

# WO'SE COMMUNITY



# PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

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

**NOTE: If you have suggestions for additional listings or websites, please send email info to [ciyatestt@yahoo.com](mailto:ciyatestt@yahoo.com).**

**WO'SE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAYS 10:30am – 12:30pm**  
**8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621 / Call 510-632-8230**

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

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

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

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

## **"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"**

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

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

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

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

<https://hcvoice.wordpress.com/about/>

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

# SEPTEMBER 2017 / 6258 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

## **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> IS ETHIOPIAN "ENKUTATASH" (NEW YEAR)!!!**

ENKUTATASH means "gift of jewels" and marks the end of the rainy season and the beginning of the spring sunshine in Ethiopia. Enkutatash is a very festive occasion that includes: morning church service; families sharing a traditional meal; gifts of flowers and painted pictures from young girls and young boys to each village household; and more.

**FOR BAY AREA EVENTS: Ethiopian Community and Culture Center, Oakland: 510-268-4770**

## **WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA**

“If you are angered by a wrong done you by another, lean not toward remembering it, but toward righteousness.  
Pass over it quickly and do not hold it in your heart after the first day it happens.

From: *The Husia / The Book of Ptha-Hotep* (p. 47, #XVI), c1984 by Maulana Karenga

## **PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH**

“MUGI NI MWIRE” (Swahili)

“A MAN FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED” (English)

English interpretation: “HE WHO HAS BEEN ADVISED IS WISE”

From: *1000 Kikuyu Proverbs* by G. Barra: p. 54 (#439)

NOTE: The freedom of speech and press in our societies is taking us beyond the lines of humanity. There is no more respect of personalities, and we are losing our culture. African proverbs are for the wise man/woman to contemplate and find their real meanings and change for the better.

## **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)

28TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NCOBRA CONFERENCE (JUNE 22 - 25, 2017): RESULTS TO BE INCLUDED ASAP  
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/events-page/28th-annual-national-ncobra-conference/>

### RESULTS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS SUMMIT"

Check this website for the summary of the summit that was held April 9 – 11, 2015 and for follow-up events:  
<http://ibw21.org/promotion/final-communicue-click-here-to-read/> OR 410-844-1031

### 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.  
<http://ibw21.org/summit/>

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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:

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

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

NOTE: The WO'SE Oakland website is currently "under construction"

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

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

**Fridays, 7 pm; Ongoing until further notice**

### **DRUM CLASS AT WO'SE**

For those who want to start drumming at WO'SE, take a class with lead drummer, Baba Sidney. No drum is required. In fact, you don't even need shoes, just show up, and learn a new rhythm!

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday), 9 – 10:15am**

### **WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) SESSION**

Minister Greg Hodge will provide in-depth information about libations and how this special tribute is done at WO'SE . This is a great opportunity to learn the history and details; especially for those who may lead it in the future.

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service**

### **WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR**

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

**September 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 10:30 am**

### **WO'SE SPECIAL SUNDAY & MUSIC SERVICE: ILE OMODE PARENTS' DAY**

WO'SE Emeritus Minister Mxolisi will offer the rationale for why and how Ile Omode school emerged from the WO'SE spiritual community. The full Ile Omode community of parents and staff are invited to attend, and the Ile Omode students will do a special presentation. The Ile Omode Mama and Babas Organization (IMABO) Coordinating Committee (the new name of the soon to be launched group parent advisory group), will be noted. New WO'SE members will also be introduced. The service will be interlaced with soul inspiring music by the "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends. The Karamu follows.

**Sunday: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 10:15 am**

### **WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASS FOR "NEW & OLD" MEMBERS**

This special class will be facilitated by Emeritus Minister Mxolisi, a founding member of WO'SE. He will share the history of Afro-Spirituality and WO'SE's New Life Seminary classes.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 10:30 am**

**WO'SE ANNUAL FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION**

**NOTE: this replaces the Sunday service; and the WO'SE Holly Street facility will be closed.**

WO'SE's annual celebration of the Fall / Autumn Equinox marks the time of balance between day and night, before night takes over and brings the coming winter. In many ancient traditions, this duality between light and dark exists within humanity, and in the work of spiritual transformation. The Pyramid of the Sun in Kmt faces the equinox sunsets. The Celebration will include a soul stirring traditional walk, meditation and prayer; the Karamu / Group Potluck (please bring something to share); and youth activities. When you enter the park, look for the WO'SE sign.

**Robert's Park, 10570 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland 94611**

**More info: 510-755-7051 OR 510-390-2130**

**SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

**UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3 (8pm Fridays + Saturdays / 2pm Saturdays + Sundays); \$20+**

**NOTE: All Sunday Shows have Post Show Talkbacks.**

**Group rates and VIP private receptions with Artists are available.**

**"BEYOND THE BARS: GROWING HOME"**

In this performance, the "Lower Bottom Playaz" traverse a brutal and dehumanizing system to unravel the truth of crime and punishment in America. They will take you "behind the bars" to better imagine what might lie "beyond the bars" and how we "grow home" for those who have been touched by incarceration. There has never been freedom of movement for Afro bodies in America; and in every way imaginable, the carceral system is an extension of the system of chattel slavery in this Country.

The performance is directed by Ayodele "Wordslanger" Nzinga, MFA, PhD.

**The Flight Deck, 1540 Broadway, Oakland 94612**

**More info / Tickets: 510-332-1319 OR 510-457-8999 OR**

**<http://www.lowerbottomplayaz.com/box-office.php>**

**UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23 (Saturday) at 10:59 PM – FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**"NATIONAL CALL FOR ART SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MYGRATION EXHIBIT"**

Tea Roots is inviting visual artists to submit work that is broadly related to the theme of migration. The 2017 exhibit "Mygration" will be on view from November 3 - December 2, 2017 at Joyce Gordon Gallery in downtown Oakland. Artists are invited whose work explores various meanings and implications of migration – people or other living members of the planet moving from one place to another with the intention of resettling and seeking better lives, or better means of livelihood. The call is open to all visual art forms including painting, photography-based work, drawing, sculpture, installation and video. In addition, poets and spoken word artists will be selected to present their work in response to the exhibit. Check website for details to submit work.

**For questions about entry: [eric@joycegordongallery.com](mailto:eric@joycegordongallery.com) OR [submission@tearoots.org](mailto:submission@tearoots.org) OR 510-465-8928**

**For more info: <http://www.rootsartistregistry.com/mygration.html>**

**Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland 94612**

**SEPTEMBER 2 (Saturday), 8 – 11 pm: \$15+ (under 12 years - no fee)**

**NOTE: Doors open at 6:30 pm; Dance Lesson with Juan Souki begins at 7 pm (\$15)**

**“BETSAYDA MACHADO Y LA PARRANDA EL CLAVO”**

Venezuelan singer Betsayda Machado leads a colorful and uplifting concert that is part of Ashkenaz’s Global Cultures for Kids series, where all ages and especially families are enlightened. This full concert with Machado and her band La Parranda El Clavo includes singers and dancers presenting the Afro-Venezuelan and Afro-Caribbean traditions.

**Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702**

**More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/9/2/betsayda-machado>**

**SEPTEMBER 3 (Sunday), 10 am – 10 pm: No fee (registration requested)**

**“AFROCENTRIC OAKLAND'S 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PAN-AFRICAN FESTIVAL”**

Citizens of the African Diaspora, it's time to celebrate! Oakland’s 7th annual Pan-African Festival is a free family event carefully curated to cultivate pride, joy, self-determination and sovereignty for Diasporic Africans. Through participation in a full day of holistic health workshops, group games, arts, crafts and entertainment, the day intends to celebrate the rich cultures of Africa and its global influences. This is a great day the entire family will enjoy! Check the website below if you would like to volunteer, sponsor, vendor, donate or share your gifts and talents.

**Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street, Oakland 94609**

**More info: 510-761-7616 OR <http://panafricanfest.com/>**

**SEPTEMBER 3 (Sunday), 3 – 4:30 pm: \$12+ adults / \$8 kids (special rates for family of 4+)**

**“GLOBAL CULTURES FOR KIDS WITH ASHEBA”**

A veteran of several reggae bands, Asheba brings children and families into his joyful world of Caribbean music, especially calypso. Playing guitar and steel pans and singing, he performs an infectious mix of songs and tells stories from his island childhood in a participatory concert that appeals to children of all ages. At some point everyone joins in the fun, singing and dancing along. Asheba has put out four popular kids’ CDs: “Go Itsy, Music for Kids Caribbean Style,” “No More Monkeys,” “Children Are the Sunshine” and “In the Kid Zone.” Asheba is also featured on two Putumayo children’s collections, “Reggae Playground” and “Animal Playground.”

**Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702**

**More info / Tickets: 510-525-5054 OR <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar/2017/9/3/asheba>**

**SEPTEMBER 4 (Monday), 9 am - 6 pm: No fee**

**“STOCKTON BLACK FAMILY DAY CULTUREFEST”**

This annual event, is a cultural celebration of 49 years dedicated to promoting these Community Principles: Faith, Education, Health, Respect and Unity; while celebrating African American culture and its rich traditions through music, art, ethnic food and most importantly, family. Local businesses and spiritual leaders will conduct seminars and workshops centered on family dynamics and education. Come to Learn, Eat, Play, Fellowship and Be Empowered!

NOTE: Other activities for Black Family Day may take place Saturday-Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. Call to confirm.

**Weber Point Event Center, 221 North Center Street, Stockton 95202**

**More info: 209-482-0505 OR <https://www.stocktonblackfamilyday.com/>**

**SEPTEMBER 8 + 9 (Friday + Saturday), 8 pm: \$20 (or pay what you can – no one turned away)**

**“LIVE ARTS IN RESISTANCE: TABOO AND HEROES”**

The Byb Chanel Bibene / Kiandanda Dance Theater presents “Taboo and Heroes”, a multi-media work that addresses the reality and consequences of violence and corruption through a personal experience of the war that overtook the Republic of Congo in the late 1990s. This was a survival experience, in which hope was the inner motto.

Presented by the Eastside Arts Alliance and Naka Dance Theater.

**EastSide Arts Alliance & Cultural Center, 2277 International Boulevard, Oakland 94606**

**More info / Tickets: 510-533-6629 OR <http://taboo-heroes.brownpapertickets.com/>**

**SEPTEMBER 9 (Saturday), 8:30 am – 1:30 pm: \$15.00 (\$5 Seniors, Students & individuals with limited funds)**

**“ADVANCING OUR AGENDA BY ORGANIZING FOR EMPOWERMENT”**

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES**

The mission / purpose of the Congress of African Peoples (CAP) is to promote dialogue among African-descended individuals and organizations in Sacramento by sharing perspectives, visions, hopes, expectations, disappointments, plans and ongoing work. And, to provide a space in which African/Black people from all over the area can share and connect with each other. The program will feature: speakers, panel discussions, lunch, vendors and networking opportunities. Topics for the Panel Discussions: “Black Millennials Matters: Our Future”; “Food Security in our Community”; and “Black Minds Matter: Education Matters and Civil Rights Matters”.

**Fruitridge Community Collaborative, 4625 44th Street, Sacramento 95820**

**More info / Tickets:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-congress-of-african-peoples-convening-tickets-35831746719>**

**SEPTEMBER 9 – SEPTEMBER 21 (Check days + times below); No Fee! (donations welcomed)**

**“YERBA BUENA GARDENS FESTIVAL”**

**NOTE: Selected events are below---check website for all events**

**ALSARAH & THE NUBATONES / September 9 (Saturday, 1 - 2:30 pm)**

A Sudanese-born singer, songwriter and ethnomusicologist, AlSarah and the Nubatones blend original material and traditional music of central Sudan with Nubian songs of return, a diasporic form created by Southern Egyptians forced from their land in the 1970s by the Aswan Dam.

More info: <https://ybgfestival.org/event/alsarah/>

**RICARDO LEMVO & MAKINA LOCA / September 21 (Thursday, 6 – 7:30 pm)**

Zaire / Angola born Ricardo Lemvo has honed an irresistibly grooving Afro-salsa sound, blending Congolese rumba and soukous with Cuban charanga and son. His songs are in Spanish, Portuguese, Lacumi, Kikongo and Lingala.

More info: <https://ybgfestival.org/event/ricardo-lemvo-2017/>

**MARCUS SHELBY ORCHESTRA / September 23 (Saturday, 1 – 2:30 pm)**

Marcus Shelby is an internationally acclaimed bassist/composer and leader of a powerfully swinging 15-piece big band. He is also a Yerba Buena Gardens Festival resident composer, and has developed epic works exploring the abiding ties between jazz and blues and African-American social and political movements.

More info: <https://ybgfestival.org/event/marcus-shelby-orchestra/>

**ALL EVENTS: Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade, Mission Street between 3rd & 4th Streets, San Francisco 94103**

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

**SEPTEMBER 9 (Saturday), 4 pm (doors open 3 pm): \$10+**

**“FILM: WEST OAKLAND STORIES”**

In this film Afro/Black Oaklanders who lived in Oakland back in the 1940s, 50s and 60s tell their positive experiences and thoughts about Oakland at that time. This documentary tells how their experiences became the cornerstone of the “Real Black Oakland”. As panelists they can talk to each other and the community. Geoffrey Pete, established businessman; Davey D, journalist, professor and Hip Hop historian; Ron Bell, facilitator of “Old School Oakland” on Facebook; and Ed Howard all support this project and the “Positive Feeling Movement in Oakland”.

**Geoffrey’s Inner Circle (Ruth Beckford Rom), 410 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland 94612**

**More info / Tickets: 510-734-9759 OR <http://geoffreyslive.com/>**

**SEPTEMBER 9 (Saturday), 7 – 9:30 pm: \$35+**

**“DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER: MEMORIES OF MEMPHIS”**

This night celebrates the release of Dee Dee Bridgewater’s new Okeh Records album “Memphis... Yes, I’m Ready” devoted to the music and spirit of her hometown. Steeped in civil rights history and one of the great hotbeds of Afro music, Memphis has a very special, highly personal place in Bridgewater’s heart. She performs the soul, blues and R&B she heard by her father, trumpeter Matthew Garrett and classics by B.B. King, Otis Redding, B.B. King, and Bobby Blue Bland. “Memphis... Yes, I’m Ready” was co-produced by GRAMMY-winning saxophonist Kirk Whalum.

**SFJAZZ Center (Miner Auditorium), 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco 94102**

**More info/ Tickets: 866-920-5299 OR <https://www.sfjazz.org/events/2017-18/0909/dee-dee-bridgewater>**

**SEPTEMBER 13 (Wednesday), 2 - 4 pm: No Fee!**

**“STOP THE VIOLENCE – A RIGHT TO LIFE”**

Join this special music / spoken word event with “ToBeNu Cultural Gatherers” (community activist performers): Zakiyah Bolling, Poet / Storyteller; and Bryant Bolling, Vocalist / Pianist / Spoken Word Performer. Through the talents of these performers, the community gathering will be able to focus on community issues and spiritual healing.

**Eastmont Library, 7200 Bancroft Avenue (Suite 211), Oakland 94605**

**More info: [banzbolling@yahoo.com](mailto:banzbolling@yahoo.com) OR 510-615-5726 (Eastmont Library)**

**SEPTEMBER 14 (Thursday), 5 - 7 pm: No Fee!**

**“AHC (ATTITUDINAL HEALING CONNECTION) OPEN HOUSE”**

AHC (Attitudinal Healing Connection) invites you to join an evening of artwork, music, conversation and food to celebrate the move to their vibrant new art space that will house the Art projects. The overall AHC mission is to empower individuals to be self-aware and inspired through art, creativity and education, making positive choices to break the cycle of violence for themselves and their communities. AHC has received many awards and acclamations for their successful projects that include Mindful Drumming, Racial Healing, The Legacy and The Leadership projects.

**American Steel, 1960 Mandela Parkway, Oakland 94607 (enter on Mandela @ 20th Street)**

**NOTE: the ongoing AHC location: 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608**

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



**SEPTEMBER 16 (Saturday), 9:30am – 4:30pm: No fee (\$20+ for special VIP Experience)**

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

A special day of healing and renewal for activists of African Descent facilitated by Rev. Kamal Hassan & Leah Kimble-Price from the OneLife Institute. Sessions for the event will include: Practices for sustainability, resilience, and spiritual well-being; Free mini-sessions with healing practitioners; Community connection and support; Finding strength in ourselves and one another; Sharing hopes and visions; and Gathering in sacred space. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch, a re-fillable water bottle (filtered water will be available), a journal or notebook, and anything you need to be comfortable for the day. The retreat is offered on a sliding scale basis, with scholarships available; and no one turned away for lack of funds. PLEASE RESPECT THIS AS A SPACE FOR BLACK COMMUNITY.

**Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1255 - 1st Ave, Oakland (On-site parking available)**

**More info: 510-595-5598 OR <http://www.onelifeinstitute.org/classesevents.html> RSVP: [onelife@onelifeinstitute.org](mailto:onelife@onelifeinstitute.org)**

**SEPTEMBER 16 (Saturday), 11 am – 6 pm: No Fee!**

**“BLACK-EYED PEA FESTIVAL”**

The Black-Eyed Pea Festival is a daylong event that celebrates African-American culture. Guests can enjoy various live music performances, visit the wide range of craft vendors, take classes in yoga and meditation, make crafts using black-eyed peas and join in a community-wide event that explores the history and traditions of African-Americans.

**Oakland Technical High School, 4351 Broadway, Oakland 94609**

**More info: 510-332-5851 OR <https://www.everfest.com/e/oakland-black-eyed-pea-festival-oakland-ca>**

**SEPTEMBER 16 (Saturday), 1 – 5 pm: No fee (\$20+ for special VIP Experience)**

**“RICHMOND SPIRIT AND SOUL FESTIVAL”**

The Spirit & Soul Festival, is a celebration and fundraiser for the historic Downtown Richmond, where attendees can enjoy an afternoon of top musical entertainment on 2 stages; food and artisan vendors; info booths; a youth zone; a mobile art gallery AND MORE! Entertainers for this year include: “1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Revue”; Rhonda Benin; PUSH with Dan Ashley; Shari with Ronnie Mills & RYSE Street Performers; AND MORE!

**McDonald Avenue (between Harbour Way and 13th Street), Richmond 94801**

**More info / Tickets : 510-236-4049 OR <http://richmondmainstreet.org/spirit-soul-festival>**

**SEPTEMBER 16 (Saturday), 7 - 10 pm: \$40**

**“THE 2017 BUDDY MONTGOMERY JAZZ LEGACY AWARDS”**

This is an annual awards event founded to recognize jazz artists for their musical contribution to the genre and for earning their place in the legacy of jazz music. The event will also present awards to help inspire young music students to continue developing their talent and individual creativity. The “2017 Buddy Montgomery Jazz Scholarship Recipient” is Dillon Vado, an active professional drummer and vibraphonist. Jacques Lesure will receive the award for the “Most Influential Jazz Guitarist”; and “The 2017 Buddy Montgomery Jazz Legacy Award Recipient” will be Pete Escovedo. There will be special performances by the awardees and the MC will be Clifford Brown, Jr. NOTE: Buddy Montgomery’s brothers are the late Wes Montgomery and Monk Montgomery. In the 1980s Buddy established The Oakland Jazz Alliance that enabled him to produce jazz concerts and festivals; and to create a Jazz in the Schools program.

**The Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street, Berkeley 94709**

**More info / Tickets: <http://www.bmjazzlegacy.com/copy-of-2016-jazz-legacy-awards-sav>**

**SEPTEMBER 19 (Tuesday), 6 – 8 pm: No Fee! (RSVP before September 14)**

**“EN MAS’ CARNIVAL AND PERFORMANCE ART OF THE CARIBBEAN”: OPENING RECEPTION**

This new exhibition considers the connections between Carnival & performance, masquerade & social criticism, and diaspora & transnationalism. Taking its title from a pun on “Mas” (short for masquerade and synonymous with carnival in the English-speaking Caribbean), EN MAS’ considers a history of performance that does not take place on the stage or in the gallery, but rather in the streets, addressing not the few but the many.

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

**More info / RSVP: 415-358-7200 OR [http://www.moadsf.org/event/en-mas-opening-reception/?instance\\_id=14076](http://www.moadsf.org/event/en-mas-opening-reception/?instance_id=14076)**

**SEPTEMBER 23 (Saturday), 8 pm (doors open at 7 pm); \$35**

**“ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT: PRENTICE POWELL, TRACY CRUZ”**

Arrested Development is an Afro-American alternative hip hop group that formed in Atlanta in 1988. Since then the group has dominated the world of hip hop with defiant lyrics of hope; and became the first and only hip-hop artists to receive the “best new artist” Grammy; and a Grammy award for “best rap single” for their anthemic prayer-like hit song. In tune to their global activities they donated money to Nelson Mandela and the ANC; and they used their voices and their status to the benefit of many underprivileged brothers and sisters around the world. Another highlight was their song “Revolution” for Spike Lee’s movie about Malcolm X. For the last thirteen years, Arrested Development has performed concerts world-wide; and they continue to release new music. Their shows are a celebration of life; and their concert is described as an uplifting and spiritual event wrapped into one big party.

**UC Theater/ Taube Family Music Hall, 2036 University Avenue, Berkeley**

**More info / Tickets: 510-356-4000 OR**

**<http://www.theuctheatre.org/event/1486963?gclid=CJ-i0KvZmNQCFQkIaQod3DMP7A>**

**SEPTEMBER 23 (Saturday), 8pm + SEPTEMBER 24 (Sunday), 3 pm; \$30+**

**“MOSES(ES)”:**

**Performance of the Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group**

Award-winning choreographer Reggie Wilson makes rich, sensual, complex dances that vibrate with the layered histories of the African Diaspora. His “Moses(es)” performance is inspired by Zora Neale Hurston's retelling of the biblical Moses story; and it combines his experiences traveling to North Africa to understand the migration of Africans with his extensive research into black (Afro) culture, movement, and spiritual traditions. The result is a powerful investigation of the nature of leadership—who leads? who follows?—in our contemporary culture.

**University of California – Berkeley / Zellerbach Hall (west of Lower Sproul Plaza), Bancroft Way, Berkeley 94720**

**More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR <http://calperformances.org/performances/2017-18/dance/reggie-wilson-fist-and-heel-performance-group-moses-es.php>**

**SEPTEMBER 24 (Sunday), 4 – 11:30 pm; \$20 + (\$35 includes chicken/veggie dinner)**

**“TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND ALICE COLTRANE”**

This world class presentation features Steve Heckman, Marcus Shelby, Matt Clark and Akira Tana (playing from his album Legacy: A Coltrane Tribute). Also performing will be: Destiny Muhammad's Group Tribute to Alice Coltrane; Playing Journey in Satchidananda; James Mahone Quintet (featuring a Trumpet and the Coltrane - Miles Davis Connection); and others. MC's will be Greg Bridges (KCSM Jazz 91.1) and James Graves (Night Journey Rewind). This is a Benefit Fundraiser for the Humane Renaissance Movement Inc. Social Good Fund, Inc 501c3.

**Cafe Stritch, 374 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, San Jose 95113**

**More info / Tickets: 650-399-6341**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tribute-to-john-and-alice-coltrane-tickets-35887164475?aff=eac2>

**SEPTEMBER 27 (Wednesday), 7 – 10 pm; \$12 + tax deductible donations appreciated**

**“FILM SCREENING OF EVOLUTIONARY BLUES...WEST OAKLAND'S MUSIC LEGACY”**

This is Cheryl Fabio 's new 90-minute documentary film about West Oakland, the Oakland Blues, and how postwar development impacted African Americans and their musical heritage. Over 30 local musicians share their inspiration and describe the trajectory of the Oakland Blues: how it evolved and what it has become. A reception will follow. The film is a project by KTOP Channel 10, the government channel of the City of Oakland. Cheryl Fabio, the filmmaker, is also Executive Director of the Sarah Webster Fabio Center for Social Justice (the film's co-producer).

**Grand Lake Theatre, 3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 94610**

**More info / Tickets: 510-206-4407 OR**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evolutionary-blues-west-oaklands-music-legacy-tickets-36852277153>

**SEPTEMBER 29 (Friday), 7:30 – 9 pm (no admissions after 7:30 pm); No Fee! (donations appreciated)**

**“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; it brings one into the now; and into one's joy and happiness.

Sessions are facilitated by Baba Kokomon Clotney who has a MBA; and is a master drummer, storyteller, record producer, author and teacher. He is also the cofounder and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection Inc., in Oakland, California and in Ghana, West Africa. He was born to the Ga Adagbe group in Accra that is rich with ancient codes of conduct, deep spiritual beliefs, and rituals of power. Baba Kokomon has produced two compact disks, and has co-authored / authored 3 books. He is cherished for his contributions to development of Afro cultures.

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

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

**SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 1 (Friday - Sunday), check website for each day's event times; \$20+ per day**

**“8TH ANNUAL SILICON VALLEY AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL”**

**Friday, September 29 (5:30PM - 10:00PM):**

Red Carpet, Reception in the Courtyard, Parade of flags, Libation Ceremony, Live performances, Opening night feature film screening, Opening Night Party.

**Saturday, September 30 (11AM to 10PM):**

Film screenings, Post-screening dialogue with filmmakers in attendance, Community forums, Fashion show, Diaspora Spotlight USA, African market, Food, Festival Party.

**Sunday, October 1 (11AM - 9PM):**

Film screenings, Post-screening dialogue with filmmakers in attendance, Community forums, African market, Food, Closing / Awards Ceremony.

**Historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose 95126**

**More info / Tickets: 415-774-6787 OR <http://www.svaff.org/>**

**SEPTEMBER 30 (Saturday), 12 – 5 pm; No fee!**

**“13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO BLACK FAMILY DAY”**

**THEME: The Great Immigration: 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

Bring the family and Learn more history; and enjoy the free BBQ meals! Events/Activities include: Basketball Clinic; Arthur Ashe Tennis; Football Black History Game; Arts & Crafts; Live Entertainment; Games & Prizes; and Chess & Domino Tournament! Volunteers, Sponsors and Donations are welcomed. Event facilitated by the Brothers For Change.

**Hamilton Rec Center, 1900 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco 94115**

**More info: 415-292-2111 (Hamilton Rec) OR <http://www.bfcincca.org/>**

**ONGOING:**

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

**“REVELATIONS: ART FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH”**

**NOW UNTIL APRIL 1, 2018, check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events**

The exhibit features the acquisition from the “Souls Grown Deep Foundation in Atlanta”, of 62 works by contemporary African American artists from the Southern United States. The cultural origins of these artworks can be traced back to the early African Diaspora, slavery, and the Jim Crow era of institutionalized racism. Included in the current acquisition are paintings, sculptures, drawings, and quilts by 22 acclaimed artists.

**De Young Museum / Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco 94118**

**More info / Tickets: 415-750-3600 OR <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/revelations-art-african-american-south>**

**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)**

### **BLACK GIRLS PLAY**

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

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

### **FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA: CAPOEIRA INSTITUTE**

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/>**

### **AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS**

**(Check website for details on future tours and special events)**

The tour company conducts ultimate journeys to the motherland to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are: Ghana, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour October 7-16, 2017 for \$3,300; and Brazil Roots & Culture Tour July 21-30, 2017 for \$3,300. These are all inclusive packages that include full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia.

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

## SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS TO WATCH

**NOTE: This is a new section and your suggestions for more free listings will be appreciated**

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. The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion (watch on YouTube)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
3. “The Black Panther Party in San Francisco: Impact, Legacy, and Continued Inspiration” (Black Panther Party Program by the California Historical Society, April 21, 2016)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS9ip138MBo>
4. McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia (performance)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
5. Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel  
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
6. Film: “Untold Legacy” by Dr. Leslie Brown (watch online or download)  
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
7. “Afropop Caribbean Films” (watch now until further notice!)  
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>

## PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

**SEPTEMBER 1:** “Tabaski/Feast of Sacrifice” in Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda; and “Revolution Day” in Eritrea and Ghana. **SEPTEMBER 4:** “Labour Day” in Bermuda; and “Umhlanga/Reed Dance” in Swaziland. **SEPTEMBER 6:** “Bonaire Flag Day” in Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba; “Armed Forces Day” in Sao Tome & Principe; and “Somhlolo/Independence Day” in Swaziland. **SEPTEMBER 7:** “Independence Day” in Brazil; and “Lusaka Peace Agreement Day” in Mozambique. **September 10:** “Saint George’s Caye Day” in Belize. **SEPTEMBER 11:** “National Day” in Belize; “Keddu Johannes/Geez” (New Year) in Eritrea; and “Enkutataash” (New Year) in Ethiopia. **SEPTEMBER 16:** “Martyrs’ Day” in Libya; “Independence Day” in Papua New Guinea; and “National Heroes’ Day” in Saint Kitts & Nevis. **SEPTEMBER 17:** “National Heroes’ Day” in Angola. **SEPTEMBER 19:** “Independence Day” in Saint Kitts & Nevis. **SEPTEMBER 21:** “Founder’s Day/Kwame Nkrumah’s Birthday” in Ghana; and “Independence Day” in Belize. **SEPTEMBER 22:** “Independence Day” in Mali. **SEPTEMBER 24:** “Lady of Mercedes Day” in Dominican Republic; “National Day” in Guinea Bissau; “Heritage Day” in South Africa; and “Republic Day” in Trinidad & Tobago. **SEPTEMBER 25:** “Armed Forces Day” in Mozambique. **SEPTEMBER 27:** “Meskel” (Discovery of the True Cross) in Eritrea and Ethiopia. **SEPTEMBER 29:** “National Youth Day” in Turks & Caicos. **SEPTEMBER 30:** “Botswana Day” in Botswana; “Yawmul Ashura” in The Gambia; and “Agricultural Reform Day” in Sao Tome & Principe.

## **SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER**

- SEPTEMBER 1:** 1892 - Queen Coziah led a labor revolt in St. Thomas.
- SEPTEMBER 2:** 1833 - Ohio's Oberlin College, was founded. It was the first U.S. college to enroll Afro students.
- 1966 - Frank Robinson (raised in Oakland) won his second Most Valuable Player (MVP) award. He is the only player to be named MVP in both baseball major leagues; and he has also received the Hall of Fame and other numerous awards.
- 1975 - Joseph H. Hatcher was sworn in as Florida's first Afro Supreme Court Justice since Reconstruction.
- SEPTEMBER 3:** 1838 - Frederick Douglas escaped from slavery, disguised as a sailor.
- 1891 - John Stevens Durham, Assistant Editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, was named Minister to Haiti.
- 1891 - Cotton pickers organized a union and staged a strike for higher wages in Texas.
- 1919 - Lincoln Motion Picture Company, owned by Afros Noble Johnson and Clarence Brooks released its first feature length film, "A Man's Duty".
- 1922 - Bessie Coleman, the first licensed Afro aviator, made her first U.S. flight.
- 1960 - Wilma Rudolph, track-star and polio victim, became the first woman in the U.S. to win three Olympic Gold Medals in track and field in one year.
- 1970 - The first Congress of African People met in Atlanta, Georgia with Representatives from: 27 African Nations, Caribbean Nations, 4 South American Nations, The U.S. and Australia.
- SEPTEMBER 4:** 1781 - Los Angeles was founded by 44 settlers; and 30 were of African descent.
- 1923 - George Washington Carver from Tuskegee Institute was awarded the 9<sup>th</sup> NAACP Spingarn Medal for his distinguished research in agricultural chemistry.
- SEPTEMBER 5:** 1871 - Benjamin "Pap" Singleton formed the Tennessee Real Estate and Homestead Association in Kansas for free and runaway Africans.
- 1960 - Leopold Senghor, poet and politician, was elected the first president of Senegal.
- SEPTEMBER 6:** 1800 - Dr. James Durham, born into slavery in 1762, became the first Afro doctor in the U.S.
- 1848 - Frederick Augustus Douglas was named the first Afro President of the National Black Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1866 - Frederick Douglass, abolitionist, addressed the Republican (= today's Democratic) National Convention. His powerful message on Negro suffrage set the stage for the 15th Amendment.
- 1905 - The Atlanta Life Insurance Company was established by A.F. Herndon.
- 1968 - The African nations of Swaziland and Mauritius proclaimed independence.
- 1996 - Eddie Murray joined Hank Aaron and Willie Mays as the only baseball players with at least 500 homeruns and 3,000 hits.
- SEPTEMBER 7:** 1954 - Integration of public schools began in Washington Dc and Baltimore Maryland.
- 1957 - The African Nation of Ghana proclaimed independence. Ghana was the first of the British Commonwealth of Nations to be self-governing.
- 1993 - Jocelyn Minnie Elders became the first Afro and the first woman to become U.S. Surgeon General.

- SEPTEMBER 8:** 1957 - Althea Gibson became the first Afro major tennis National Champion.  
 1968 - Sandra Williams was crowned as the first "Miss Black America" at the pageant in New Jersey.  
 1986 - Oprah Winfrey became the first Afro woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show.
- SEPTEMBER 9:** 1851 - William Parker led a slave revolt in Pennsylvania.  
 1915 - Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.  
 1957 - The first Civil Rights bill since Reconstruction was passed by Congress.  
 1957 - A school in Nashville Tennessee was bombed and Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth was attacked in Birmingham Alabama. Note: this was the same day the Civil Rights Bill was passed.  
 1968 - Arthur Ashe became the first Afro to be U.S. Open Men's Singles Tennis Champion.  
 1999 - The Organization of African Unity (OAU) and Heads of State for African nations issued the "Sirte Declaration" for the establishment of an African Union.
- SEPTEMBER 10:** 1913 - Afro physician, George W. Buckner, was named as Minister to Liberia.  
 1913 - The Cleveland Call & Post newspaper was established.  
 1961 - Jomo Kenyatta returned to Kenya from exile. He had already been elected President of the Kenya National African Union.  
 1974 - The African nation of Guinea Bissau proclaimed independence.
- SEPTEMBER 11:** 1959 - Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, musician, received the 44th NAACP Spingarn Medal.  
 1974 - Haile Selassie was deposed from the Ethiopian throne by military leaders after 44 years.  
 1977 - The "Roots" mini-series, based on Alex Haley's "Roots" book, received several Emmy Awards.  
 1987 - Peter Tosh, Reggae Icon, who spread Reggae world-wide, was killed in Jamaica.  
 1999 - Serena Williams, at age 17, won the U.S. Open for tennis.
- SEPTEMBER 12:** 1787 - The first African American Masonic Lodge was organized.  
 1986 - The National Council of Negro Women sponsored its first Black Family Reunion at the National Mall in Washington.  
 1992 - Dr. Mae Carol Jemison became the first Afro woman to travel in space.  
 1997 - Stephen Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness movement in South Africa, was murdered while in police custody in Pretoria. He was given a special 20-year honor by Nelson Mandela.  
 2000 - James Perkins, Jr. became the first Afro Mayor of Selma Alabama.
- SEPTEMBER 13:** 1663 - Enslaved Africans staged a documented rebellion in Gloucester County, Virginia.  
 1881 - Lewis Howard Latimer, inventor, electrical engineer, and draftsman, patented the Incandescent Electric Lamp (Patent # 247,097).  
 1970 - Eldridge Cleaver, exiled Black Panther Party (BPP) leader, led the group's first international section of the BPP in Algiers, Algeria.
- SEPTEMBER 15:** 1830 - The first National Convention for African Americans was held at Bethel Church in Philadelphia.  
 1898 - The National Afro-American Council was founded in Rochester, New York. Bishop Alexander Walters of the AME Zion Church was elected as the first President.  
 1963 - Four Afro girls were bombed to death by racists at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama while attending Sunday School.  
 1963 - Muhammad Ali regained his World Heavyweight Boxing Championship title and became the first 3-time heavyweight champion. He received the UN "Messenger of Peace Award" in 1998.



- SEPTEMBER 16: 1848** - Slavery was abolished in all French territories.  
**1915** - Haiti became a de facto protectorate of the U.S. via a treaty.
- SEPTEMBER 17: 1840** - Joseph Cinque and 50 other enslaved Afros received a not guilty verdict for murder and mutiny by the Circuit Court of Appeals for their attempt to free themselves from the Amistad slaveship.  
**1861** - The first day school for Freedmen was founded at Fortress Monroe, Virginia; with an Afro teacher, Mary Peake.  
**1878** - W. A. Lavalette, inventor, patented the Printing Press (Patent # 208,208).  
**1919** - Fritz Pollard became the first Afro to play professional football for a major team, the Akron Indians. Pollard was also the first Afro to play in the Rose Bowl.  
**1983** - Vanessa Williams, Miss New York, became the first Afro "Miss America".
- SEPTEMBER 19: 1790** - United Indian Nations, under Tecumseh, declared war on the colonizers.  
**1865** - Atlanta University (HBC) was founded.  
**1893** - E. R. Robinson, inventor, patented the Electric Railway trolley (Patent # 505,370).  
**1932** - J. Herman Banning and Thomas Allen, made a successful flight across the United States. They flew 20 days from Los Angeles to New York and arrived October 9.  
**1947** - Jackie Robinson was elected Rookie-of-the-Year for Major League Baseball.  
**1956** - The 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Black Writers & Artists convened in Paris at the Sorbonne.
- SEPTEMBER 20: 1830** - The 1<sup>st</sup> National Negro Convention convened in Philadelphia to abolish slavery and to boycott slave-produced goods.
- SEPTEMBER 21: 1887** - F. W. Leslie, inventor, patented the Envelope Seal (Patent # 590,325).  
**1909** - Kwame Nkrumah was born. He led Ghana to independence from Britain in 1957.  
**1959** - Juanita Kidd Stout, Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge, became the first Afro woman elected as a judge in the U.S.  
**1998** - Florence "Flo-Jo" Griffith-Joyner, Olympic Gold Medalist in track, died at age 39 of an "apparent" heart seizure in Mission Viejo, California.  
**2008** - Thabo Mbeki resigned as President of South Africa.
- SEPTEMBER 22: 1828** - "Shaka the Great", Zulu leader was assassinated.  
**1915** - Xavier University, the first African American Catholic College, was opened in New Orleans.  
**1950** - Ralph J. Bunche became the first Afro to win the Nobel Peace prize.  
**1960** - The African Nation of Mali proclaimed independence.  
**1961** - Segregation was outlawed on buses and in terminal facilities for interstate travel in the U.S.
- SEPTEMBER 23: 1884** - J.W. Reed patented the Dough Kneader and Roller (Patent No. 305,474).  
**1961** - Thurgood Marshall was named to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by President J.F. Kennedy.  
**1993** - South Africa's Parliament created a multi-racial body to oversee the end of "white" control.  
**1998** - Nelson Mandela was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Clinton for overcoming 27 years of unjust imprisonment and for becoming President of South Africa.
- SEPTEMBER 24: 1962** - James Meredith was ordered admission to the University of Mississippi by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.  
**1965** - Executive Order 11246 was issued by President Johnson, requiring government contractors to "take affirmative action" toward prospective minority employees in all aspects of hiring and employment.

- SEPTEMBER 25: 1886** - Peter "The Black Prince" Jackson was the first Afro to win the Australian heavyweight title.
- 1957 - The "Little Rock Nine" began integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 1974 - Barbara W. Hancock became the first Afro woman to be a White House Fellow.
- 1924 - Abel Djassi (A.K.A. Amilcar Cabral), African revolutionary, nationalist and anti-colonial leader was born in Guinea Bissau.
- 1964 - The Mozambique armed struggle began.
- SEPTEMBER 26: 1907** - The People's Savings Bank was incorporated in Philadelphia by former Afro congressman George H. White of North Carolina. The bank helped hundreds of Afros to buy homes and start businesses until the illness of its founder forced its closure in 1918.
- 1962 - A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., became the first Afro member of the Federal Trade Commission. He was also appointed as a federal District Judge and U.S. Circuit Judge of the Third Circuit.
- 1968 - The Studio Museum of Harlem opened in New York City; and is the nexus for local, national and international Afro artists for works inspired and influenced by Afro culture.
- SEPTEMBER 27: 1912** - William C. Handy, "Father of the Blues," recorded the first blues song, "Memphis Blues".
- 1915 - Xavier University (HBC) opened in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1967 - Washington D.C.'s Anacostia Museum was dedicated to inform the community of contributions by African Americans to U.S. political, social, and cultural history.
- 2000 - Venus Williams won the Olympic Gold Medal for women's singles tennis in Sidney, Australia.
- SEPTEMBER 28: 1829** - David Walker, a freeborn of African descent, published a provocative pamphlet calling for enslaved persons worldwide to revolt against their white enslavers.
- 1868 - An estimated 200 – 300 Afros were killed in the Opelousas Massacre in Louisiana.
- 1958 - The African Nation of Guinea voted "No" to membership in the French nationhood.
- 1991 - The National Civil Rights Museum officially opened. The museum is at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.
- 1991 - Venus and Serena Williams won the Olympic Gold Medal for women's doubles tennis in Sidney, Australia.
- SEPTEMBER 29: 1910** - The National Urban League was founded by Dr. George Edmund Haynes and others.
- 1942 - Hugh Mulzac, the first Afro captain of a US merchant ship, launched the Booker T Washington.
- 1975 - WGPR-TV of Detroit, Michigan, the first Afro owned television station in the U.S., began broadcasting.
- 1979 - Sir William Arthur Lewis, Professor of Economics at Princeton University, became the first Afro to receive the Nobel Prize in Economics.
- 1980 - The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture opened its new, 3.8 million dollar building in New York City.
- 1997 - Brazil agreed to accept thousands of refugees fleeing from the war in Angola.
- SEPTEMBER 30: 1750** - Crispus Attucks escaped from the clutches of his slaveholder. In 1770, Attucks was the first person to die in the Boston Massacre.
- 1947 - Jackie Robinson, became the first Afro baseball player to compete in the Major League World Series.
- 1966 - The African Nation of Botswana proclaimed independence.
- 1975 - Virgie M. Ammons patented the "Fireplace Damper Actuating Tool" (Patent No. 3,908,633).
- 1991 - Mike Powell jumped 8.95 meters at a Tokyo meet and broke the long jump world record.

## **SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS**

**CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 2017:**

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

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

**NOW THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2018**

### **“SENSES OF TIME: VIDEO AND FILM-BASED WORKS OF AFRICA”**

Our hearts beat to the rhythms of biological time and continents drift in geological time, while we set our watches to the precision of naval time. Time may seem easy to measure, but it can be challenging to understand. The six African artists featured in “Senses of Time” explore how time is experienced and produced by the body. Bodies stand, climb, dance, and dissolve in seven works of video and film or “time-based” art. Characters and the actions they depict repeat, resist, and reverse the expectation that time must move relentlessly forward. “Senses of Time” invites viewers to consider tensions between: personal and political time; ritual and technological time; and bodily and mechanical time. Through pacing, sequencing, looping, layering, and mirroring, diverse perceptions of time are embodied and expressed.

**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/current-exhibitions/senses-of-timevideo-and-film-based-works-of-africa/>

**Until September 3 (Thursday – Sunday / 4 days); NOTE: there is also a one-day event on the project.**

### **“MEN OF SPIRIT MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER”**

During this 4-Day ritual intensive with Elder / Professor Malidoma Some, men will join together in brotherhood to journey into and through ancient indigenous Dagara wisdom. Elder / Professor Malidoma says: Through the healing interaction of ritual with men in community combined with the power of indigenous technologies, there will be an opportunity to open ourselves to the release and reconciliation of those thoughts, emotions, issues, obstacles and energies that have created a numbness, tension, or paralysis for us. Through this process, we will invite and allow the life force and strength of our Purpose and Gift to, once again, flow through us- unobstructed.”

**Venue: Brittany’s Mountain Retreat / Asheville, North Carolina**

**More info / Registration: 407-574-5350 OR <http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/mens-intensive-2017/>**

**NOTE: Check the website below for divinations and other events with Baba Malidoma throughout the U.S.A.**

<http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/>

**SEPTEMBER 1 - 5, 2017**

### **“NEW YORK CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL WEEK”**

Caribbean Carnival is a colorful, creative, infectious and scintillating feature of Afro Caribbean culture, which was celebrated as the last opportunity for the release of all the expressive and joyful emotions, before the beginning of Lent. Events include: “Stay in School Youth Fest & College Fair”; Panorama Steelband; Junior and Adult Carnival parades with traditional Carnival Characters; great food; special evening events and much more! This is one of the first and biggest Carnivals in the U.S.; The Carnival is organized by The West Indian American day Carnival Association.

**Brooklyn Museum Grounds, 200 Eastern Parkway, New York**

**More info / Tickets: 718-467-1797 OR <http://www.etix.com/ticket/v/10546/wiadca-labor-day-concert-series-2016>**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 (Wednesday), 6 – 8:30 pm; No Fee! (registration requested)**

**“PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE THROUGH THE ARTS: AFRICAN DIASPORA HERITAGE TALK SERIES”**

Celebrate African Heritage Month with the National Museum of African Art and members of the local and global African Diaspora community! Docent-led highlights tours will kick off the evening, followed by a community discussion featuring artists and cultural entrepreneurs. Join the conversation to discuss the preservation and retention of cultural heritage through arts and crafts, technology, language, visual arts, and creative economies. How can the diaspora community engage with traditional and contemporary African arts to contribute, innovate, and educate? This event is presented in partnership with the D.C. Mayor’s Office on African Affairs and the local African immigrant community.

**Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Avenue Southwest, Washington, DC 20560**

**More info / registration: 202-633-4600**

<https://africa.si.edu/2017/03/african-diaspora-heritage-talk-seriespreserving-cultural-heritage-through-the-arts/>

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 (Friday), 6:30 – 8:30 pm; No Fee! (registration requested)**

**SCREENING AND DISCUSSION OF HOMECOMING: AFRICAN DIASPORA HERITAGE TALK SERIES**

Join the National Museum of African Art and members of the local and global Ethiopian Diaspora for a screening of “Homecoming”, a documentary following young adults Hanah and Natty as they travel from Toronto to their ancestral homeland of Ethiopia for the very first time. Film producer Tomas Kanene, members of sponsoring group MidTown416, and elders from the Ethiopian community will share lessons learned and thoughts on cultural heritage preservation!

**Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Avenue Southwest, Washington, DC 20560**

**More info / Registration: 202-633-4600 OR**

<https://africa.si.edu/event/african-diaspora-heritage-talk-series-screening-and-discussion-of-homecoming-2/>

**SEPTEMBER 15 - 17, 2017; \$20+ (check website for details)**

**“60<sup>TH</sup> MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL”**

**Artists / 100+ Shows / 8 Stages / 3 Nights & 2 Days**

The Monterey Jazz Festival celebrates the legacy of jazz, expands its boundaries, and provides opportunities to experience jazz through the creative production of performances and educational programs. It is the longest-running jazz festival in the world. A few of the featured artists for this year are: Herbie Hancock, Roy Hargrove, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Regina Carter, Angelique Kidjo and the Kenny Barron Trio with a tribute to Dizzy Gillespie at 100. In addition to the 3-day best-in-jazz, there will be jazz conversations, panel discussions, workshops, exhibitions, clinics, and an international array of food, shopping, and festivities spread throughout the 20-acre Monterey County Fairgrounds.

**Monterey County Fairgrounds / 2004 Fairground Rd, Monterey, CA 93940**

**More info / Tickets: 831-373-0366 OR 831-626-0466 OR <http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org/>**

**SEPTEMBER 22 - 24, 2017; \$185 (\$155 Seniors age 65+, Students) NOTE: prices increase after September 9<sup>th</sup>  
33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S CONGRESS (IBWC)**

**CONFERENCE THEME: "TREADING MUDDY WATERS: RECLAIMING SOCIAL JUSTICE"**

The Congress continues the focus on the United Nations Decade for People of African Descent 2015 – 2024. The cultural, economic and political struggle of people of African ancestry – whether living in the United States, Africa, South America or the Caribbean, has always been about the struggle for social justice. The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference gives us an opportunity to critically examine where we are, and identify strategies that can be implemented to improve the well-being of people of African ancestry as we tread muddy waters. IBWC seeks to develop ways to collectively build a world based on social, economic and political justice. It is imperative that we continue to build on the struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors whose goal was to bring into existence a new reality and right the scale of justice.

**Wyndham Oceanfront Virginia Beach / 5700 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach / Virginia 23451**

**More info / Register: <http://ibwc.us/the-annual-ibwc-conference/>**

**NOTE: Hotel rooms booked separately; best rates before September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Call 800-355- 3032 or 757-428- 7025 to make your reservation and request the group rate for IBWC**

**SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, 2017**

**"2017 AWARDS DINNER FOR MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT UNDER 40 (MIPAD)"**

Awardees will be selected from across Africa, USA, UK & Worldwide. Special Invited Guest Speakers include: Barack Obama, former US President; Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General; and Folorunsho Alakija, the Richest Black Woman in the World. The Award Ceremony will be hosted by Trevor Noah, Daily Show Host; and Isha Sesay, CNN, Journalist of Sierra Leonean descent. Event highlights will include Unveiling of "Destination Africa"; and the Launching of the "Invest in Africa Fund". The event will be in New York City and will include a tour of the UN Headquarters and City of New York Roundtable. MIPAD identifies high achievers of African descent in public and private sectors world-wide as a progressive network of relevant actors to join together in the spirit of recognition, justice and development of Africa, it's people on the continent and across it's Diaspora.

**More info: 917-541-8394 OR <http://www.mipad.org/#event>**

**OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2017**

**"THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT - SUMMIT IDPAD-S 2017"**

The four-day Summit "IDPAD-S 2017" will audit where we are as a people, rationalize where we ought to be as a people and set goals for 2024. "IDPAD-S 2017" will bring African Descendants from around the world to focus on eradicating the plight of African descendants through the implementation of possible solutions to issues affecting the Race. The conference will encourage delegates to: collaborate more fully across disciplines; and share working models that can assist in the development of African descendants and their communities. It will also be a venue for delegates to openly discuss the serious issues facing them as well as the solutions they envision to address the problems, and ways of implementing these solutions. Speakers will include Dr. Julius Garvey, Professor Verene Shephard, Dr. Anthony Browder, and other well-known and much-respected Pan Africanists. The conference will be based at the Marriott Hotel in Georgetown Guyana. Check website for the program, info for travel + visas, special events and other details / updates.

**More info: <https://www.idpadsummit.com/> (for Registration; click on "Call for Applications" link)**

**OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2017; \$75+**

**“BLACK ENTERPRISE TECHCONNEX SUMMIT”**

Black Enterprise will facilitate two days of collaboration and forward thinking at this special “Hi-Tec” event. This summit will feature nationally recognized leaders in the technology community, showcase new technologies, and provide attendees with access, relationships, and resources necessary to excel in the tech industry.

There will be: Top-of-the-Tech speakers, awards, workshops, exhibits and special events.

**San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California 94010**

**More info / Tickets: 212-242-8000 OR 312-664-8667 OR <http://www.blackenterprise.com/techconnect/>**

**OCTOBER 21, 2017; No Fee!**

**“ART IN NATURE FEST”**

Join the second annual “Art In Nature Fest” in Tuskegee and be enlivened by: visual and spoken-word artists; the Afro-Brazilian martial art-dance form of Capoeira; and spirit-mind-body balancing work demonstrated by certified practitioners. There will also be healthy food and drink, nature walks, an artist village, and uplifting music. There are still openings for artists and vendors. This special event is coordinated by “Nature’s Garden for Victory & Peace” with Vision

Keepers: Muhjah Shakir, Nashid "Baba Koleoso" Fahkri- Deen and Norma "Iyabode" Jackson.

**More info: 334-421-7160 OR [naturesgardenvp@gmail.com](mailto:naturesgardenvp@gmail.com) OR <https://www.naturesgardenvp.org/>**

**NOVEMBER 8 - 12, 2017; \$150+ (students), \$265+ (elders), \$285+ (adult)**

**“35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK STORYTELLING FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE”**

**THEME: “The African American Story: From Chains to Wings”**

Join the National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS) for this annual conference. FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS: Opening Gala Celebration and Mary Carter Smith Love Circle; Learn the art of Black Storytelling (adult and youth workshops for professional and aspiring storytellers); Storytelling Awards; NABS Resource Table; Jackie Torrence Tall Tales Contest; African American Marketplace; Youth Activities and Youth Telling; and Spiritual Storytelling Sunday.

Attendees may network with others interested in preserving the African and African American oral tradition; and meet featured storytellers and purchase their recordings and writings.

**Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, Kansas 67207**

**More info / Registration: 410-947-1117 / Dr. Reed 215-796-2785 / Ms. Miller 316-734-1876**

**<http://www.nabsinc.org/2017-general-information>**

**NOVEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 8, 2017**

**“94<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION”**

This meeting is organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights / Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) is the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by its State parties. The Committee will examine the reports of the following eight States parties during its 94th session: Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Jordan, Serbia and Slovakia. The meeting will be held on the Ground Floor, Conference room, Palais Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland. For more info:

**[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1139&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1139&Lang=en).**

**NOVEMBER 22 – 23, 2017**

**“UNITED NATIONS RACISM & DISCRIMINATION REGIONAL MEETING”**

**NOTE: The public may sit in on UN sessions.**

This meeting is organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted by the General Assembly; and will provide an opportunity to reflect on ways and means that governments from the regions in partnership with equality bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, development agencies and regional organizations, may pursue to integrate the provisions of the Programs of Activities in their policies, programs and strategies tailored for people of African descent. The meeting will bring together Member States, United Nations specialized agencies and bodies, regional organizations, national human rights institutions, equality bodies and civil society representatives, particularly people of African descent from the region. Experts on the topics will be also invited to participate in the meeting. The meeting is part of a series for five different regions. The first meeting for the Latin American and Caribbean region was held in Brasilia on 3-4 December 2015. The meeting will be held in Room XIX Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

**More info & email sign up:** <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/contact.asp>

**Get involved:** <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/getinvolved.shtml>

**ONGOING:**

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

**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 and special events)**

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

- ETHIOPIA ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR: October 7-16, 2017 for \$3,300;
- GHANA, TOGO & BENIN ROOTS TOUR: Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800.
- GHANA REPATRIATION & INVESTMENT TOUR: May 23-Jun 5, 2018 for \$3,600; and

NOTE: These tours are all inclusive packages that include full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia. Tours also include: transportation & tours; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily continental breakfast & gourmet dinner; hotel accommodations (double occupancy); business & investment networking; and entrance; and access to all tour sites & activities.

<http://www.africafortheafricans.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 for participants. Inspire Health Solutions, LLC was founded in 2014 by Professor J. Nwando Olayiwola, MD, MPH, PhD, FAAFP (@DrNwando), a world renowned thinker, leader, author and change agent in healthcare innovation and transformation.

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

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

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

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

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

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



# LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

## BAY AREA

1. **AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER:** check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.  
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC):** check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.  
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL:** an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.  
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA**
  - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
  - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only):  
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
  - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.  
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)**  
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>  
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
6. **AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE:** The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.  
510-434-3935 OR 510-531-4911 OR <http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/>  
OR [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E\\_9UJQ0UJg&feature=youtu.be](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. **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/>
13. **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/>
14. **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>
15. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.  
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
16. **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/>
17. **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/>
18. **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/>

19. 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/>
20. 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/>
21. 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/>
22. HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA: check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.  
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
23. 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/>
24. 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/>
25. JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC): check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.  
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
26. 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/>
27. ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY: organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.  
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
28. 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>
29. 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/>
30. 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>

31. 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)
32. 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>
33. QILOMBO: a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.  
<http://qilombo.org/>
34. 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)
35. 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)
36. 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/>
37. WANDA’S PICKS: check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.  
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
38. 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

39. ALL AFRICA: online news for all of Africa.  
<http://allafrica.com/>
40. ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP): a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.  
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
41. 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/>
42. 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)

43. 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/>
44. 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/>
45. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE  
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
46. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET: provided by Stanford University.  
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
47. AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES  
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
48. 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>
49. 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)
50. 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/>
51. 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/>
52. AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS: Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS Campaign.  
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
53. 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/>

54. **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/>
55. **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/>
56. **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/>
57. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.  
<http://www.blackagenda.com/>
58. **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/>
59. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.  
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
60. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.  
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
61. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.  
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
62. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.  
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
63. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.  
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
64. **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/>
65. **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/>
66. **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/>

67. **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/>
68. **CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):**  
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
69. **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>
70. **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)
71. **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/>
72. **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS:** includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.  
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
73. **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/>
74. **COLORED CONVENTIONS:** info for conventions of African Descendants from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.  
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
75. **FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS:** an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.  
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
76. **FAWOHODIE SUA:** Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.  
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
77. **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>
78. **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/>

79. **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/>
80. **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/>
81. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.  
<http://mxgm.org/>
82. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.  
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maat institute-aboutus.html>
83. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.  
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
84. **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/>
85. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** a mass-based coalition organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.  
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>
86. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.  
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
87. **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/>
88. **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>
89. **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>
90. **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 to bring about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.  
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>



91. **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/>
92. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).  
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
93. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU):** Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.  
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
94. **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/>
95. **ZENVIBA CAPITAL CORPORATION:** a non-profit investment bank that makes direct measurable impacts in underserved urban and rural communities.  
<http://www.zenviba.com/index.html>

# BOOK SALES FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE

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

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/>