

# 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 [cjyatestt@yahoo.com](mailto:cjyatestt@yahoo.com).

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

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## 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 SENE!" = "May you have Life, Prosperity and Health!"**

# JUNE 2019 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

## JUNE IS NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH !!!

**(2019 is the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

### WHAT IS CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH?

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

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

**NOTE:** Check additional links on page 25 of this newsletter

## **JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 IS JUNETEENTH LIBERATION DAY !!!**

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

### **WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?**

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

### **NATIONAL JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE FOUNDATION**

(1): <http://www.nationaljuneteenth.com/>

(2) <https://postnewsgroup.com/2019/04/29/international-coalition-to-commemorate-the-african-ancestors-of-the-middle-passage-iccaamp/>

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

## **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**

"GUKIRA KURI NGATHO (Kikuyu language, Kenya)

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

"SILENCE IS GOLDEN" (English Equivalent)

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

## **WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA**

"Follow in the footsteps of your ancestors, for the mind is trained through knowledge. Behold, their words endure in books. Open and read them and follow their wise counsel. For one who is taught becomes skilled. Do not be evil for kindness is good. Make the memory of you last through love of you...

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

From: "The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt" / The Book of Kheti (p. 50, #II), c1984 by Maulana Karenga

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

### **"INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT"**

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

WO'SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: [cjyatestt@yahoo.com](mailto:cjyatestt@yahoo.com)

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

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

### **STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE (SOBWC) IV**

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

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

### **THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION**

#### **Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity**

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

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

## **REPARATIONS PROJECTS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL / INTERNATIONAL**

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

WO'SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: [cjyatestt@yahoo.com](mailto:cjyatestt@yahoo.com)

### **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/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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## **CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE**

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**Need more information for any event at WO'SE / Ile Omode? Call 510-632-8230 OR Visit the websites:**

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

**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 June.

### **ILE OMODE GRADUATIONS FOR 6259 (2019)**

**JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 12 pm**

The celebration of graduates from Ile Omode's pre-school and kindergarten will be held at  
Ile Omode School, 8924 Holly Street, Oakland 94621

**JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 12:15 pm**

The celebration of graduates from Ile Omode's 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held at  
City of Refuge UCC, 8400 Enterprise Way, Oakland 94621

### **ILE OMODE 2019 SUMMER CAMP SESSION**

**JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday**

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

[http://ileomode.org/announcements/summer\\_program/summer\\_program.php](http://ileomode.org/announcements/summer_program/summer_program.php)

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

**JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> + JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>: 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.

The Karamu (community meal) follows. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day will also be celebrated as part of the 10:30 am service. The "Stones of Fire" choir regularly performs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday services.

### **WO'SE "SOUNDS OF MAAT" MUSIC SERVICE & SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> + JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu (community meal) follows.

## **WO'SE SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION IN THE PARK**

**JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday): Please Arrive At 10 am**

WO'SE's annual outdoor ceremony to celebrate the Summer Solstice will be at the Lake Merritt Park, so there will be no service at the WO'SE building on this day. Ancient Nile Valley Civilizations celebrated the summer solstice as the most important day of the year. This is the day that the sun reaches its highest point, and the Nile River begins to rise, marking the "Opening of the Way". Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for outdoors and / or the commemorative hike. Please bring an inspirational item for the alter, and food or drink to contribute to the Karamu / community buffet. The Summer Solstice event will be at the community area behind the Lake Merritt Boat House. Enter on the Grand Avenue Side (at Children's Park). Free for walk-ins, but drivers pay to park.

## **WO'SE MONTHLY SOUL SESSSION**

**JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>: 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**

**JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28 (Fridays), 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 JUNE 2019

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

**JUNE 1, (Saturday = last day), 8 am – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested, details below)**

### **"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). This is the second day of the 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. Today's activities will include: Keynote Speakers Dr. Joy DeGruy and Dr. Brenda Wade; Performances by Ms. Rickie Byars (Agape International Choir), SheBe Lady Blue and WolfHawkJaquar; Complementary Alternative Treatments (with free therapeutic massage, chiropractic and acupuncture services); Health Screenings; Pop-Up Village (where attendees can try their hands at making healthy products); Vendors (including nutritious food, produce/farming information, natural health and beauty products); and a Kid's Zone (with books, story time, and hands on interactive activities). To volunteer contact the Rafiki Coalition.

**Rafiki Coalition for Health & Wellness , 601 Cesar Chavez Street (near Pier 80), San Francisco 94124**

**More info / Registration:** 415-615-9945 ext 115 OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/event/imani-reigniting-black-love-and-black-joy/> OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/imani-reigniting-black-love-and-black-joy-tickets-60243091709?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/1273437096137379/>

**JUNE 1, (Saturday = last day), 9:30 am – 5:30 pm; No Fee**

### **"6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SACRAMENTO BLACK BOOK FAIR 2019"**

**2019 Theme: "Creating a Legacy"**

Blue Nile Press, the Black Group, in conjunction with Community Sponsors, present the Sixth Annual Sacramento Black Book Fair. The 2019 Sacramento Black Book Fair (SBBF) will include book signings, talks by each featured writer, cultural vendors, food trucks, a Kids Zone, poetry readings, writer's circles, and art displays. SBBF will feature more than fifty authors of African descent, showcasing and highlighting a diverse spectrum of literature, from contemporary and historical fiction, to anthologies, poetry, academic books; and from children's stories and books to non-fiction, biographies, self-help, inspirational, and religious. This event is free and open to the public.

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

**More info:** 916-484-3749 OR <https://sacramentoblackbookfair.com/>

**JUNE 1, (Saturday), 2 – 4 pm; \$5 student + senior / \$10general / Free for members**

### **"PANEL DISCUSSION, A POSTCOLONIAL PARADOX: CARIBBEAN ART & ECONOMY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH"**

The panelists will examine the postcolonial social and cultural world of the Caribbean through the different lenses of the economy, visual art, and literature. Using the current exhibition, "Coffee, Rhum, Sugar & Gold: A Postcolonial Paradox" as its reference, this panel will look at questions of power, resilience and resistance in the postcolonial Caribbean. The conversation will be moderated by artist and writer Nan Collymore and will include Professor Jovan Scott Lewis (Geography/ African Diaspora Studies, UC Berkeley), Professor Kathleen DeGuzman (English, SFSU), and Ph.D. Candidate Indie A. Choudhury (Art History, Stanford University).

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

**More info / Tickets:** 415-358-7200 OR <https://www.moadsf.org/event/panel-discussion-a-postcolonial-paradox-caribbean-art-economy-in-the-global-south/>



**JUNE 1 (Saturday), 7 – 11 pm +; \$60 +**

**“KIKWETU NIGHTS: AN AFRO-SOUL SOIREE”**

This special night is where community members gather to meet other cultural enthusiasts while immersing themselves in the fullness of the African culture through incredible live African music by Malima Kone from Burkina Faso; delicious ethnic bitings by Chef Eskender from Ethiopia; and shared stories. The annual “KIKWETU NIGHT HONORS” celebrates Africans doing exemplary work in our community. Please wear formal African attire.

The event is hosted by Kikwetu Coffee, Radio Africa & Kitchen, SF Arts Collective and The Umoja Festival.

**Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105**

**More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/1622721734496847/>**

**JUNE 1 + JUNE 2 (Saturday + Sunday), 12 – 6 pm; No Fee**

**“16<sup>TH</sup> BERKELEY WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL” (+ SPECIAL EVENTS)**

The Berkeley World Music Festival strives to promote musical traditions as diverse as the people of the bay, while cultivating the social value of the world's music and cementing the Bay Area as a center for world music and artistic expression. Check below for an overview and check the website below for details and Sunday performances + updates.

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> (Saturday); 12 – 6 pm (No Fee) + 9 pm (\$20)**

**12 – 6 pm: PEOPLE’S PARK, 2556 HASTE STREET, BERKELEY 94704**

The Festival begins with West African Rhythms by the Fula Brothers (1 – 2:25 pm), followed by: Afro-Latin Funk by Sang Matiz (2:45 - 4:10 pm); North Indian Classical by the Sikh Heritage Symphony (4:10 - 4:30 pm); and Sufi Trance Groves by Baraka Moon (4:30 - 6:00 pm). The World Market & Kids Zone will also be from Noon – 6 pm.

**9 pm: ASHKENAZ BRAZILIAN PARTY, 1317 SAN PABLO AVENUE, BERKELEY 94702 (\$20)**

**JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> (Sunday); 12 – 6 pm + 6 – 8 pm**

**12 – 6 pm: VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON TELEGRAPH (check website for 10+ venues and performances)**

**6 – 8 pm: DANCE PARTY FINALE AT TAP HOUSE, 2516 DURANT AVENUE, BERKELEY 94704**

**More info: <https://www.berkeleyworldmusic.org/lineup>**

**JUNE 1 – JUNE 30, (check events, days + times below); No Fee**

**“ANNUAL YERBA BUENA GARDENS FESTIVAL”**

The YBG Festival presents classical, world, and jazz music, contemporary and traditional dance, theater, children’s and family programs, and cultural events reflecting the rich cultures and creativity of the region. Artistic excellence, inclusion, diversity and innovation are at the heart of the mission. Selected June performances include:

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, (Saturday) 1 – 2:30 pm / “BETSAYDA MACHADO”**

(powerhouse Afro-Venezuelan vocalist and her percussion/vocal ensemble Parranda El Clavo)

**JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, (Thursday) 12 – 1:30 pm / “THE ONYX”**

(Afro-Female sextet encompassing R&B and rock, funk & electronica, salsa & soul)

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, (Saturday) 1 – 2:30 pm / “TUNES OF SUDAN”**

(some of the finest musicians from Sudan showcasing the ancient land through music, dance and spoken word)

**JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, (Thursday) 12:30 – 1:30 pm / “LATIN JAZZ YOUTH ENSEMBLE OF SAN FRANCISCO”**

(the resident youth company of the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival, led by Dr. John Calloway)

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, (Thursday) 12:30 – 1:30 pm / “MARCUS SHELBY QUARTET”**

(a Bay Area jazz giant musician Swings on 'Social Call' with his group)

**JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, (Thursday) 12:30 – 1:30 pm / “EDGAR PANTOJA & THE AFRO-CUBAN TRIBE”**

(a rhythmic powerhouse that combines Cuban roots sources of rumba, son, and timba with jazz and funk and more)

**VENUE (all Performances): Esplanade, Yerba Buena Gardens, Mission Street (between 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup>), San Francisco 94103**

**More info: 415-543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/events/>**



**JUNE 2, (Sunday), 12 – 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)**

**“YOLO JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION”**

The 2019 Juneteenth Celebration will be a joyous mix of free music, food, dancing, and will include cultural and educational exhibits, presentations and performances for the whole family. Over 500 people attend the Davis Juneteenth celebration annually. The event is sponsored by the Yolo County Library, Friends of the Davis Public Library, UC-Davis, Travis Credit Union, the Davis Food CO-OP, Nugget Markets and other community organizations and businesses. Sponsors and Volunteers are appreciated (check website for contact info).

**Veterans Memorial Center Theater, 203 East 14th Street, Davis CA 95616**

**More info/Registration:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yolo-juneteenth-celebration-tickets-60669101917>

**OR** <http://davislibraryfriends.org/yolojuneteenth/>

**JUNE 2 (Sunday), 2 pm; \$ 25 +**

**“8<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.sfiaf.org/abada_capoeira)

**JUNE 4 (Tuesday), 6:30 pm (doors open 5:30 pm); \$ 15 +**

**“DAPHNE MUSE: CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY THROUGH LETTERS”**

In an interview with retired Judge LaDoris Cordell, Daphne Muse (writer and social commentator) will discuss and read from her collection of more than 3,700 handwritten and typed letters dating back to 1958 that reflect the voices of key figures in the civil rights, Pan-African, and black power movements. Come for a unique chance to see history through the words of the activists, writers, artists, actors, world leaders and media innovators who lived it, created new artistic visions and drove the intellectual and cultural discourse for civil rights and human rights for the 20th and the early years of the 21st century.

**The Commonwealth Club / Toni Rembe Rock Auditorium, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, 94105**

<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2019-06-04/daphne-muse-civil-rights-history-through-letters>

**JUNE 6 – JUNE 27 (Thursdays), 5 – 5:30 pm; No Fee (for the series only)**

**“COMMUNITY VOICES: POETS SPEAK”**

In this special MoAD weekly summer series, four of the eight Bay Area poets in the series, will share new poems created in response to the current exhibitions. They will also describe the processes they employ in writing ekphrastic work. You are invited to “Come and see, come and listen, come and experience the art that moves your spirit to consider power and liberation”. “Community Voices” for June will include: Danusha Lameris (June 6<sup>th</sup>); Tonya M. Foster (June 13<sup>th</sup>); Tongo Eisen-Martin (June 20<sup>th</sup>); and Avotcja (June 27<sup>th</sup>). The other four sessions for the series are scheduled during July and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the MoAD website for other events during June.

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

**More info:** 415-358-7200 **OR** <https://www.moadsf.org/calendar/>

**JUNE 7 + 8, (Friday + Saturday), 8 pm; \$20 (or what you can pay)**

**“HUARANGO AND CUNAMACUÉ: CONTEMPORARY AFRO-PERUVIAN MUSIC & DANCE”**

The month of June is Afro-Peruvian culture month in Peru. For the first time the festivities are celebrated here in the Bay Area with Oakland's first Afro-Peruvian festival, “Ondú”. The festival kicks off with these performances by two local companies that reinterpret Afro-Peruvian folklore, Huarango and Cunamacué. Huarango is a new musical project born in Oakland that recreates traditional Afro-Peruvian music with contemporary sounds influenced by jazz and classical music. Cunamacué, based in Oakland, is a contemporary Afro-Peruvian dance company that uses Afro - Peruvian movement inspired by modern dance and dances of the African Diaspora.

This event by the Live Arts In Resistance is supported in part by The William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Caw Foundation, and individual donors.

**EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard, Oakland 94606**

**More info / Tickets:** <https://www.eastsideartsalliance.org/> OR  
<https://huarangocunamacue.brownpapertickets.com/>

**JUNE 7 + JUNE 21, (Fridays); No Fee**

**Opening Reception: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9pm / Artist Talk: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 - 9pm**

**NOTE: Exhibition Dates = June 7<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

**“THROUGH ABAHAY'S EYES: EXHIBITION BY ARTIST EBONY IMAN DALLAS”**

The exhibition is a painting series that highlights Ebony Imam Dallas’ journey and is over a decade in the making. With roots in Somalia, she has worked to process the tragedies of war, police brutality, and her search to find out who her father was through art. Dallas uses rich, fiery hues and whimsical forms to bring the energy and spirit of her subjects to life. Her work takes form organically with each line determining the shape and direction of the next.

**Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info: 510-465-8928 OR** <https://www.facebook.com/events/816799242022766/permalink/823884377980919/>

**OR**

[https://www.facebook.com/JoyceGordonGallery/?eid=ARCSqobdmCI9uExJLjLXCnKhUB5\\_nWtb94rJWLEzJPferxtclN3QqBBf6vBxl9TWqUQHJaBVR9dXTVnb](https://www.facebook.com/JoyceGordonGallery/?eid=ARCSqobdmCI9uExJLjLXCnKhUB5_nWtb94rJWLEzJPferxtclN3QqBBf6vBxl9TWqUQHJaBVR9dXTVnb)

**JUNE 8 (Saturday), 9 am; No Fee (RSVP requested)**

**“INTERNATIONAL LIBATIONS FOR AFRICAN ANCESTORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE”**

Join the Bay Area for this annual and very special event with Wanda Sabir and the MAAFA organization. The event will include a drum call, meditation and words of wisdom shared by attendees and inspired by the Ancestors.

Please arrive early, wear white and bring a flower and / or something for the altar.

**Lake Merritt Platform (at Lakeshore & 18<sup>th</sup> Street), Oakland 94606**

**More info / RSVP: 510-255-5579 OR** <http://www.maafasfbayarea.com/save-the-dates/>

**JUNE 8, (Saturday), 10 am – 5 pm; No Fee**

**“TRACY'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL: A FAMILY AFFAIR!”**

You are invited to join the Tracy African American Association (TAAA) for this 25<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth celebration!

The event will include: Live Vocal, Dance, Comedic & Spoken Word Performances, Raffles,

Vendors & Exhibitors, Kid's Games and Assorted Foods & Beverages.

**Lincoln Park, East Street & Eaton Avenue, Tracy California 95376**

**More info: 510-589-6445 OR 209.249.6644 OR** <https://taaa.net/event-3321739>

**JUNE 8 (Saturday), 10 am - 4 pm; No Fee**

**“JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT SHUTTLESWORTH ”**

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

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

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

**More info: 661-979-1108 OR [www.friendsofallensworth.com](http://www.friendsofallensworth.com)**

**JUNE 8 (Saturday), 11 am - 1 pm; No Fee**

**“JUNETEENTH 2019: 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE”**

This special “Remembrance” event by the Omnira Institute will include Oro Egun, in keeping with the original celebrants’ practice and prayers of thanks that slavery was finally over. There will also be: First Nation & African Drumming, Prayers, Testimony, and Ring Shout. Check the website for more details of the rituals.

**Lake Merritt Sail Boat House Picnic Area, 562 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland 94610**

**More info: 510-332-5851 (for text) OR <https://www.omnirainstitute.org/juneteenth-1>**

**JUNE 8 (Saturday), 12 - 5 pm; No Fee (registration requested)**

**“GRILLIN' IN THE MO': FREE BLUES CONCERT”**

The annual Fillmore Summer Fest Kick-Off is a free blues concert and family BBQ celebrating the start of summer events in the Fillmore District and summer enrichment programs for Western Addition youth. Bernard Anderson and Lady Bianca will headline this year’s Grillin’ in the ‘Mo. Bring your family, a big appetite, a blanket and prepare yourself for a day of community connectedness. Soulful hits will be spinning all day by DJ, Mr. “C”. This special community event is produced by The Village Project, in collaboration with the Bayview YMCA, Western Addition Family Resource Center, San Francisco Rec & Park, The Bayview Newspaper, SF Police Department, The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco and other organizations. The project is partially funded by the SF Department of Public Health, YMCA, Grant For the Arts and other organizations. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event and donations are appreciated.

**Hamilton Recreation Center, 1900 Geary (@ Steiner), San Francisco 94115**

**More info / Registration: 415-424-2980 (Adrian) OR**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-fest-kick-off-grillin-in-the-mo-tickets-61520752226> OR**

**<https://www.thevillageprojectsf.org/vp/field-trips-events/grillin-in-the-moe/>**

**JUNE 11 (Tuesday), 5 - 10 pm (please arrive early); No Fee**

**“SFJAZZ PRESENTS 37<sup>th</sup> SAN FRANCISCO JAZZ FESTIVAL KICK OFF PARTY”**

A free Block Party to open the calendar for the 37<sup>th</sup> San Francisco Jazz Festival. The event will feature Royal Jelly Jive, La Mixta Criolla, and others; plus films, beer from PROXY’s Biergarten, and food from many of the Bay Area’s best food trucks. Check the website for the full listing of the 2019 Jazz Festival performances (June 11 – 23) that will include: Bobi Céspedes, Roy Ayers, Nicolas Bearde, William Bell, and more!

**The Proxy (outdoor Walk-In Theater), 432 Octavia Street (at the corner of Hayes Street), San Francisco 94102**

**More info: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/events/37th-annual-kickoff-celebration/>**

**Festival listings / Tickets: <https://www.sfjazz.org/calendar/?month=6.2019&series=22069>**

**JUNE 13 - 16 (Thursday - Sunday), check website for times, fees, venues and other details**

**“SAN FRANCISCO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL / SFBFF”**

The festival will feature music documentaries supplemented by live shows with Q&A's. The SFBFF will take place at various venues located in San Francisco. This festival is for everyone, so you are invited to come and enjoy great films that are of entertainment and importance to all. Check the contact and website below for the current list of official selections for this year's film festival and for updates on the schedule of events.

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

**JUNE 15 (Saturday), 10 am – 6 pm, No Fee**

**“CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH: 49TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA”**

This commemoration in Santa Rosa will begin with “Children of Africa”, a hands-on interactive narrative presented by: Drum Ghana & Dance Ensemble, Legacy Showcase and Rebel Blues Radio. There will also be other live entertainment, food, historical artifacts, a variety of vendors, and a basketball tournament for all ages. Starting at: 10 am = family volleyball 1 pm = a father vs. son game at 3pm; and much more to also celebrate Father's Day with family and Community!

The event is sponsored by: Red Rose Catering and 100 Blackmen from Sonoma County.

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

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/49th-annual-juneteenth-of-santa-rosa-ca-tickets-62015623399> OR

**Juneteenth Committee:**

<https://www.sonomacountyjuneteenth.com/?fbclid=IwAR1DAt2MG4FIXZLcp3akp8FjEnpkJoZaDREYRjYzGcdzIP6Kkld9HQFAC0>

**JUNE 15 (Saturday), 10 am, No Fee**

**31ST ANNUAL VALLEJO JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

This celebration is held in recognition of the outstanding culture, solid history, and strong heritage of African American people. Service groups, educational and, businesses, organizations, craft and food vendors, non-profits and local entertainers are invited to participate in this outstanding community event. The event also features information exhibitors, kids activities and live entertainment in a family friendly environment, and is open to everyone.

**Georgia and Santa Clara Street (downtown Vallejo behind JFK Library), Vallejo 94590**

**More info:** [https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event\\_id=200016856928957](https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=200016856928957)

**JUNE 15 (Saturday), 12 – 7 pm; No Fee (all day for kids / adults before 1 pm)**

**“38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH IN THE PARK FESTIVAL”**

Join the 38<sup>th</sup> year that the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) has produced the “Juneteenth in the Park Festival” in San Jose / Silicon Valley. The event has averaged over 6,000 attendees. Entertainment will again be provided by a range of local artists with music from Rap/Hip Hop to R&B, Gospel, and Jazz. There will also be a wide variety of food, artwork, retailers, community services and local businesses. This family-oriented festival will continue to embrace educating the community on a diverse range of information from health to educational and financial wealth for all ages. The Juneteenth in the Park Festival provides a free souvenir booklet to attendees.

Sponsors, Volunteers and performers are still welcomed; and donations are much appreciated.

**Plaza De Cesar Chavez, 194 South Market Street, San Jose 95113**

**More info / Tickets:** 408-292-3157 OR <https://www.bayareajuneteenth.org/> OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-san-jose-juneteenth-in-the-park-festival-tickets-59972741083>

**JUNE 15 (Saturday), 11 am – 6 pm; No Fee**

**“LEAD IN 2019 AND BEYOND: LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, ACHIEVEMENTS & DETERMINATION”**

**69<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH IN THE FILLMORE DISTRICT**

This year’s celebration will begin with the Kick Off Parade, and will include: the Classic Car Show; a Fashion Show; the Uhuru Village & Marketplace; Live Dance Performances and Music; a Kids & Youth Carnival; Health & Wellness (including a Cannabis Health Summit); Healing Space; Tasty Eats; and many Community Information & Resources. Sponsors for the event include: the San Francisco Foundation, Grants For The Arts, Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo and many more.

Check the website for more event details and Vendor & Wellness applications.

**Fillmore Street between Geary Boulevard & Golden Gate Avenue**

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

**JUNE 15 (Saturday), 1 – 3:30 pm; No Fee**

**“JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION”**

Join the Friends of the Negro Spirituals and the West Oakland Library for the celebration of Juneteenth and what it meant for families and children. The event will include: a community sing-along with “Slavery’s Chain”; a discussion on enslaved families and children when freedom came; and the screening of Nina Simone performing “I Wish I Knew How It Feels to Be Free”. Refreshments will be served.

**Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607**

**More info: 510-869-4359 OR <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/juneteenth-celebration-1>**

**JUNE 15 (Saturday), 5 – 7 pm; \$15 +**

**NOTE: Bayview residents, seniors, students and youth are eligible for a 20% discount off general admission tickets**

**“I, TOO, SING AMERICA / JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE”**

The performance will channel the poetic works of Langston Hughes, Jean Toomer, Beyonce, Frances Chung, Gwendolyn Brooks, Alice Walker and more. “I, Too, Sing America” honors the perspectives and experiences of American artists of color with poetry, song, music and movement. It features original compositions under the musical direction of Othello Jefferson with choreographic direction by Christine Chung; and is produced and directed by Jamie Yuen-Shore.

The performance will be followed by a Bayview community mixer with food beverages available for purchase.

This event is made possible by the generous support of Invest in Neighborhoods/Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the San Francisco Arts Commission, Grants for the Arts, and the San Francisco Foundation.

**Bayview Opera House, 4705 Third Street, San Francisco 94124**

**More info / Tickets: 415-824-0386 OR [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-too-sing-america-juneteenth-celebration-performance-tickets-61249159886?aff=b&mc\\_cid=a6dff5a6ca&mc\\_eid=ae64e0f447](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-too-sing-america-juneteenth-celebration-performance-tickets-61249159886?aff=b&mc_cid=a6dff5a6ca&mc_eid=ae64e0f447)**

**JUNE 16 (Sunday), 11 am – 7 pm; No Fee**  
**“32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL”**

Family entertainment is the focus of Berkeley’s annual Juneteenth Cultural Celebration that is open to the public.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE CELEBRATION INCLUDE:**

- The RD Bonds Main Stage is the “heart” of Juneteenth-in-Berkeley. The music incorporates the best of the African American experience that includes: drumming, jazz, blues, neo-soul, gospel, R&B, and reggae.
- The Lothario Lotho Stage featuring specialty performers for dance, spoken word, fashion, and community.
- Health Screenings by Alameda County health agencies offering informational workshops and health screenings;
- The Two On Two Basketball Tourney that will provide wholesome, physical competition.
- Historical Exhibits that will feature a collaboration of presenters.
- Art For Children programs with for-fun activities that will be coordinated by practicing artists.

NOTE: The Vision Magazine, a souvenir publication that features articles about performers, artists, and stories pertinent to the community, will be available.

**Venue: South Berkeley's 5-block Alcatraz-Adeline Corridor (near the Ashby BART station)**

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

**<https://thexpollinators.com/collective-calendar/32nd-annual-berkeley-ca-juneteenth-festival/>**

**JUNE 16 – AUGUST 18 (Sundays), 2 pm; No Fee / No Tickets (or pay to reserve a picnic table)**  
**(Concerts start at 2 pm, so arrive 2-4 hours early to get space: bring a seat + a cover to keep warm)**

**“STERN GROVE FESTIVAL: 82<sup>ND</sup> SEASON”**

Performers featured for June will be: “Digable Planets” and “Bang Data” with hip-hop vibes (June 15<sup>th</sup>); “Los Van Van” (a Grammy award winner) with the “songo” sound, a uniquely Cuban concoction of rock, jazz, and son designed for dancing (June 23<sup>rd</sup>); and “Galactic Baby”, a New Orleans group with vibrant funk, R&B, and jazz traditions & “Baby & The Luvies”, a San Francisco-based soul-inspired, 10-piece dance band (June 30<sup>th</sup>). Food trucks are available and free Yoga sessions are available at 12 noon before some performances. Check website below for more info and future performances.

**19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco 94132**

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

**JUNE 19 (Wednesday), 6 - 9 pm; No Fee**

**“JUNETEENTH WITH MAAFA”**

The MAAFA Commemoration San Francisco Bay Area will host a free screening of “Sankofa” that will be followed by a discussion hosted by Wanda Sabir (CEO for ICCAAMP) and others. This event will be part of the international commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans on U.S. soil. ICCAAMP (International Coalition to Commemorate African Ancestors of the Middle Passage) was formed in 2015 to organize 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. ICCAAMP also honors and commemorates those who survived the Maafa / Black Holocaust / Middle Passage.

**Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info: 510-255-5579 OR**

**<https://postnewsgroup.com/2019/04/29/international-coalition-to-commemorate-the-african-ancestors-of-the-middle-passage-iccaamp/>**



**JUNE 22 (Saturday), 9 am - 6 pm; No Fee**

**“OAKLAND NAACP 12TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION”**

Bring the family and friends and join The Oakland NAACP for food, local vendors, music, dancing, fashion show, awards, pony rides, and a car show! A community day to celebrate Juneteenth and the Brilliant Minds Project.

**West Oakland Youth Center, 3233 Market Street, Oakland/Emeryville 94608**

**More info: 510-260-4609 OR [https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event\\_id=200017154272639](https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=200017154272639)**

**JUNE 22 (Saturday), 11 am - 8 pm; No Fee**

**“LAKEFEST OAKLAND 2019”**

LakeFest is the annual summer festival with dozens of local shops, artists, musicians, restaurants and community leaders coming together to throw one of the summer's most fun events right on Lake Merritt! Join your neighbors, friends, and the rest of the community to: dance and vibe out to music from the main stage performances by local bands, DJs and dance groups; beat the heat by enjoying craft beer, custom cocktails, and other refreshments in the huge Biergarten; sample hundreds of amazing and surprising offerings from local eateries; explore the Tech Pavilion showcasing amazing VR experiences created by local students; and bring the kids down to have a blast in the huge KID ZONE!

**Lake Merritt Sailboat House, 568 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland 94610**

**More info: <https://www.facebook.com/lakefestoakland/>**

**JUNE 22 + 23 (Saturday, 6:30 pm + Sunday, 2 pm); \$25+**

**“10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALLEN HEROS, RISING STARS JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!”**

Join the Grown Woman Dance Collective (GWDC) for their Juneteenth Celebration. Using dance and music to teach and celebrate African American history, the power of dancers in their 40's & 50's uplift, inspire, and create a family-friendly, can't sit still in your seat celebration of who we are, that will have you singing to yourself for weeks. This event honors the legacy of African American artists such as Aretha Franklin, Nancy Wilson, Prince, Whitney Houston, and Natalie Cole; as well as Civil Rights leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali & Maya Angelou. Saturday admission includes free attendance to the 10th Anniversary after Party! On Sunday there will be a Q&A with cast after the performance. Please arrive early to confirm your seat, since the theater has a maximum occupancy capacity and performances usually sell out. The GWDC is supported by a grant from The San Francisco Foundation and fiscally sponsored by 501c3 Dancers Group. The project is supported by the Oakland City Council and funded by the City of Oakland's Cultural Funding Program; and sponsored by Aspire Pilates Center's Tropical Pilates Retreat.

**Malonga Arts Center, 1428 Alice Street, Oakland 94612**

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

**JUNE 28 (Friday); 11 – 11:30 am + 12:15 – 12:45 pm; No Fee**

**“UNIQUE DERIQUE (KIDS' SHOW)”**

A beloved Bay Area institution, the “Unique Derique” is a prince among clowns, and an internationally esteemed performer who has honed a singular blend of physical comedy and hambone body percussion. Derique (aka Lance McGee) is also a licensed drama therapist and school counselor who teaches mindfulness.

Whether he's in a park, Harlem's storied Apollo Theatre, or collaborating with Bobby McFerrin, The Temptations, or the late Sammy Davis Jr., the Unique Derique earns gales of laughter with his wildly imaginative skits.

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

**More info: (415) 543-1718 OR <https://ybgfestival.org/event/unique-derique-2019-am/>**



## 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 June 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](mailto:info@savenubia.org) OR [www.SaveNubia.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>) & Saturdays 2pm-4pm (January 12<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>)**

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 Clottey 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), 1980 Mandela Parkway, Oakland 94607**

**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), 1980 Mandela Parkway, Oakland 94607**

**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](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 Nene), 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/>

## PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JUNE 2019

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**NOTE:** many African and Afro Diaspora nations celebrate Juneteenth in mid-June; and many Christian and Muslim holidays such as Whit Monday, Corpus Christi, Ramadan and more (dates may vary for each of the holidays).

Check worldwide public holidays for any nation on website: <http://www.gppstudio.net/publicholidays.htm>

**JUNE 1:** "Youth Day" in Cape Verde; and "Madaraka (National) Day" in Kenya. **JUNE 3:** "Martyrs' Day" in Uganda. **JUNE 5:** "President's Day (Obiang Nguema Mbasogo)" in Equatorial Guinea. **JUNE 7:** "Labour Day / Sir Randall Fawkes Day" in the Bahamas. **JUNE 9:** "National Heroes' Day" in Uganda. **JUNE 10:** "Abolition Day" in French Guiana; and "Reconciliation Day" in the Congo (Republic). **JUNE 12:** "Democracy Day" in Nigeria. **JUNE 16:** "Youth Day" in South Africa. **JUNE 18:** "Constitution Day" in the Seychelles. **JUNE 19:** "Labour Day" in Trinidad & Tobago. **JUNE 20:** "Martyrs' Day" in Eritrea. **JUNE 21:** "Martyrs' Day" in Togo. **JUNE 25:** "Independence Day" in Mozambique. **JUNE 26:** "Independence Day" in Somalia. **JUNE 27:** "National Day" in Djibouti. **JUNE 29:** "Independence (National) Day" in the Seychelles. **JUNE 30:** "Prayer Day" in the Central African Republic; and "Independence Day" in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).

## SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR JUNE

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

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

- June 1: 1843 - Sojourner Truth (Isabella Baumfree); abolitionist, speaker, and women's rights advocate, began her journey to help escaped Afros find housing and work in the North.
- 1920 - W. E. B. Du Bois received the 6th NAACP Spingarn Medal for founding the Pan African Congress.
- 1921 - Race riot in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Twenty-one Euros and sixty Afros were killed.
- 1973 - WGPR became the 1st television station owned by African Americans and given a permit to operate.
- June 2: 1863 - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and engineer of the Underground Railroad, led Union Army guerillas into South Carolina and freed nearly 800 slaves. Tubman was the first woman in U.S. history to command an armed military raid.
- 1900 - Samori Ture (Warrior king, empire builder and hero of the resistance against the French colonization of West Africa) died in a French prison (how did he really die ???).
- 1950 - The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation on dining cars used in interstate transportation.
- 1948 - Herb McKenley, Jamaican born track star set a new world record for the 400-yard dash.
- 1999 - Thabo Mbeki was elected as President of South Africa to succeed Nelson Mandela.
- June 3: 1884 - Granville T. Woods, inventor, patented the Steam-Boiler Furnace (Patent # 299,894).
- 1946 - Segregation in interstate bus travel was banned by the Supreme Court in the case of Irene Morgan v. Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2008 - Barack Obama became the first person of African Descent to win the Presidential primary for the Democratic Party.
- June 4: 1946 - Legislation was enacted to establish the Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.
- 1972 - Angela Davis, activist and professor, was acquitted of murder, kidnapping, and other conspiracy related charges for a courthouse shooting in Marin County, CA, at which Davis was not present.

- June 5:** 1940 - Frederick O'Neal and Abram Hill organized the American Negro Theatre in Harlem.  
 1950 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that no distinctions can be made on the basis of race once a "black" student is admitted to an "all-white" school (*McLaurin v. Oklahoma*).  
 1950 - The Supreme Court ordered that Herman Sweatt be admitted to the University of Texas Law School (*Sweatt v. Painter*).  
 1966 - James Meredith, the first Afro to graduate from the University Of Mississippi, began a campaign to register 450,000 Afro voters in Mississippi.  
 1973 - Doris A. Davis, Mayor of Compton, CA, became the first African American woman to govern a major city.  
 1987 - Dr. Mae Carol Jemison became the first African American female astronaut.
- June 6:** 1790 - Jean Baptist Pointe Du Sable founded the city of Chicago, Illinois.  
 1831 - The first "Convention of Free Persons of Color" was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Wesleyan Church.  
 1930 - Dillard University, a Traditionally Black College (TBC), was chartered in New Orleans, Louisiana.  
 1942 - The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was founded in Chicago, Illinois.  
 1966 - Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Toure'), civil rights activist, launched the "Black Power" movement.
- June 7:** 1712 - Pennsylvania passed a law that prevented the importation of slaves (enslaved persons) into the colony by imposing a tax on any persons newly enslaved.  
 1892 - G. J. Sampson received a patent for a Clothes Dryer (Patent # 476,416G).  
 1994 - The Organization of African Unity (OAU) formally admitted South Africa as its 53<sup>rd</sup> member.  
 1998 - James Byrd, Jr., a 49-year-old pedestrian of African descent, was brutally murdered by three white men in Jasper, Texas. He was beaten, chained to a truck, and dragged three miles.
- June 8:** 1953 - The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed discrimination in Washington D.C. restaurants, and it became effective throughout the U.S.
- June 9:** 1904 - James Napier organized the first bank begun by an African American (in Tennessee).  
 1983 - Scott Joplin, musician and creator of "Ragtime", was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- June 10:** 1794 - Richard Allen founded the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.  
 1940 - Death of Marcus Garvey after two strokes, and after he read a false obituary about himself.  
 1997 - Geronimo Pratt, former Black Panther Party member was released from prison after serving 27 years for a crime he did not commit.
- June 11:** 1889 - Purdy and Sadgwar, inventors, patented the Folding Chair (Patent # 405,117).  
 1905 - Niagara Movement was organized by W.E.B. Du Bois, William Monroe Trotter and other Afro activists and intellectuals. The organization demanded abolition of all racial distinctions.  
 1911 - Marcus Garvey founded the UNIA (United Negro Improvement Association).  
 1964 - Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment by the South African government.  
 1976 - African nation of Angola placed British and U.S. mercenaries on trial.
- June 12:** 1949 - Convention People's Party (CPP), a socialist party, was formed by Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana.  
 1963 - Medgar Evers, civil rights activist was assassinated at his home in Jackson, Mississippi.  
 1964 - Nelson R. Mandela, South African political activist, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mandela served a 27-year prison term after being convicted for "sabotaging" the South African government. Mandela, later became president of South Africa.

**June 13: 1866 - The Fourteenth Amendment, granting citizenship to persons of African Descent, was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.**

**1868 - Oscar J. Dunn, a former enslaved man, was installed as Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana.**

**1893 - T. W. Stewart, inventor, patented the Mop (Patent # 499,402).**

**1944 – Gus Burton patented the emergency landing runway (Patent # 2,351,002).**

**1967 - Thurgood Marshall became the first African American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.**

**1980 - Walter Rodney, Guyanese historian, political activist and scholar was assassinated.**

**1997 - Harvey Johnson was elected as the first mayor of African Descent in Jackson, Mississippi.**

**June 14: 1939 – Ethel Waters became the first Afro/Black actor to appear on TV.**

**June 15: 1877 - H.O. Flipper became the first African American graduate of West Point.**

**1921 - Bessie Coleman became the first female licensed pilot of African Descent when she was awarded her pilot's certificate in France.**

**1921 - Sadie T.M. Alexander became the first person of African Descent to receive a PhD in Economics. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.**

**1971 - Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., was appointed Executive Director of the National Urban League.**

**1999 - Rosa Parks was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. In 1996 Ms. Parks also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor for her efforts on behalf of racial harmony.**

**June 16: 1804 - Jacques Dessalines was declared Emperor of Ayiti (Haiti).**

**1822 - Denmark Vesey led his famous slave rebellion in Charleston, South Carolina.**

**1960 - The Mueda Massacre of 600 Africans led to the armed struggle in Mozambique.**

**1969 - The U.S. Supreme Court decided that the House of Representatives had violated the constitution when it suspended Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. from his congressional seat.**

**1970 – Kenneth Gibson became the first Afro/Black Mayor of Newark, New Jersey.**

**1976 - Students rioted in Soweto, South Africa, as a result of the Mueda Massacre.**

**1999 - Maurice Greene, U.S. track and field athlete, broke the world record for the 100-meter dash.**

**1999 - Thabo Mbeki was elected to succeed Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Afro President.**

**June 17: 1890 - P. B. Downing, inventor, patented the Electric Switch used for railroads (Patent # 430,118).**

**1966 - SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) and Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael) called for “Black Power” in Jackson, Mississippi.**

**June 18: 1882 - Denmark K. Vesey who had purchased his freedom from enslavement, was arrested for conspiring an attack on Charleston, South Carolina.**

**1889 - William H. Richardson, inventor, patented the Children's Carriage (Patent #s 405,599 and 405,600).**

**1949 - Ada L.S. Fisher enrolled as a law student in the University of Oklahoma after a Supreme Court ruling.**

**June 19: 1865 - “Juneteenth”: News of the Emancipation Proclamation reached the South and Texas after 2 years.**

**1912 - Tennessee State University opened as Tennessee A&I College.**

**1968 - "Solidarity Day," was organized by the Poor People's Campaign about the need for economic justice and ending racism. Coretta Scott King and Ralph Abernathy were key speakers.**

**June 20: 1967 - Muhammad Ali was convicted of refusing abduction into the U.S. armed services by the Federal Court in Houston, Texas.**

- June 21:** 1821 - The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was founded in New York City.  
 1915 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the "grandfather clauses" in the Oklahoma and Maryland constitutions violated the "15<sup>th</sup> Amendment".  
 1964 - James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, CORE members and activists, on a "Freedom Summer" mission to register Black voters, were murdered in Philadelphia.
- June 22:** 1972 - National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) was incorporated with over 2,000 members.  
 1993 - Joe Louis, boxer and first African American national sports hero was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp. He knocked out German boxer, Max Schmeling, on this date in 1938.
- June 23:** 1900 - Yaa Asantewa (Ghana female elder) led the Ashanti rebellion known as the "War of the Golden Stool" against British colonialism.  
 1982 - Coleman Alexander Young, Detroit, Michigan's, first mayor of African Descent, was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.  
 2007 - Anthony Reed became the first person of African descent to complete 26.2-mile marathons on every continent, including Antarctica.
- June 24:** 1896 - Booker T. Washington, educator and founder of Tuskegee Institute, received an honorary degree from Harvard University.  
 1936 - Mary McLeod Bethune became the first woman to receive a major appointment from the federal government when she was named Director of the Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.  
 1988 - Atlanta University and Clark College merged to become Clark Atlanta University.  
 1996 - Ramona Africa and the families of two other victims of the 1985 bombing of MOVE, a back-to-Africa group, received \$1.5 million from the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- June 25:** 1792 - Death of Thomas Peters, an enslaved African American, who led freed men from Nova Scotia (Canada) to Sierra Leone.  
 1919 - Marcus Garvey founded the Black Star Line.  
 1975 - Mozambique was proclaimed independent. Samora Machel became its first President.
- June 26:** 1960 - The African nation of Madagascar was proclaimed independent.  
 1964 - Franklin H. Williams was appointed to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. He was the first African American U.S. delegate to the United Nations.
- June 27:** 1872 - Birthday of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, prominent poet and writer. He was born in Dayton, Ohio.  
 1890 - George "Little Chocolate" Dixon won the World Bantamweight Boxing Championship, and became the first African American to win the World Boxing Championship.  
 1977 - The African nation of Djibouti was proclaimed independent.  
 1979 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that unions and employers can use voluntary programs and quotas to facilitate minority employment.
- June 28:** 1839 - The Cinque Revolt took place on the Amistad slave ship.  
 1948 - Joe Louis won the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion by knocking out "Jersey" Jo Walcott.  
 1964 - Malcolm X Omowale founded the OAAU (Organization of Afro American Unity).  
 1971 - The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously overturned the draft evasion conviction of Muhammad Ali.  
 1978 - The U.S. Supreme Court handed down the Bakke Decision which ruled that strict racial quotas guaranteeing access and opportunity to African Americans, women, and other minorities in education and industry were unconstitutional. The decision has been much disputed.



**June 29:** 1914 – NAACP’s Spingarn Medal for outstanding achievement by an Afro/Black was established by Joel Elias Spingarn.

1956 - Charles Dumas became the first person to jump over seven feet in U.S. Olympic history.

1972 - The Supreme Court ruled the death penalty as cruel and unusual punishment and a violation of the Eighth Amendment. African Americans and other minorities were 81% of persons on death-row.

1976 - The African nation of Seychelles was proclaimed independent.

1998 - Lenny Wilkens, Atlanta Hawks Head Coach, was elected to the NBA’s Hall of Fame as player and coach.

**June 30:** 1874 - H. Pickett, inventor, patented the Scaffold (Patent # 152,511).

1960 - The African nation of Zaire proclaimed independence.

1967 - Major Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. was proclaimed the first African American astronaut. He died later that year during a “training flight” (how did he really die???).

## **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 June 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>

**NOW 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>**

**NOW 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/>**

**JUNE 3 - 8, 2019 (Monday – Saturday), check event times + details on website below;**

**No Fee (for general public) and/or Check Delegate Fees (registration required)**

**“NATIONAL CARIBBEAN AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE WEEK (NCALWeek) 2019”**

This special program in Washington, DC is organized by the Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS), a community based think-do tank established to advance the interests of Caribbean Americans. The program topics/events will include: the “US Census 2020”; “Issues & Options In Smart Energy”; “21st Annual Caribbean American Legislative Forum / Advocacy Day for House of Representatives” (with Barbara Lee and other Congress members); “Annual Caribbean American Legislative Forum: Senate Briefing”; “Smart Caribbean 2030 | Blue Economy #Smart Islands | #Smart Nations” (with the Inter-American Development Bank); and “Caribbean American Changemakers Awards + Youth Forum on the Future”. There will also be events by invitation and/or for Delegates. ICS is the “Campaign Architect” for the Commemoration of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month and welcomes donations and/or sponsors.

**Venues: check each event listed in the eventbrite website below**

**More info / Details / Registration: 202-638-0460 (ICS) OR <https://www.icsdc.org/> OR**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-caribbean-american-legislative-week-ncalweek-2019-tickets-62056951011>**

**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/](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>**

**JULY 15, 2019 ( ), 12 – 6 pm; No Fee**

**“JUNETEENTH IN THE GARDEN”**

Please join “RISE Tuskegee” and “Nature's Garden for Victory & Peace” for this Juneteenth special community celebration. Juneteenth is a day that we celebrate our liberation as Black Americans who have love for & knowledge of self & our community! If you're interested in sharing your gifts or talent with the community please call one of the numbers listed below. For more information or questions please message the group!

**Nature's Garden for Victory & Peace, 1370 County Road 36, Tuskegee, Alabama 36083**

**More info: 916-600-5368 OR 205-706-8744 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/2289541824646387/>**

**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 104<sup>th</sup> 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’SSE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for June 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](mailto:info@savenubia.org) OR [www.SaveNubia.org](http://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.com/>

### **ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER**

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

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

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

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

## **SPECIAL TOURS & EVENTS FOR THE GHANA 2019 YEAR OF RETURN**

**NOTE: 2019 marks the 400th year since the MIDDLE PASSAGE. Ghana has opened arms for all African Americans and descendants in the Diaspora whose ancestors were victimized by the brutalities of slavery to return home during this year of memorial observance. Ghana's 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](mailto: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: Bay Area meeting to discuss the tour: June 15 (Saturday), 2019, 12 - 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 link below for the tour brochure with complete details and website**

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.

**Meeting Venue: Prescott Joseph Center For Community, 920 Peralta Street, Oakland 94607**

**More info / Register: 510-214-3206 OR**

**[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7078ba\\_51f9a64cf67d4b75bf90014314bc7d43.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7078ba_51f9a64cf67d4b75bf90014314bc7d43.pdf)**

**NOTE: this listing of tours is part of the WO'SE “Pan African Affairs Newsletter” for June 2019.  
Updates will be included in the July 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

The listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for June 2019

### 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](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 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142  
[www.peraltahacienda.org](http://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](http://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](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](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](http://www.awdf.org/awdf-usa) OR [www.awdf.org](http://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](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](mailto:info@DrAkua.net) or call (770)309-6664  
[www.DrAkua.net](http://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 21<sup>ST</sup> 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>

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

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

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, 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 100<sup>th</sup> 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>

## **BOOK SALES FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE**

### **A SHORT LIST OF SITES FOR ELECTRONIC AND PRINT AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS**

### **WITH REVIEWS AND PURCHASE INFO**

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1. **AFRICA'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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/>