

Black History Month

Community Calendar 2024

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1-3PM

NMY SIBLING'S KEEPER: BLACK, TRANS, & QUEER LEGENDS CONNECT: Black and Beyond the Binary Collective are excited to host our next panel during Black History Month. This free, virtual panel will center on accessibility, Black liberation, and creating inclusive spaces for all! Malakai Strong, Maxwell Joy Moore, Roux Haile, and Yante Turner will provide us with a Black, Trans, & Queer perspective on Disability and Disability Justice. Register at blackbeyondthebinarycollective.org.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6-9PM

NARPSKI & FRIENDS—A BIPOC FILM SHOWCASE: Snow sports are often a homogenous space and most snow sport films reflect that. We hope these films inspire new perspectives and highlight a message: people of color belong on the slopes. Guests will receive a free raffle ticket and a free drink ticket to redeem one beer at the bar. Additional drinks and food will be available for purchase. Tickets on a sliding scale from \$0-20. Polaris Hall, 635 N Killingsworth Court.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 12-3PM

URBAN LEAGUE OF PORTLAND BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: Let's come together celebrate the past and inspire the future. The event is FREE, and guests will enjoy light refreshments, kids activities, crafts, spoken word and more. Join us! Beaverton Resource Center, 13565 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 5-7PM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION MARKET AT UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND: This event will bring together and celebrate Black-owned businesses in the Portland area. There will be different vendors with savory food, drinks, desserts and raffles for everyone to enjoy. This is a drop-in, free event and all are welcome. Chiles Center, University of Portland, 5000 N Willamette Blvd

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2-4PM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HONORING BLACK HERITAGE THROUGH ART: Explore various techniques used by African/Black artists, while incorporating your own style! Made possible by The National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation. Register online at the library's website. Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham

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Celebrating Black Influence

This year's Black History Month places the theme "African Americans and the Arts" at center stage, inviting a profound reflection on the immense influence of Black Americans on the diverse landscape of artistic expression.



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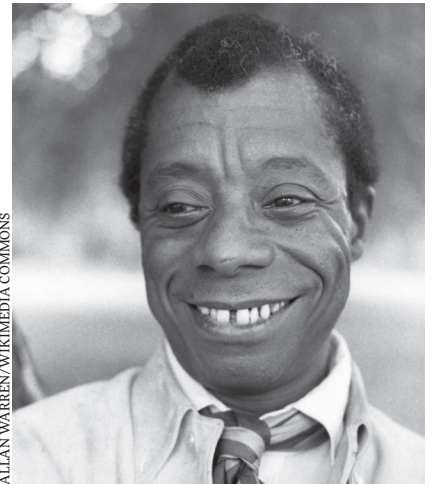
From music and dance to literature, visual arts, and beyond, Black creatives have played pivotal roles in shaping cultural narratives, challenging societal norms and leaving an indelible mark on the world of art.

Music

The realm of music is one of the arenas in which Black artists have significantly affected global cul-



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ture.

From the rhythmic beats of jazz and blues to the soulful melodies of gospel and the electrifying energy of hip-hop, Black musicians have pioneered genres that transcend borders. Icons like Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Aretha Franklin, and contemporary figures like Beyoncé and Kendrick Lamar achieved immense commercial success and used their platforms to address social justice issues and advocate for change.

Dance

Dance is another realm where Black artists have left an enduring legacy.

The evolution of dance, from the spirited rhythms of traditional African dances to the innovation of hip-hop choreography, demonstrates the profound influence of Black creativity. Pioneers like Alvin Ailey revolutionized modern dance, blending African-American experiences with artistic expression to create evocative performances that continue to captivate audiences worldwide.

Literature

Literature, too, bears the unmistakable imprint of Black voices.

From the Harlem Renaissance to the present day, Black writers have crafted narratives that illuminate the Black experience, challenge stereotypes and contribute to the rich tapestry of American literature.

Literary luminaries such as Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, James Baldwin and contemporary voices like Toni Morrison and Ta-Nehisi Coates have reshaped storytelling, providing insights into the complexities of race, identity and resilience.

Visual Arts

Visual arts, encompassing painting, sculpture and photography, have also been pro-



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foundly influenced by Black artists.

From the vibrant works of Romare Bearden to the politically charged paintings of Kara Walker, Black visual artists have utilized their craft to challenge perceptions and contribute to a broader conversation about representation and identity.

As we celebrate "African Americans and the Arts" during Black History Month in 2024, it is an opportunity to recognize the profound effect of Black creatives across artistic disciplines. Their contributions have enriched the cultural fabric of America and served as catalysts for social change and understanding.

The theme invites us to reflect on the enduring legacy of Black artists, acknowledging the power of the arts to transcend boundaries, foster inclusivity and amplify the diverse voices that contribute to the vibrant mosaic of human expression.

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