

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Seattle Black Film Festival Launches This Week

The Langston Hughes African American Film Festival continues through April 22 with a powerful lineup that includes Seattle premieres, local directors, a LGBT focus, Weekday Happy Hour Films, Ladies Night, Teen Fest, talk-backs and panel discussions.

The event is at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, 104 17th Ave. S. at Yesler Way.

There will be new and seasoned filmmakers in attendance, some with recent awards and accolades in tow. LHAFF always offers a unique blend of returning filmmakers and each year the festival sparks memorable and provocative discussions from across the aisle and across neighborhoods.

The festival spotlights dozens of feature-length and short films by independent filmmakers, and the rare opportunity to chat face-to-face with filmmakers, industry professionals and Seattle leadership. Tickets to just the opening or closing night film events are \$20.

All other LHAFF screenings are \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth younger than 16 and seniors. The All-Access Langston Pass, which includes access to both the opening and closing night films, is \$50. All film details, including show times, locations and ticketing information are available at www.langstonblackfilmfest.org or by calling 206-326-1088.

#MYHIVMOMENT: Youth Creating an Aids-Free Generation

In recognition of National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD), The Seattle Public Library and Seattle-area youth HIV activists will host a free educational community forum from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium.

The community forum will feature a panel discussion on "A Future United: Youth Creating an AIDS-free Generation," with an open dialogue about HIV/AIDS stigma and its effect on youth, as well as prevention efforts. The discussion will be hosted by local drag personality, Aleksa Manila, and will include guest speakers working in the field of HIV education.

The panel will include:

Tranisha Arzah, BABES Network-YWCA; Manuel Venegas, NYHAAD Ambassador, Advocates for Youth; Bas Frost, Lifelong's Health Education Youth Outreach (HEYO), Peace for the Streets by Kids for the Streets; Brandyn Gallagher, PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) Facts: Rethinking Prevention and Sex.

This program is funded by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and presented in partnership with the #MyHIVMoment campaign, a collaborative effort of Lifelong, the Center for Multicultural Health, Entre Hermanos, Gay City Men's Health, Seattle Counseling Services, and We Are 1.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or www.spl.org.

Grand Slam Champ



Carlynn Newhouse competed in the Youth Speaks Seattle 2015 GRAND SLAM final Friday, April 10 at Town Hall. She was chosen to represent Seattle at the 2015 International Brave New Voices Festival in Atlanta in July. Carlynn was also selected as the 2015 Grand Slam Champion.

MOHAI: Maker Day on Coding

On the last Saturday of the month, come to Maker Day at MOHAI to tinker, experiment and create alongside some of Seattle's most innovative makers. Drop in any time between 11 am-2 pm; activities are designed for all ages and skill levels and no reservation is necessary!

On April 25: Create computer games and animation with Code Fellows.

Learn basic software programming concepts from Code Fellows instructors and alumni. We'll use Scratch to create our own interactive games, stories, and animation! Perfect for all ages and experience.

Cost is included with museum admission

Location Museum of History & Industry, 860 Terry Ave N. Contact MOHAI Programs, 206-324-1126 ex. 165

Repair Café at the Seattle Public Library

Don't throw away broken electronics - fix them! Instructors from the Phinney Neighborhood Association (PNA) Fixers Collective will teach people of all ages how to fix appliances, computers and other electrical devices from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Greenwood Branch, 8016 Greenwood Ave. N., 206-684-4086.

Library events and programs are free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required. Free parking is available in the underground garage. Enter and exit the garage on 81st

Street.

Children, teens and adults are invited to learn how common electronic items work and save money while exploring the lost art of DIY fixing. Attendees should bring their broken appliances, computers, tools, gadgets and other electrical devices to Repair Café and learn how to fix them.

For more information, call Library at 206-684-4086 or www.spk.org.

Library Accepting Applications for Student Assistant Program

Teens ages 16 and older are invited to learn about and apply to the Student Assistant Program at The Seattle Public Library. Eligible students have until 5 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015 to apply.

The Student Assistant program gives young people valuable work experience at the Library. Applicants must be enrolled in school programs, but may not yet have completed bachelor's degrees. Students accepted into the program may participate for up to three years, or until they no longer qualify as students.

To apply, a student must complete an Employment Application, a cover letter, proof of school enrollment and a reference from an educator/employer (form included in the application).

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Friday – Sunday April 17 – 19

22ND ANNUAL WOOD RHYTHM FESTIVAL. Enjoy over 80 Drum and Dance workshops & world music performances featuring traditions of Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Brazil and much more. All events are free! For times please call 206-854-9688. Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St.

Saturday April 18

DUWAMISH ALIVE EARTH DAY EVENT. Join us to

tackle invasive weeds and enjoy live music while you work. You can help by pitching in at Duwamish Alive. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Pigeon Point Park, 1901 SW Genesee St.

NEWCASTLES EARTH DAY 2015. This is Newcastle's 8th annual Earth Day event. Music, entertainment, food trucks, videos and much more. We are proud to promote healthy living through sustainable practices. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lake Boren Park, 13058 SE 84th Way. Renton.

EARTH DAY BEACH CLEANUP. Celebrate the earth by cleaning up the beach at Golden Gardens. We need your help! All needed supplies and safety instructions provided. 10 a.m. – noon. Golden Gardens, Seaview Pl. NW.

Saturday April 25

FREE FINANCIAL FAMILY FUN FEST. Join us for money smart activities, education and free snacks for the whole family. There will be crafts for kids, duct tape wallet making for teens and

free financial one-on-one. Sign - ups for adults. This is an all - day event. Highpoint Library, 3411 S.W. Raymond St.

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT. A team event. Earn points for finding native plant species, making art, and completing challenges, taste some wild edibles, fly a kite and much more. Team registration starts at 10 a.m. with a celebration and awards at noon. Pigeon Point Park, 1901 SW Genesee St.

IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR SCIENCE, MATH AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS. Youth will interact with professionals currently working in the respective fields and participate in hands - on learning a parallel in conjunction with the student activities for students in the sixth to twelfth grades. Free. Breakfast and a box lunch will be served. Please register at <http://ascendsmartcamp.eventbrite.com> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. University of Washington, PACCAR Hall.