a key fundraising initiative designed to further the mission of the AASD and expand student scholarship offerings. Be ready for Great Food, Dancing & Good Times & Cash Bar!

Emeryville Center of Community Life, 4727 San Pablo Avenue, Emeryville 94608

More info / Tickets: 510-883-4468 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bhs-malcolm-x-banquet-a-black-tie-affair-tickets-59751527427?aff=erelexpmlt>

MAY 19 (Sunday), 12 noon – 2:30 pm (doors open 11:30 am); \$ 20

“EDUCATION FOR CHANGE YOUTH ARTS FUNDRAISER”

E.W Wainwright 80th Birthday Celebration!

You are invited to help lift the volume! Join the fundraiser with performances by: Oakland Spirit Orchestra; Hosted by OUSD; Learning Without Limits Drummers Sounds of Love; and African Roots of Jazz Performing Arts Academy.

Yoshi's Oakland, 510 Embarcadero West / Jack London Square, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-238-9200 OR

<https://www.yoshis.com/event/1821235-education-for-change-youth-oakland/>

MAY 23 (Thursday), 6 - 9 pm; No Fee

“ARTIST TALK: SMOKE AND MIRRORS: THE WAR ON DRUGS”

You may also visit the exhibit that continues until August 31

The African American Art & Culture Complex (AAACC) presents this community awareness exhibit with special events to investigate impacts of the ongoing war on drugs campaign. By exploring the messaging, propaganda, and branding historically used to shift the narrative about cannabis and hemp, the exhibition looks to dispel the myths about this flower. Check the website for future related events in June, July and August.

African American Art & Culture Complex , 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-922-2049 OR <http://aaacc.org/event/smoke-and-mirrors-the-war-on-drugs/>

MAY 23 (Thursday), 7:30 pm at Red Bay Coffee, Oakland; \$ 8 +

MAY 25 (Saturday), 7 pm at Roxie Theater, San Francisco; \$9 seniors / \$13 general

“FRANTZ FANON: BLACK SKIN, WHITE MASK: FILM SCREENING”

MATATU & The Roxie Cinema invite you to two film screenings of “Frantz Fanon: Black Skin, White Mask” that will be followed by an audience interactive discussion and Q&A with Directors Mark Nash and Isaac Julien. The event will be moderated by Leigh Raiford, Associate Professor of African American Studies at UC Berkeley. The “Frantz Fanon: Black Skin, White Mask” film, produced in 1995, explores Fanon's two major works, “Black Skin, White Masks” and “The Wretched of the Earth”, that were pioneering studies of the psychological impact of racism on both colonized and colonizer. Isaac Julien elegantly weaves together interviews with family members and friends, documentary footage, readings from Fanon's work and dramatizations of crucial moments in Fanon's life.

MAY 23: Red Bay Coffee Roastery & Coffee Bar, 3098 East 10th Street, Oakland 94601

MAY 25: Roxie Theater, 3117 16th Street, San Francisco

More info / Tickets: <https://www.matatu.co/routes/fanon-film>

MAY 24 (Friday), 5 – 9 pm; No Fee (registration requested)

“AFRICANS RISING FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND DIGNITY: AFRICA DAY- BAY AREA 2019”

The Afro Urban Society + the Priority Africa Network + The Umoja Festival + ThriveAfrica.us + the Oakland Museum of California invite you to celebrate Africa Day (formerly African Freedom Day and African Liberation Day), the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU, now known as the African Union) that occurs on May 25, 1963. It is celebrated in various countries on the African continent, as well as around the world.

Part of the mission: “We are determined to foster an Africa-wide solidarity and unity of purpose of the Peoples of Africa to build the Future we want – a right to peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity.”

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Register: 415-320-6534 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/africa-day-bay-area-2019-tickets-60711189803?aff=erelexpmlt>

MAY 25 (Saturday), 12 noon – 5 pm; No Fee (RSVP requested)

“2019 AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY (ALD) CELEBRATION”

During the first Pan-African conference ever held on African soil, the first “African Freedom Day” was celebrated. It was a day of unity and solidarity punctuated with political education and cultural entertainment. With the creation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on May 25, 1963, African Freedom Day became “African Liberation Day” (ALD) and has been celebrated not only in Africa but throughout the world. Since 1976, the All-African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APRP) has organized ALD in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and the U.S. It is in the spirit of the first African Freedom Day that A-APRP is organizing the 61st anniversary of this historic occasion. Today, as it was 1963, wherever you find African people, we suffer from the same conditions: racism, poverty, unemployment, capitalist exploitation, police terrorism and white supremacy. ALD will be hosted in the Bay Area by the All-African People's Revolutionary Party. Join the celebration and wear white as a symbol of unity (in many parts of Africa, white is a sign of celebration).

Tassafaronga Community Center, 971 - 85th Avenue, Oakland 94621

More info / RSVP: 510.388.4022 / 510.334.2731 / 408.219.0025 / 562.595.1192 / 360.980.1409 OR

<https://africanliberationday.net/event/ald-2019-oakland-ca-u-s/>

MAY 25 + 26 (Saturday + Sunday); No Fee for public events

"41ST ANNUAL CARNAVAL SAN FRANCISCO 2019"

2019 Carnaval Theme: "Culture Heals / La Cultura Cura"

Join the celebration at the 41st annual Carnaval San Francisco! The 2-day festival will be held May 25th and May 26th; and the 2019 Grand Parade will be held on May 26th at 9:30am. Watch the brilliant processions, depicting rich multicultural themes. "Los Tigres del Norte", the world-renowned and Grammy and Latin Grammy award-winning band will headline the festival, and is slated to give a free performance on Saturday, May 25th at 3 pm in the Mission District's Calle 24 Latino Cultural District. Experience the global cuisine, international music, dance, arts & crafts, and other fun activities and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy on every street corner. The Carnaval San Francisco features traditions from West Africa, South America and the Caribbean. Check the website below for special events and more.

Harrison Street between 16th and 24th Streets, San Francisco 94110

More info / contact: 415-206-0577 OR <http://www.carnavalsanfrancisco.org/>

MAY 25 + 26 (Saturday + Sunday), 12 noon; \$53.75 +

"KBLX STONE SOUL 2019 CONCERT"

It's the 22nd Annual Stone Soul concert....with TWO DAYS of Stone Soul Magic over the Memorial Day Weekend. Artists for Saturday include: Maxwell, Ledisi, Raheem Devaughn, Eric Benet and Kindred the Family Soul. Sunday's soul stirrers will include: Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Jeffrey Osborne, Stephanie Mills, Cameo, Lakeside and Club Nouveau.

Concord Pavilion, 2000 Kirker Pass Road, Concord 94521

More info / Tickets: 415-546-8300 OR <https://kblx.com/stone-soul-2019/> OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/stone-soul-concert-may-25-26/>

MAY 26 (Sunday), 1 - 2:20 pm (Dancehall Workshop) + 2:30 - 3:50 pm (Afro Workshop); \$ 22 +

"JAY- C FROM PARIS IN THE BAY!"

Jay-C is back!! Originally from Cameroon and now based in France, Jay-C is an internationally-renowned Dancehall, Afrobeats and Hip Hop dancer and choreographer. Jay-C is praised as an energetic, powerful, graceful and passionate dancer who communicates enthusiasm, good humor and the joy of dancing to his audience & students. He works with: the world-wide collaborative group Dancehall funk; renowned hip hop crew "All-In" (based in France); and the "Invictus" Dancehall/ Afro crew. He has received many international awards and prizes.

Rae Studios, 414 Mason Street #705, San Francisco 94102

More info / Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jay-c-from-paris-in-the-bay-tickets-58691233058?aff=erelexpmlt#tickets>

MAY 27 (Monday), 12 noon – 7 pm, \$ 5 +

"AFRO SOCA LOVE: OAKLAND *OUTDOOR FESTIVAL*"

The "Afro Soca Love: Oakland" Day Party is an Afro-Caribbean celebration of LOVE. A block party atmosphere with an African and Caribbean twist that will have fun-filled activities that promise to leave our tribe of LOVE yearning for more.

The event features: an outdoor main stage with international performers that will dance your heart away; and an outdoor drinking village and shopper's marketplace with various vendors from Africa, the Caribbean, and the Bay Area! In an effort to promote unity while sharing African and Caribbean culture, the Afro Soca Love organization lives by their mission: "We live by culture and lead by love".

Lot 13, 341 13th Street, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: info@afrosocalove.com OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/afro-soca-love-oakland-outdoor-festival-tickets-59866898505?aff=erelexpmlt>

MAY 31 + JUNE 1 (Friday + Saturday), 8 am – 5 pm; No Fee

“12TH ANNUAL BLACK HEALTH AND HEALING SUMMIT: IMANI - REIGNITING BLACK LOVE AND BLACK JOY”

The Rafiki Coalition for Health & Wellness presents the 12th Annual Black Health and Healing Summit, with the theme “Imani: Re-igniting Black Love & Black Joy” (Imani means Faith in Swahili). The Summit is a 2-day celebration bringing the community, community-based organizations, and university-based programs together to dialogue, educate, and connect around the inequities in the Black/African American community. The Summit kicks off with a community drumming circle on Friday morning. On both days, participants can expect: nationally-known dynamic speakers; health symposia; health screenings; local performers and artists; nutritious food; produce/farming information; and free therapeutic massage, chiropractic and acupuncture services. There will be an outdoor vendor fair with natural health and beauty products and a Pop Up village where attendees can try their hands at making healthy products. The event is for the whole community and for all ages. Families are welcome and encouraged; and there will be a children’s area with books, story time, and hands on interactive activities. Contact Rafiki if you wish to participate and/or volunteer.

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

More info / Register: 415-615-9945 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/1273437096137379/>

MAY 31 (Friday), 7 pm + June 2 (Sunday), 2 pm; \$ 25 +

“8th SPIRIT OF BRAZIL FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE”

“Spirit of Brazil ’19” presents the artistic elements of Capoeira through a fusion of contemporary and traditional music, dance, and martial arts from Brazil. Born out of a resistance to oppression and now internationally practiced, Capoeira’s history reminds us of the power of resistance, a message that is still relevant today. “Spirit of Brazil” explores Capoeira as a living language and a form of problem-solving. The dynamic acrobatic and athletic movements and heart-thumping rhythms will leave you inspired! The event is presented in partnership with the SF International Arts Festival and Fort Mason; and is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the SF Grants for the Arts.

Fort Mason Gallery 308 Theater (Landmark Building A), 2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco 94123

Purchase Tickets: 415-399-9554 OR https://www.sfiaf.org/abada_capoeira

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO’SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for May 2019

“TAKE ROOT: OAKLAND GROWS FOOD”

Now until November, 2019 (check for exhibit days/times + fees)

An exhibition exploring the ecological and cultural factors of how and why food is grown in Oakland. Enjoy this hands-on exhibition with the entire family and: hear personal stories from farmers and growers within the community; see compelling illustrations and maps; and meet the diverse flavors of Oakland! Learn what motivations Oaklanders have for growing food (including access to healthy and delicious ingredients); environmental and social justice values; or simply the joy of tending a garden. Visitors are invited to: share personal stories, explore interactive activities, and gain a deeper understanding of Oakland’s agriculture.

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-318-8400 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/take-root-oakland-grows-food>

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

FOLKLORIC AFRO-CUBAN RHYTHM & DANCE

Every 1st & 3rd Sundays, 3 – 5 pm

Come enjoy the Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances, and songs of rumba. Rumba is the word used for a group of related, community-oriented, music and dance styles in Cuba. Rumba developed in rural Cuba, with strong influences from African drumming and Spanish poetry and singing. Donations appreciated.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94705

More info / Registration: 510-849-2568 OR <https://lapena.org/event/cuban-rumba-jam-community-event/all/>

CAPOEIRA ANGOLA

Instructor: Sergio Bitencour

Tuesdays 7pm-9pm (January 8th – July 30th) & Saturdays 2pm-4pm (January 12th – July 27th)

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. 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-2/2019-01-29/>

NOTE: Check additional centers at the International Capoeira Angola Foundation (Oakland), 510-545-2022

"MINDFUL DRUMMING MEDITATION"

Experience the twin concepts of rhythm and sound-wave vibration as a way of meditation. Mindful Drumming is an expedient way of tapping into one's natural rhythm; and it brings one into the now and into one's joy and happiness.

Sessions are facilitated by Baba Kokomon Clotney who has a MBA; and is a master drummer, storyteller, record producer, author and teacher. He is also the cofounder and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection Inc., in Oakland, California and in Ghana, West Africa. He was born to the Ga Adagbe group in Accra that is rich with ancient codes of conduct, deep spiritual beliefs, and rituals of power. He is cherished for his contributions.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / Registration: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/mindful-drumming-1>

"COLOR THEORY - RACIAL HEALING CIRCLE"

Racism is defined as a life threatening disease. Come to engage in deep dialogue and explore personal beliefs, fears, and attitudes about race in a safe and non-judgmental environment. This is a monthly dialogue for community building.

The Racial Healing Circle is 28 years old and is an offering to the local and global community.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / RSVP: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/new-events>

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES & THE OAKLAND MUSEUM

ALL BRANCHES & MAIN LIBRARY: <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>

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

510-637-0200 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/african-american-museum-library-oakland>

Martin Luther King Jr. Branch, 6833 International Boulevard, Oakland 94621

English As A Second Language Conversation Club

510-615-5728 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/martin-luther-king-jr-branch>

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland 94612

Storytime & Bike Library Fridays

510-318-8400 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/oakland-museum-california>

West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

510-238-7352 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/locations/west-oakland-branch>

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://opcmusic.org/programs/#bgp_slide

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/>

RAFIKI COALITION: BUILDING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY SINCE 1986

Rafiki Coalition's mission is to eliminate inequalities in San Francisco's Black and marginalized communities through education, advocacy, and by providing health and wellness services including, but not limited to, health education, movement classes, health screenings, advocacy, transitional housing and case management services for people living with HIV/AIDS, trauma resiliency and mental health circles, and other health-promoting activities. Although based in San Francisco, the Bay Area attends and benefits from the activities. Check their monthly calendar of events.

More info: 415-615-9945 OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/>

SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS & RADIO / TV SHOWS TO WATCH ONLINE

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1. "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/>
2. REPARATIONS NOW, 27TH AUGUST, 2018
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pMxDArg3RA&feature=youtu.be>
A discussion on Reparations involving: Eddy Grant, International Musician and Businessman; Commodore Gary Best; Eric Phillips and Johnatan Adams, of the Guyana Reparations Committee.
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"
<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 (You may also link to films for Seasons 1 – 8)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop/#season9>
10. Our Story Docuseries E2 || Youth Voices (EPISODE #2) from the Oakland Organizing Project
1035 W Grand Ave Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 891-1219 / info@blackorganizingproject.org
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1wg-KlrMOs>
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
11. The 2018 Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture, in partnership with the Motsepe Foundation. A special celebration and events for Mandela's 100th birthday. Includes speech by former U.S. President Barack Obama.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mviqiDKIqDc>
Additional lectures (2003 +): <https://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/annual-lecture>
12. Wanda's Picks Radio Show
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/wandas-picks/2019/01/16/wandas-picks-radio-show>
13. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA TV with Johnnie Burrell, an independent internet television producer in San Francisco, California.
<https://internationalmediatv.com/video/broadcasts10.html>

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MAY 2019

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MAY 1: "Labour (Labor) Day / International Labor Day / Workers' Day" in over 70 countries in Africa, the Caribbean and South America; "May Day" in Eritrea, The Gambia, Ghana and Libya; and "Labor and Agriculture Day" in Haiti. **MAY 4:** "Cassinga Day" (Remembering heroes from the Battle of Cassinga) in Namibia. **MAY 5:** "Patriots' Victory Day (Arbegnoch Qen)" in Ethiopia; and "Arrival Day" in Guyana. **MAY 6:** "Labour Day" in Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts & Nevis. **MAY 8:** "Victory Day" in French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion, Saint Barthelemy, and Saint Martin; and "National Elections Day" in South Africa. **MAY 14:** "President Kamuzu Banda's Birthday" in Malawi; and "National Unification Day" in Liberia. **MAY 16:** "SPLA Day (Sudan People's Liberation Army)" in South Sudan. **MAY 17:** "Liberation Day" in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire). **MAY 18:** "Flag and University Day" in Haiti; and "Restoration of Somaliland Sovereignty Day" in Somalia. **MAY 20:** "National Day" in Cameroon. **MAY 21:** "Saint Helena Day" in Saint Helena. **MAY 22:** "Abolition Day" in Martinique. **MAY 23:** "National Labour Day" in Jamaica. **MAY 24:** "Independence Day" in Eritrea. **MAY 25:** "African Liberation Day" (President Yahya Jammeh's Birthday) in The Gambia; "African Freedom Day" in Zambia; "Africa Day / Heroes' Day" in Lesotho; "Africa Day" (OAU Anniversary) in Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, and Zimbabwe. **MAY 26:** "Independence Day" in Guyana. **MAY 27:** "Sovereigns' Day" in Belize; "National Heroes' Day" in Turks & Caicos; and "Abolition Day" in Guadeloupe. **MAY 28:** "Dergue Downfall Day" (National Day) in Ethiopia; and "Abolition Day" in Saint Martin. **MAY 29:** "Presidential Inauguration" in Nigeria. **MAY 30:** "Ascension Day" in many African, Caribbean and many other Diaspora nations; "Anguilla Day" (Anguilla's independence from the joint statehood of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla in 1967); and "Arrival Day" in Trinidad & Tobago.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR MAY

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More info is available on these two websites: <http://www.blackfacts.com> and <http://www.yenoba.com/>

- May 1:** 1867 - Howard University opened. The U.S. Senate approved its charter on March 2, 1867.
1975 - Paul Lawrence Dunbar was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
1976 - AZAPO / Azanian People's Organization was founded for Black Consciousness in South Africa.
1997 - Alexis H. Herman became the first Afro to be U.S. Secretary of Labor.
1998 - Eldridge Cleaver made his transition to the next life.
- May 2:** 1920 - The first baseball game of the Negro League was played in Indiana.
1994 - Nelson Mandela was victorious in South Africa's first ever multi-racial election.
- May 3:** 1855 - Macon B. Allen became the first African American formally admitted to the bar in Massachusetts.
1948 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Afros could not be prevented from owning or occupying property.
1978 - Ernest "Dutch" Morial was elected as the first African American mayor of New Orleans.
- May 4:** 1897 - J.H. Smith's lawn sprinkler was patented.
1961 - CORE organization began "Freedom Bus Rides" to protest segregated bus terminals in Southern, U.S.
1970 - Charles Cordone won the Pulitzer Prize for his play "No Place To Be Somebody".
- May 5:** 1905 - Robert Sengstacke Abbott began publishing "The Chicago Defender" weekly newspaper.
1941 - Ethiopian Guerillas recaptured Addis Ababa from Italian fascists.
1950 - Gwendolyn Brooks became the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize, for "Annie Allen".
- May 6:** 1960 - U.S. Civil Rights Bill was enacted by Congress.
1962 - Saint Martin De Porres was canonized as a Saint in Rome by Pope John XXIII.

- 1969 - Howard Lee was elected as the first Afro Mayor of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 1995 - Ron Kirk became the first African American Mayor of Dallas, Texas, with 62% of the vote.
- May 7:** 1878 - J.R. Winter patented the fire escape (Patent # 203,517).
- 1943 - "The Liberty Ship" (SS George Washington Carver) was launched.
- 1946 - William H. Hastie, the first Governor of African Descent was inaugurated in the Virgin Islands.
- 1963 - Birmingham demonstration and crisis.
- May 8:** 1888 - M. A. Cherry patented the "velocipede" (the early bicycle). Patent #382,351.
- 1953 - Following the arrest of Jomo Kenyatta and over a thousand Mau Mau suspects, the Mau Mau carried out their biggest raid on a fortified police camp.
- 1965 - Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians was founded by Muhal R. Abrams.
- 1970 - The Black Panther "Chicago Seven" indictment was dropped.
- May 9:** 1862 - Enslaved people were freed in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.
- 1899 - J. A. Burr patented the Lawn Mower (Patent #624,749).
- May 10:** 1968 - A public school in Brooklyn, was named for noted scientist and inventor, Lewis H. Latimer.
- 1969 - SASO (South African Students' Organization) was founded.
- 1994 - Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as President of South Africa.
- May 11:** 1981 - "Bob" Robert Marley, "Reggae King" made his transition to the next life while in Miami, Florida.
- May 12:** 1871 - A sit-in staged by an African American teenager caused integration of segregated street cars in Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1898 - The "Grandfather Clause" was adopted by Louisiana State to eliminate Afro voters.
- 1902 - Joe Gans became the first African American to win a world crown in boxing.
- 1955 - Samuel "Toothpick" Jones pitched a No-Hitter in Major League Baseball. He was the first Afro and the first to pitch a No-Hitter in 40 years.
- 1967 - H Pap Brown replaced Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael) as head of SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee).
- 1990 - Lawrence Douglas Wilder, Afro Governor of Virginia ordered all state agencies to divest from any companies that had connections with South Africa (that was then under apartheid).
- May 13:** 1862 - Robert Smalls captured The Planter, a confederate ship.
- 1888 - Slavery was abolished in Brazil.
- 1985 - Eleven People in an Afro Community in Philadelphia were killed in a police bombing from the air.
- 1990 - George Stallings became the first Bishop of the Black Catholic Church. He broke with the Roman Catholic church in 1989, citing its failure to meet the needs of black Catholics.
- May 14:** 1792 - Slavery was abolished in Denmark.
- 1961 - Freedom Riders' bus was bombed and set afire by segregationists in Alabama.
- 1969 - John B. McLendon, with the Denver Nuggets, became the ABA's first African American coach.
- 1999 - Delores Kendrick was appointed Poet Laureate for the District of Columbia, Washington.
- May 15:** 1820 - U.S. Congress declared foreign slave trade an act of piracy punishable by death.
- May 16:** 1997 - U.S. Government issued apology for Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment. Signed by President Bill Clinton.
- May 17:** 1954 - U.S. Supreme Court declared school desegregation unconstitutional in Brown vs. Board of Education.
- 1957 - "Prayer Pilgrimage" led by Martin Luther King" in Washington DC for the Voting Rights Act with over 15,000 participants.
- 1969 - William Christopher Handy, "Father of the Blues" was commemorated on a U.S. Postage stamp.
- 1970 - Thor Heyerdahl set sail from Morocco to Latin America on the papyrus boat, Ra II, to prove his theory that ancient Egyptians made similar voyages 4,000 years ago.

- May 18: 1896** - The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the “separate but equal” doctrine in Plessy vs. Ferguson.
- May 19: 1925** - Birthday of Malcolm X / Omowale / El Hajj Malik El Shabazz.
- 1965** - Patricia Roberts Harris, Harvard Law Professor, appointed U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg. She became the first Afro woman to be appointed as an Ambassador.
- 1977** - President Jomo Kenyatta banned big-game hunting in Kenya in an attempt to conserve wildlife.
- 1993** - Rita Dove, University of Virginia Professor, was appointed U.S. Poet Laureate.
- May 20: 1704** - Elias Neau founded the school for enslaved people in New York.
- 1746** - Toussaint L’ Ouverture, leader of the Haiti Revolution, was born.
- 1868** - P.B.S. Pinchback and James J. Harris served as delegates to the National Republican Convention in Chicago. Note, the Convention produced the first African Americans to political positions.
- 1890** - John Stephens Durham was named U.S. Council to the Dominican Republic.
- May 21: 1833** - African American students enrolled in classes at the newly established Oberlin College in Ohio.
- 1965** - Selma to Montgomery March.
- 1975** - Lowell W. Perry was confirmed as Chair of the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission.
- May 22: 1955** - Union of the Peoples of Cameroon (UPC) Party banned by the French colonials after a clash.
- 1966** - William “Bill” Cosby received an Emmy dramatic series award for his role in “I Spy”.
- 1967** - Langston Hughes (poet laureate, playwright and author) made his transition.
- May 23: 1832** - Sam Sharpe, main instigator of the 1831 Slave Rebellion in Jamaica, was hanged. In 1975, Jamaica proclaimed Sharpe a National Hero. Sharpe is also featured on the Jamaican \$50 bill.
- 1871** - L. Bell patented the Locomotive smoke stack (Patent# 115,153).
- 1878** - Attorney John Henry Smyth was named U.S. Minister to Liberia.
- 1964** - A miscalculation” by the U.S. resulted in 1 kilogram of plutonium being released into the atmosphere above Africa.
- 1982** - Lee P. Brown became the first Afro Police Commissioner for Houston, Texas.
- 1986** - The U.S. expelled the South African military attaché in response to raids by South African forces into Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on May 19th.
- May 24: 1854** - Lincoln University, the 1st Black college in the U.S., was founded by John Miller Dickey and Sarah Emlen Cresson.
- 1887** - E. McCoy, E. patented the Lubricator for Safety Valves (Patent No. 363,529).
- 1921** - Massacre and internment of African Americans in the Oklahoma race riot.
- 1951** - The Municipal Court of Appeals ruled that racial segregation in restaurants was illegal.
- 1954** - Dr. Peter Marshall was the first Afro elected as president of the New York County Medical Society.
- 1974** - “Duke” (Edward Kennedy) Ellington, legendary composer and band leader, made his transition.
- 1983** - U.S Supreme Court ruled that private schools practicing racial discrimination could not be granted tax exemption status.
- 1993** - Eritrea became independent after a 30 year civil war with Ethiopia.
- May 25: 1935** - Jessie Owens broke 5 world records and tied a sixth in the Big Ten Championship at Ohio State Univ.
- 1951** - Willie Mays joined Major League Baseball at age 20.
- 1963** - OAU / Organization of African Unity was founded in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and African Liberation Day (ALD) was declared.
- May 26: 1845** - Joseph Hawkins received a patent for the improved gridiron that allowed for different items to be cooked at different level of heat intensity, thus enabling cooks to heat several types of food at once.
- 1872** - T.J. Marshall patented a variation of the Fire Extinguisher (Patent #125,063).
- 1943** - Liberian President, Edwin Barclay became the first African President to visit the U.S. President.

- 1954 - Kamal el-Mallakh, inspector at the Great Pyramid at Giza, discovered Khufu's (Cheops) boat.
- 1956 - Althea Gibson became the first person of African descent to win the French Open for tennis.
- 1961 - The Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee was established in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1965 - The Voting Rights Bill was passed in the U.S. Senate by a 77-19 vote.
- 1968 - Arthur Ashe became the first man of African descent to win the National Men's Singles in the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association Open Tournament.
- 1969 - National Black Economic Development Conference adopted manifesto in Detroit meeting calling for \$500 Million in reparations from caucasian churches.
- May 27: 1873 - Elijah "The Real" McCoy patented the Lubricating Cup (Patent #139,407). He holds over 55 patents.
- 1891 - F.J. Ferrell patented the Snow-Melting Apparatus (Patent #428,670).
- 1963 - Jomo Kenyatta was elected as Kenya's first prime minister. He was inaugurated on June 1st.
- May 28: 1896 - C. B. Scott's street sweeper was patented.
- 1963 - The home of Medgar Evers, civil rights activist, was bombed. He was assassinated 2 weeks later.
- 1986 - U.S. postage stamp issued to commemorate Matthew Henson, first person to reach the North Pole.
- 1995 - An outbreak of the Ebola virus killed 153 people in Zaire. The cause is unknown.
- 1998 - Jody-Anne Maxwell, a 12-year old Jamaican, was the first Afro to win the U.S. Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.
- 2014 - Maya Angelou (poet, actress, historian/memoirist) made her passage to the next life.
- May 29: 1851 - Sojourner Truth delivered her "Ain't I A Woman?" speech at the Black Women's Rights Convention.
- 1973 - Tom Bradley became the first African American Mayor of Los Angeles.
- 1995 - France was accused by the Human Rights Arms Project of arming and training the Hutu extremists who organized the genocide in Rwanda.
- 1967 - The Eastern region of Nigeria (Biafra) seceded from the country.
- 1970 - Huey P. Newton's manslaughter conviction was reversed in the California Court of Appeals.
- May 30: 1956 - Bus boycott began in Tallahassee Florida.
- May 31: 1870 - U.S. Congress passed the first Civil Rights Enforcement Act designed to protect Afro voting rights.
- 1909 - The National Negro Committee (NNC) was established at the first conference. In 1910 the name was changed to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
- 1921 - Afro community in Tulsa Oklahoma was attacked by white mobs. 300 people were killed and 4,000 were left homeless. Also called the "Black Holocaust in America".
- 1955 - U.S. Supreme Court ordered school integration "with all deliberate speed".
- 1971 - Willie Mays scored his 1,950th run.
- 1979 - Zimbabwe proclaimed independence.
- 1994 - "The Rwanda Genocide" occurred, where at least 500,000 people were reported as dead from the fighting between the Tutsi and the Hutu in Rwanda.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

REGIONAL & GLOBAL CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 2019:

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for May 2019

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/>

"2015 – 2024 INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT"

(Events Supported by the United Nations)

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

Check for Events:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/2019/events.shtml>

UNTIL MAY 5, 2019; \$85 per day (\$5 child's ticket for ages 2 – 10)

"50TH ANNIVERSARY JAZZ FEST / THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL"

The Festival features: national touring and local acts on 12 stages; more than 70 food vendors; local, regional and international arts and crafts; interviews; kids' activities; demonstrations; cultural displays; AND MORE!

This year's featured musicians include: Diana Ross, Al Green, Earth, Wind & Fire, Gladys Knight, Herbie Hancock, The O'Jays, Ziggy Marly, Taj Mahal, Frankie Beverly, Bahamas Revue Band, Crocodile Gumbo Dancers of South Africa, AND MORE! Look for Jazz Fest Memories and #JazzFest50 social media posts on most social media platforms.

New Orleans Fair Grounds / Race Course, 1751 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

More info / Tickets: 504-410-4100 OR 504-558-6100 OR <http://www.nojazzfest.com/>

UNTIL MAY 25, 2019; (check website for exhibit times + entry fees)

"HER: FEMALE ARTISTS EXHIBIT"

Her story. Her passion. Her voice. Her ART. is a group show featuring the art of Afro/Black female artists who are staying tried and true to their styles and perspectives as the art world gradually learns that HER voice matters. The exhibit features NEW Artwork by Georgette Baker, Charlotte Riley Webb, Tiffany Charesse, Grace Kisa, LaToya Hobbs, Marryam Moma, and Yoyo Lander. ZuCot Gallery is the largest African-American owned fine art gallery with 3,500 sq. foot space in the Southeast, and is located in the historic Castleberry Hill district of downtown Atlanta.

ZuCot Gallery, 100 Centennial Olympic Park Dr NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30313

More info / 404-380-1040: <https://www.zucotgallery.com/current-exhibition> OR

View online display of some art pieces: <https://artcld.com/show/zucot-gallery-her>

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2019; (check website for exhibit times, special events + entry fees)

“SOUL OF A NATION: ART IN THE AGE OF BLACK POWER 1963-1983”

Featuring the work of more than 60 influential artists and including vibrant paintings, powerful sculptures, murals, street photography, and more, this landmark exhibition is a rare opportunity to see artworks that changed the face of art in the U.S. This exhibit shines a bright light on the vital contribution of Black artists beginning in 1963 at the height of the civil rights movement; and examines the influences on artists such as Romare Bearden, Barkley Hendricks, Noah Purifoy, Martin Puryear, Faith Ringgold, Betye Saar, Alma Thomas, Charles White, and William T. Williams. The exhibit also focuses on the significant role of Los Angeles in the art and history of the civil rights movement (and the subsequent activist era). Free admission is available: on Thursdays from 5-8 pm; for Family Weekend Workshops on May 4-5 and June 8-9; and for school visits for students in grades 6-12.

The Broad, 221 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90012

More info / Tickets: <https://www.thebroad.org/soul-of-a-nation>

UNTIL OCTOBER 20, 2019

“UNTIL STRIKING IRON: THE ART OF AFRICAN BLACKSMITHS”

“Striking Iron: The Art of African Blacksmiths” reveals the history of invention and technical sophistication that led African blacksmiths to transform one of Earth’s most basic natural resources into objects of life-changing utility, empowerment, prestige, spiritual potency, and astonishing artistry. The exhibition includes over 225 artworks from across the African continent focusing on the region south of the Sahara.

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20560

More info: 202-633-4600 OR <https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/>

MAY 4 - 12, 2019; check website for venues, tickets and more details

“SAINT LUCIA JAZZ FESTIVAL 2019”

Experience and enjoy the celebration of Saint Lucian, Caribbean and international jazz music, with events in all parts of the island. There will be a mix of free and paying concerts and educational activities targeted at Saint Lucian and visiting musicians. The Festival remains one of the world’s first and biggest jazz festivals. 2019 Performers include: Christian McBride, Dianne Reeves, Etienne Charles & Creole Soul, Ledsi, Gregory Porter, AND OTHERS! Through a first-time collaboration, Saint Lucia Jazz Festival and Jazz at Lincoln Center will stage the 2019 Saint Lucia Jazz Festival.

More info / Tickets: 1-758-458-6076 (Events Company of St. Lucia) OR <https://eventssaintlucia.com/saint-lucia-summer-festival/saint-lucia-jazz-in-collaboration-with-jazz-at-lincoln-center-3/> OR <http://www.stlucia.org/experiences/festivals-events/saint-lucia-jazz-festival>

MAY 24 - 26, 2019; Some events are free; check website for events + dates, tickets and more details

“ORIGINAL GULLAH FESTIVAL”

The Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina was first held in 1986 by natives of Beaufort to continue a three-day celebration of the historical significant Sea Island heritage. The 2019 festival includes: a food court with local and Gullah cuisine; an extensive vendor market; Reggae and Blues concerts; storytelling; night parties; African drumming; theater productions; Gullah Cultural Tours; and workshops for quilting, basket weaving and African Adinkra symbols.

NOTE: The “Lest We Forget” segment is FREE and includes an educational platform for panel discussions on the history, customs and culture of Gullah. This event will take place on Friday, May 24th and Saturday, May 25th from 10 am to 3 pm.

Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, 1010 Bay Street, Beaufort South Carolina 29902 (and other venues)

More info / Tickets: 843-321-9288 OR 843-525-0628 OR <http://theoriginalgullahfestival.org/>

MAY 24 - 27, 2019; \$ 25+ Check website for venues, tickets and more details

“DANCEAFRICA 2019”

In its 42nd year, this event has become the nation’s largest festival dedicated to African dance and music. This beloved annual tradition is a jubilant celebration of culture from Africa and its diaspora. This year, DanceAfrica offers a taste of the rhythm, movement, and spirit of Rwanda. The full weekend of activities includes art, workshops, community events, the annual FilmAfrica series, and the one-and-only DanceAfrica Bazaar.

This event is a project of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM).

Peter Jay Sharp Building, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11217

More info / Tickets: 718-636-4100 (x1) OR <https://www.bam.org/dance/2019/danceafrica>

MAY 25 + 26 (Saturday + Sunday), 11 am – 11 pm; No Fee (check website for fees to related events)

“42nd ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL”

NOTE: Events are scheduled from May 1st – May 31st

The “Atlanta Jazz Festival” is regarded as one of the country’s largest FREE jazz festivals. The 42nd will showcase a variety of jazz acts on three stages from some of the best performers in the country. Performers include: Lizz Wright Alicia Olatuja, Richard Bona, Rhonda Ross and Rodney Strickland, the Ofer Assaf Quartet, Slim Gambill Delfeayo Marsalis, The Milkshake Quintet, and more! The two-time Grammy-nominated trumpeter and composer Russell Gunn and his band The Royal Krunk Jazz Orchestra will close the Festival on Sunday. The musical showcase celebrates jazz legends and up-and-coming jazz greats in venues throughout metropolitan Atlanta; and the the City of Atlanta’s Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs will host 31 Days of Jazz with jazz-related events throughout Metro Atlanta beginning on May 1st !!!

Piedmont Park, 400 Park Drive NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306

More info: <https://atlantafestivals.com/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/pg/atlantajazzfestival/events/>

JUNE 7 - 9, 2019 (11 am-9 pm each day); FREE Admission

“36TH ANNUAL CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL”

The Chicago Blues Festival is the largest free blues festival in the world. During three days on four stages, blues fans enjoy free live music in the “Blues Capital of the World”. The Festival shares the great Chicago-born music tradition with the world while shining a spotlight on the genre’s contributions to soul, R&B, gospel, rock, hip-hop and more. This year’s performers include: Charlie Musselwhite, Bill Boy Arnold, Bobby Rush, Bettye LaVette, Ruthie Foster, AND 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: 312-742-1168 OR https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_blues_festival.html/

JULY 14 - JULY 21, 2019; 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....Buju Banton, Beres Hammond, Tarrus Riley, Elephant Man, Dexta Daps, and many more will perform. 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, and other special events. Some events are free.

Catherine Hall Festival Grounds & Various Venues in Montego Bay / Saint James Parish, Jamaica

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reggae-sumfest-2019-tickets-54253145619>

AUGUST 17 (Saturday), 2019, 1 – 12 midnight; 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! Bring the entire family out for a fun-filled day!

More info / Bookings / Deals: 1-800-224-2627 OR 1-242-338-8668 OR

<https://www.bahamas.com/event/goombay-summer-festival>

OCTOBER 2-6, 2019

“ASALH: THE 104th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING”

Check website for Association for the Study of African American Life & History / ASALH details and events

<https://asalh.org/events/the-104th-annual-conference-and-meeting/>

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 May 2019

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

Anytime is a good time and season to visit the Museums schedule of events including community gatherings and workshops; special exhibits; concerts and screenings; AND MUCH MORE! Check the website below.

National Museum of African American History & Culture, 1400 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20560

More info / Events: 844-750-3012 OR <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

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.

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.

FOR MORE INFO AND TOURS:

<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's are MVP's)"; as well as customized workshops, training, consultation and coaching. Scholarships are available.

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

MALIDOMA PATRICE SOMÉ

Check the schedule of events for Malidoma Patrice Somé, Ph.D., who is a West African Elder, world-renowned author and teacher, who has international training programs and projects to share the ancient wisdom, technologies and practices which have supported his people for thousands of years.

More info / Register for events: 407-574-5350 OR <http://malidoma.com/main/calendar/>

MY AFRICA IS

This documentary series takes you on a journey across the African continent through the eyes of an insider. The four things that come to mind when people think of Africa are population, problems, poverty, and promise unfulfilled...but that's not the whole story! Perspective changes everything. "My Africa Is" wants to show you something different. The crew says they are not about hiding real issues or over-hyping good news. They are more than aware of the challenges, but they also know that they are not helpless. The video series will follow change-makers in various cities across sub-Saharan Africa that are young, doing some really cool things, and starting a new conversation. Their stories are real; some subjects will inspire, others will provoke, but each one will challenge what you thought you knew and reintroduce you to OUR Africa.

More info / Video Updates: <http://www.myafrica.is/>

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>

SPECIAL TOURS & EVENTS FOR THE GHANA 2019 YEAR OF RETURN

NOTE: 2019 marks the 400th year since the MIDDLE PASSAGE. Ghana has extended open arms for all African Americans and descendants in other countries whose ancestors were victimized by the brutalities of slavery to return home during this year of memorial observance. The annual Chale Wote Festival is August 22 – 29.

SPECIAL ARTICLE IN THE UNITED NATION'S AFRICA ONLINE NEWS WEBSITE:

<https://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/december-2018-march-2019/2019-year-return-african-diaspora>

SPECIAL ISSUE OF EBONY MAGAZINE ONLINE WITH INFO FOR THE 2019 YEAR OF RETURN AND GHANA HISTORY.

<https://www.ebony.com/life/travel/ebony-travels-to-ghana-to-mark-400-years-since-the-middle-passage/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GHANA: THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS + CULTURE (MOTAC)

<http://motac.gov.gh/>

CONTACT THE EMBASSY OF GHANA IN WASHINGTON D.C. FOR:

LISTING OF GHANA EMBASSY EXTENSIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO + OTHER U.S. CITIES; ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAVEL TO GHANA (SUCH AS PASSPORT AND VISA FEES, IMMUNIZATION FEES)

<https://www.ghanaembassydc.org/>

JULY 1 – 10, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights) NOTE: A December tour is also planned.

“2019 THE YEAR OF RETURN: RETURN TO OUR ROYAL ROOTS”

COST = \$2,850 + (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

The Royal Diaspora Group, LLC is hosting 2 epic trips to Ghana (July 2019 & December 2019) in celebration of returning to our royal roots. The tour departs from Houston, Texas and arrives next day in Ghana. The Ghana itinerary includes tours to: Elmina Castle and Cape Coast Dungeons; Kakum National Rain forest; Kumasi; Aburi Mountains; Labadi Beach; Makola Market; and some Accra Night Life. Tour Price Includes: Round Trip Flight Ticket with 2 checked bags and a carry on; Lodging; Transportation; and Entrance fee for scheduled tourist stops. Check the website for what is not included in the tour price OR anything not specified in the itinerary.

More info / Registration: 281-975-2624 / 832-799-2293 (Royal Diaspora Group LLC) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-the-year-of-return-return-to-our-royal-roots-tickets-55620350967?aff=erellivmlt>

NOTE: Details for the December 16, 2019 – January 2, 2020 trip will be released later on the Royal Diaspora Group, LLC website and will have a separate Eventbrite page / <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalDiasporaGroupLLC/>

AUGUST 5 – 14, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights)

“HISTORIC TOUR OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA”

COST = \$ 4595 + (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

This tour by Palace Travel will be in Ghana: the land of Kwame Nkrumah-the father of Ghana's independence and a co-founder of the Organization of African Unity; and the country where the great Pan-Africanist Dr. W.E.B. DuBois spent his final years. Ghana is the land where Ashanti Kings still hold court and mediate disputes in time-honored traditions passed down through generations; and the land that has preserved many historical components of the transatlantic slave trade. Ghana was the first sub-Saharan African country to take its independence from Europeans, and is today a thriving democracy with its traditions, customs and culture almost undiluted. Tour participants / Returnees will be welcomed by the government and people of Ghana, and will be taken to RETURN through the infamous “DOOR OF NO RETURN” at the Cape Coast Slave Dungeon.

More info / Tour Registration: 1-800-683-7731 OR info@palacetravel.com

<https://www.palacetravel.com/african-tours/return-african-diaspora-ghana/>

AUGUST 15 – 24, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights)

“2019 JUNETEENTH FAMILY REUNION IN GHANA”

COST = \$4495 + tax (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

To exhibit the power of the Creator, our ancestors and the Black community, the African Genesis Institute is making a triumphant return to Africa-our ancestral homeland– by leading a delegation of 100 people, to Ghana, West Africa. The tour itinerary will visit Accra and Cape Coast and the tour includes: Round trip airfare from U.S. to Ghana; Ground transportation in air conditioned buses; Hotel (double occupancy - Single supplement available for \$950.00); Breakfast daily; Marcus Garvey Birthday Celebration Dinner; Farewell dinner; Royal Homecoming Parade and Festival; City Tour of Accra; African Marketplace; Tour of site where 2020 Group is building homes; Naming Ceremony; Pre-dawn libation pouring ceremony on the banks of the Atlantic Ocean; Placing of permanent plaques at the “Door of no Return” at Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons recognizing our return and the fulfillment of prophecy; Workshops on Dual citizenship, Retirement and vacation housing, Real estate development, Business and employment opportunities.

More info / Registration: 215-247-5121 (African Genesis Institute) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-juneteenth-family-reunion-in-ghana-tickets-48890579038>

AUGUST 15 – 25, 2019 (11 days / 10 nights)

“YEAR OF RETURN TO GHANA 2019: AKWAABA!!”

COST = \$1,750 (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

This tour is jointly organized by The Wysteria Group/INEZ INTERNATIONAL.LV., and Inez International.LV is the certified travel agency that will book your travel. The Wysteria Group is a budding organization located in Wilmington, North Carolina. Check website below for: day by day itinerary for the 10 day tour, payment and other details.

More info / Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/year-of-return-to-ghana-2019-akwaaba-tickets-51744027780>

AUGUST 20 – 26, 2019 (7 days / 6 nights, Extension Available);

“GHANA: YEAR OF THE RETURN”

COST = \$2549 + (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

You are invited to Experience Ghana during the Year Of The Return on this tour that is facilitated by: Traveling Black (a travel company with tours to learn about different Afro/Black cultures around the world); and I Love Being Black (a positive cultural movement that aims to uplift Black people worldwide). This tour will take you through 3 major cities in Ghana where you will visit the slavery dungeons, make kente cloth with the Ashanti and party at the Chale Wote festival. Check the website below for requirements for travel (passport + medical requirements for travelers); vegan options and more. After you submit your deposit you will be contacted within 48hrs to answer any remaining questions and you will be assisted in booking your flights to Ghana.

More info / Registration: <https://traveling.black/tours/ghana-year-of-return/>

OR <https://www.facebook.com/lovebeingblack>

**AUGUST 20 – 22, 2019 (10 days / 9 nights) OR
AUGUST 20 – 31, 2019 (12 days / 11 nights and includes Kumasi)**

“GHANA: KNOW YOUR ROOTS”

COST = \$3,500 OR \$4,000 with Kumasi (check website for what is and what is not included in the cost)

2019 is the Year of the Return! In commemoration of 400 years since the first ship carrying Africans landed in Virginia. The country of Ghana is opening its doors for you to return home, while offering an opportunity to recognize the past and celebrate the future. On this cultural and historical tour, you will see the former slave castle at Cape Coast, and receive your African name in a ceremony at the Door of No Return. You will also: shop at the Makola Market; bathe in the highest waterfall in West Africa; create authentic fabric in your Adinkra cloth stamping class; and take a breathtaking walk across the rain forest Kakum Canopy. Halfway through your trip, you will experience the Chale Wote Arts festival and close with a few relaxing trips to Accra's beaches. It's time to go back to Africa, it's time to go home. Check website below for: day by day itinerary for the tour, payment and other details. Call for assistance with international flights or to schedule the add-on to Benin & Togo.

**More info / Register: 1-347-746-8172 OR <https://www.awaytoafrika.com/chale-wote-festival-ghana/>
Add-on Available for 4 Days in Benin & Togo (check: <https://www.awaytoafrika.com/benin-togo/>)**

DECEMBER 26, 2019 – JANUARY 4, 2020 (10 days / 9 nights)

NOTE: the Bay Area meeting to discuss the tour will be on: June 15, 2019, 12pm-2pm (call Phone # below to RSVP)

GHANA “YEAR OF RETURN”

COST = \$1,824 + (estimated flight cost: \$1,800.00) + (estimated trip insurance: \$150.00 based on age)

Check website or contact below for other components not included in the cost

You are invited to join this special Ghana “Year of Return” tour with Bay Area's Cardum & Adeshima (Dr. Marcus Penn), co-facilitators of “R-Evolution: Dialogues in the Diaspora”. The tour will visit Accra, Kumasi, and Elmina/Cape Coast. Check the link below for further details regarding the tour itinerary, what to pack, payment schedule and more.

More info / Register: 510-214-3206 OR

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7078ba_51f9a64cf67d4b75bf90014314bc7d43.pdf

**NOTE: this listing of tours is part of the WO'SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for May 2019.
Updates will be included in the June 2019 newsletter. You may view current and past monthly issues
of the newsletter online if you log on to the WO'SE Community website
<http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” under Latest News.**

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.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/> OR 510-434-3935 OR 510 -531-4911
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. **DELLUMS INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:** to apply and adapt strategies used in past social justice movements to today's greatest challenges to global peace and justice.
<https://dellumsinstitute.org/>
19. **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/>

20. **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/>
21. **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/>
22. **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/>
23. **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/>
24. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
25. **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/>
26. **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/>
27. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
28. **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/>
29. **OAKLAND PUBLIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (OPC):** community music classes with Afro energy for all ages.
<https://www.opcmusic.org/>
30. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
31. **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>
32. **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/>

33. 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>
34. 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
35. 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>
36. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
37. 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/>
38. 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
39. 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
40. 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/>
41. WANDA’S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
42. 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

43. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
44. ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP): a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>

45. AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL): a Canadian Non-profit Organization that provides support, services and referrals, working with other agencies to smoothly integrate the Newcomers and Refugees mainly from the African Great Lakes Region and other parts of the world to Canadian Society.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>
46. 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/>
47. 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
48. 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/>
49. 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/>
50. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
51. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
52. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
53. 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>
54. AFRICAN VIEWS / E NEWS SELECTION
<https://www.africanviews.org/news>
55. 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)
56. 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/>

57. **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/>
58. **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.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
59. **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.jpanafrican.org/>
60. **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/>
61. **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/>
62. **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/>
63. **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/>
64. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
65. **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/>
66. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
67. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
68. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
69. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>

70. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
71. **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/>
72. **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/>
73. **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/>
74. **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/>
75. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
76. **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>
77. **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
78. **DR. CHIKE AKUA:** Professor, historian and award winning educator. Book Dr. Chike Akua to speak at your school, college, university or conference! Email info@DrAkua.net or call (770)309-6664
www.DrAkua.net
79. **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/>
80. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
81. **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/>

82. **COLORED CONVENTIONS:** info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
83. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
84. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
85. **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>
86. **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/>
87. **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/>
88. **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/>
89. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
90. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maatinstitute-aboutus.html>
91. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
92. **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/>
93. **NATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S JUSTICE INSTITUTE (NBWJI):** works to reduce racial and gender disparities affecting Black women, girls, and their families, by conducting research, providing technical assistance, engaging in public education, promoting civic engagement, and advocating for informed and effective policies.
<https://www.nbwji.org/>
94. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** for African descendants in the U.S.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>

95. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
96. **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/>
97. **PROJECT SAFE:** works to improve the services offered to criminalize black women who are survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.
<https://www.courtinnovation.org/project-safe>
98. **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>
99. **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>
100. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
101. **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>
102. **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/>
103. **UWITV:** the online news from all campuses of the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean region.
<https://www.uwitv.org/>
102. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
103. **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/>
104. **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 ELECTRONIC AND PRINT 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/>