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London

Barbican

Wed 15 Oct

Black Performers in London

Stage performers from the black community have given the world joy and pleasure through their exceptional talent. In many instances they have also used their public position to promote the rights of all black people. Discover more about Ira Aldridge, Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Paul Robeson and others using sources from the LMA collections.

London Metropolitan Archives, 2pm – 330pm, free, tel: 020 7332 3851.

Sun 19 Oct

Meet Abudia Megiste

This wealthy woman travelled the vast Roman empire with her husband. Originally from Africa, find out how what she felt about the climate, food and life in Roman London.

Museum of London, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, free, tel: 0870 444 3850.

Barnet

Sat 11 Oct

Caribbean and Cultural Fun Day

This event is open to the community from a diverse background to come together to learn about black history and to celebrate the different areas of talent from local businesses, such as fashion, books, arts and craft, food and drink, jewellery and many more from people of Afro-Caribbean heritage living in



Cool Rules / Fams: Hip Hop theatre at the Albany, Thu 2 Oct & Fri 3 Oct

Haringey and borough wide. Kids zone with face painting/nail art and arts & craft corner. Caribbean style tombola, raffle prizes also Caribbean cuisine available throughout the day. Cultural entertainment from unsigned artists including singers, dancers, musician also spoken word and poetry.

St George's Church Hall, 2.30pm – 8pm, £1.00 for 14 & over, under 14 free, Joyce Gerald 07960 401 677 or Suzanne Asphall 07956 905 730.

Sun 19 Oct

The Metronome's Steel Band and Children's Day

The band will explain the history of the steel drum and play an hours' programme.

Other activities will include: Pictorial story telling, henna painting, hair braiding, face painting, skirt making, African drumming, exotic food tasting.

St. Paul's Church Hall, The Ridgeway, 2pm – 6pm, £5 for children/adults, free for accompanying adults

Sat 8 Nov

Adisa

Performance poet Adisa, a favourite on the UK scene, presents a poetry and music show looking back at one of the most profound years of the 20th century. With the theme of revolution, he explores the voices and movements of 68, drawing inspiration from the folk, reggae, soul, Afrobeat and pop music of the time.

Artsdepot, 8pm, £9 / £7 concessions, tel: 020 8369 5454, www.artsdepot.co.uk.

Sat 25 Oct

Stephen K Amos: Find the Funny

Following his previous sell-out at artsdepot, Stephen K Amos returns with a brand new show. Supremely warm and wickedly funny, he has an ability to charm onlookers right into the palm of his hand.

A firm favourite at the Edinburgh Festival, Stephen has just completed his seventh successful year on the Fringe. Last years' critically acclaimed stand-up show *More of Me* toured the UK to packed houses. Now Stephen is on his second national tour, with a new show – *Find the Funny*.

artsdepot, 8pm, £15/£13 Concessions, tel: 020 8369 5454, www.artsdepot.co.uk.

Sun 9 Nov

Handa's Surprise

Travel to Kenya and follow in Handa's footsteps as she journeys to see her best friend Akeyo, in the next village. Handa is taking seven delicious fruits as a surprise gift – but seven different animals have seven very different ideas. Could you resist the sweet-smelling guava, a ripe red mango or a tangy purple passion fruit? Physical performance, puppetry, live music and song combine to create an intimate, magical production with audience participation.

Aimed at ages Ages 2 - 5 Artsdepot, 11am, 1230pm, 2pm, 330pm, £8/£6 children, tel: 020 8369 5454, www.artsdepot.co.uk.



The lives of two pirate radio DJs is the focus of this inner city drama, back at the Albany, Thu 21 Oct

Wed 12 Nov Vocal Express

The exciting culmination of a six week programme of vocal workshops in Barnet primary schools led by jazz star Cleveland Watkiss. 120 children will perform a variety of their own originals and jazz standards in groups and en masse accompanied by Cleveland and his trio. The programme has been to designed to help children find their own voice through solo and group improvisation.

Artsdepot, 6pm, £4, tel: 020 8369 5454, www.artsdepot.co.uk.

Sat 22 Nov London Jazz Festival in association with BBC Radio 3 present Cleveland Watkiss

Cleveland Watkiss performs in artsdepot's studio theatre, as part of the London Jazz Festival this November. Member of the iconic 80s band Jazz Warriors, Cleveland Watkiss is now firmly established as a vocalist of awe-inspiring range and imagination. His smooth, sophisticated, vocals have been heard in an impressive array of settings, and he has worked with artists ranging from The Who and Björk through to the London Community Gospel Choir. Cleveland's solo performance Vocal Suite, is an elusive acappella vocal improvisation. He blends improvisation/counterpoint harmony, electronics, breakbeat loops and basslines (all live and from his mouth) to stunning effect, creating a unique, orchestral vocal soundscape. Vocal Suite fuses voice and technology, using real-time looping to create live compositions. Technology is used to record, then layer the voice, creating an orchestral piece composed right before the audience. No two performances are ever the same.

Artsdepot, 8pm, price unknown, tel: 020 8369 5454, www.artsdepot.co.uk.

British Museum

Sun 5 Oct Camden B68 – Official launch

This joint event with the British Museum and Camden's Black History Forum will highlight the scope of this year's Black History season with key note speakers reflecting on major events that lead up to and shaped 1968 and the legacy of this momentous year. There will also be a special screening of the Angela Davis

film - Angela Davis: Portrait of a revolutionary at 3.30pm.

British Museum, from 2pm, free but reserve ticket, arts.tourism@camden.gov.uk.

Sat 25 Oct Black History Film Day: 1968

Full film details available soon.

British Museum, 2pm - 8pm, price unknown, tel: 020 7323 8181, www.camden.gov.uk.

Brunei Gallery @ SOAS

Thu 16 Oct – Sat 13 Dec A People's Migration: The Bakhtiari Kuch

A People's Migration is a photographic essay of an Iranian nomad family, migrating on foot over 3000m mountains in South West Iran.

Traditionally, twice a year, the nomadic Bakhtiari tribe spend weeks trekking kuch (their traditional migration) with their flocks and families from their winter to their summer pastures. This ancient way of life is now vanishing fast. More and more Bakhtiari are leaving the mountains altogether; whilst those who do remain use trucks or tractors to transport their animals and the family belongings. A People's Migration is a stunning visual journey documenting a way of life which will soon vanish forever.

Brunei Gallery, 1030pm – 5pm, Tuesday – Saturday, free, tel: 020 7898 4046, www.soas.ac.uk/gallery

Camden

Fri 26 Sep – Sat 27 Sep Hymns to Hip Hop

The Millennium Action Group, an award winning community choir group from South London will perform a lively musical following the history of gospel music from slavery to now.

Shaw Theatre, Fri 730pm, Sat 230pm and 715pm, £13/£15 with booking fee, tel: 0871 594 3123.

Wed 1 Oct – Wed 29 Oct Studio One Love

In Jamaica Ron Vester was the official photographer of the legendary Studio One and among his freelance clients were the Jamaica Tourist Board and the Jamaica National Heritage Trust. This exhibition also includes Coxsone Dodd, Lee Scratch Perry, Theo Beckford, King Stitt and The Silvertones.

Swiss Cottage Library, library opening times, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

London, Sugar & Slavery gallery reveals city's untold history

What is London's dirty big secret? What does a sweet cuppa have to do with a terrible crime against humanity? What product links millions of enslaved Africans and London's Dockers? How did English ladies and freedom fighters in the Caribbean find themselves united in struggle? Who really led the abolition campaign for the transatlantic slave trade? And what price freedom?

Once the fourth largest slaving port in the world, London's involvement in the transatlantic slave trade is examined in a new exhibition, London, Sugar & Slavery at the Museum in Docklands. Set in a former sugar warehouse built to store produce from the Caribbean plantations, the Museum is tangible evidence of London's connections with slavery.

The gallery will reveal an untold history, which joins the dots between ordinary Londoners with a taste for the sweeter things in life, arch-capitalism, despoiled West African civilizations and the thriving multicultural city we enjoy today.

Personal accounts, film, music, interactives and over 140 objects will bring home the complexities and humanity of the issues around the roaring trade in sugar and humans, slave resistance and the abolition campaign, and the legacies of the enduring relationship between London and the Caribbean.

Exquisite African artefacts pre-dating Europeans' arrival in the continent, includ-

ing a bronze leopard from Benin, and the beautiful bust of a Yoruba King, attest to the rich cultural history of West African art. The gallery explores how a sophisticated society was debased in European minds to justify the inhumane mechanics of an industry that gave rise to obscene profits, horrific brutality and sowed the seeds for racism today.

An immersive sound and light experience, encourages visitors to consider the meaning of enslavement and freedom both in terms of the transatlantic slave trade and for us all today, whilst spaces in the gallery are given over to community projects especially designed to involve Londoners of all ages and backgrounds in a story that binds us all.

The gallery will challenge what people think they know about the transatlantic slave trade and show how this terrible traffic made the London we know today.

David Spence, Director of the Museum in Docklands said: "We hope that the gallery will help Londoners from all backgrounds understand their own heritage and identity better. People may find it uncomfortable, but to grasp this is to begin to understand many facets of society today, including attitudes towards race and the melding of British, African and Caribbean cultures."

Visit the only permanent exhibition to examine London's involvement in transatlantic slavery in the new thought-provoking new gallery, London, Sugar & Slavery, www.museumindocklands.org.uk



Wed 1 Oct

The History of Immigration Law

The film demonstrates how immigration has been used as political tool from 1596 onwards. With rare footage from the 50's 60's and 70's showing the impact of legislation on the black British community today. Screening and discussion with Tony Warner.

Swiss Cottage Library, 7pm, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

Sat 4 Oct - Wed 26 Nov

Faisal Abdullah

Acclaimed artist Faisal Abdullah will create a new installation in the gallery. The work is personal homage by the artist to the invaluable space provided by a library for personal development. Faisal's work is informed by his ongoing dialogues with many of the leading artists, critics and theorists who have shaped the cultural politics of Britain since 1968. The installation will include contributions by Stuart Hall, Bonnie Greer and Keith Piper.

Swiss Cottage Library, library opening times, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

Sun 12 Oct – Sat 6 Dec

Nnenna Okore Exhibition

Nnenna Okore's art is inspired by the use of discarded and found objects in rural areas of her native Nigeria. Her work, by virtue of these influences, celebrates the transformation of discarded materials into cultural objects, forms, and spaces and brings a critical focus to bear on the consumption and recycling cultures in parts of Nigeria. Her materials include newspapers, wax, cloth, rope, clay and sticks and she applies various repetitive and labor-intensive techniques, like weaving, twisting, sewing, dyeing, waxing and rolling, which were learned by watching



Jan Blake returns home to tell the story of Black History Month at the Albany, Fri 3 Oct



Learn more about your history at one of the many exhibitions on during October.

villagers perform everyday tasks. These processes accentuate colors, textures and other visceral qualities of her sculptures.

October Gallery, gallery opening hours, free, tel: 020 7242 7367.

Martin Luther King Dream or Nightmare?

2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King. Although now revered as a saint, mainstream America saw him as a troublemaker especially when he criticised the Vietnam war. We will examine the US situation and compare it to what was happening to race relations in the UK. Screening and discussion with Tony Warner.

Swiss Cottage Library, 2pm, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

Thu 16 Oct - Thu 23 Oct Calypsos and Wiener Schnitzel; refugees from Nazism in the Caribbean during WW2

Explores a little known episode when refugees from Nazism sought shelter in West Indian Islands. Their arrival resulted in surprising alliances and contributed to the unique mix of culture and ethnicity that make up West Indian identity today.

Swiss Cottage Library, 7pm, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

Mon 27 Oct, Wed 29 Oct, Fri 31 Oct

British Museum Activities for Black History Month

A family event with storytelling, games and craft activities. Also opportunities to handle objects from the past.

Swiss Cottage Library, 1030am - 4pm, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

Mon 27 Oct

Somalia and its politics

Ahmed Sheikh Mahmoud, a senior Somali career diplomat, will give a talk about the events leading up to Mohamed Said Barre becoming Head of State. Said Barre sought to unite the various Somali-inhabited territories of the Horn of Africa into a Greater Somalia.

Hillwood Resource Centre, Age Concern, 5pm, price unknown, www.camden.gov.uk.

Wed 29 Oct - Thu 30 Oct
Wall of Words

Contribute your words, phrases, or sentences on 1968 on the wall. The artist Beyonder will look at the wall at regular intervals during the two days and create a poem using it as inspiration.

Swiss Cottage Library, Wednesday from 12pm - 3pm, Thursday from 4pm - 7pm, price unknown, www.camden.gov.uk.

Thu 6 Nov

Adoption open evening

4,000 children in the UK are waiting to be adopted. Camden holds open evenings for anyone who would like to find out more. Events take place regularly if you can't make this date. Call 0800 0281 436 or email adoption@camden.gov.uk for more info. *Crowndale Centre, 530pm, free, www.camden.gov.uk.*

Fri 7 Nov

Black People and the American Presidency: From Shirley Chisholm to Barak Obama

While the media focus on Barak Obama they forget to mention that the first Black person to run for president was a woman of Guyanese and Barbadian parentage. Do you know who the Garveyites were? This uplifting and inspiring film will both inform and educate.

Kilburn Library, 730pm - 9pm, price unknown, www.camden.gov.uk.



Passage to Freedom

Join us in Victoria Tower Gardens to experience a living history production celebrating the lives and work of all those who campaigned to abolish the slave trade.

Enjoy adult, children and family events in all the Royal Parks throughout the year.

The Royal Parks are Bushy Park • The Green Park
Greenwich Park • Hyde Park • Kensington Gardens
The Regent's Park & Primrose Hill • Richmond Park
St James's Park • Victoria Tower Gardens



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To be straight with you

Lyttelton Theatre, opening night 29 October, limited run to 15 November. Suitable for 16+ yrs



DV8 return to the National Theatre with **TO BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU**, a work conceived and directed by Lloyd Newson, playing in the Lyttelton Theatre from 29 October to 15 November.

The designer is Uri Omi, with lighting by Beky Stoddart, sound by Adam Hooper and John Avery, and video by Kit Monkman and Tom Wexler (KMA). The cast is Ankur Bahl, Dan Canham, Seke Chimutengwende, Ermira Goro, Hannes Langolf, Coral Messam, Paradigmz, Rafael Paradillo and Ira Mandela Siobhan.



Lloyd Newson's DV8 Physical Theatre has won sixteen awards over the last three years for its stage and film works, including a Prix Italia and the Rose D'Or. Just for Show visited the Lyttelton in 2005.

The company's latest work, **TO BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU**, is a poetic but unflinching exploration of tolerance, intolerance, religion and sexuality. It incorporates dance, text, documentary, film and animated projections to create a unique piece of theatre.

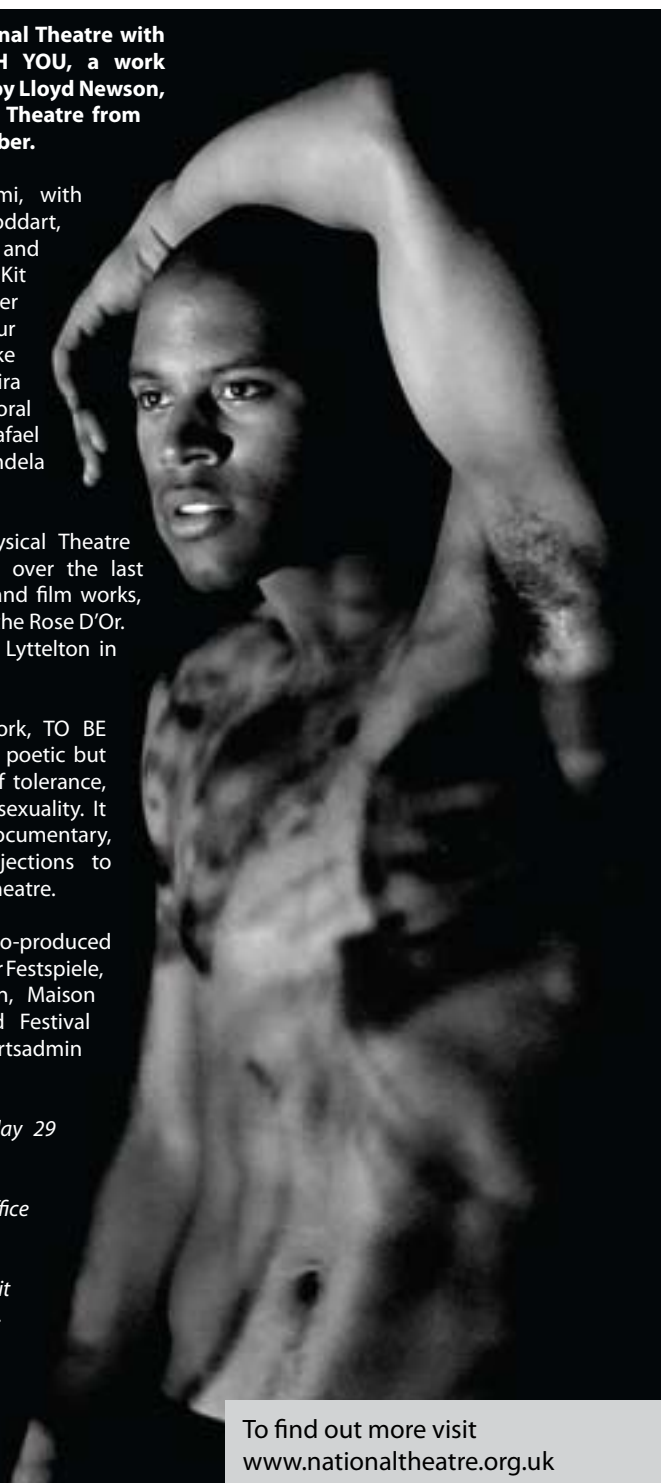
To Be Straight with You is co-produced by spielzeit/europa Berliner Festspiele, National Theatre, London, Maison des Arts de Créteil and Festival d'Automne, Paris. It is an Artsadmin associated project.

Opening night: Wednesday 29 October

For tickets contact box office on 020 7452 3000

For further information visit www.nationaltheatre.org.uk or contact 020 7452 3400

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www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

National Theatre

To Be Straight with You

DV8 Physical Theatre
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**'Hard-hitting and passionate,
you will not be able to resist
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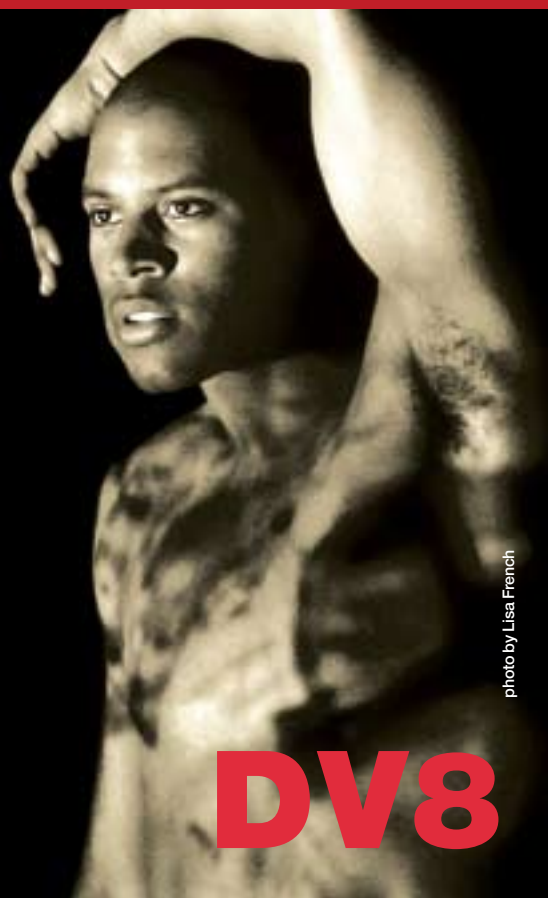


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Kenyan children's stories take centre stage in Handa's Surprise at the artsdepot, Sun 9 Nov

Thu 20 Nov

James Baldwin and The Civil Rights Movement

James Baldwin was a huge figure in the Civil Rights movement and inspired many through his speeches and books. In this presentation we will see clips of him in action and footage will illustrate race relations in London, America and South Africa at that time. Baldwin's books are in Camden libraries. Screening and discussion with Tony Warner.

Swiss Cottage Library, 730 - 9pm, free, www.camden.gov.uk.

Covent Garden

Best of British in support of the Sickle Cell Society

As part of a series of events that are set to mark this years Black History Month and in order to raise awareness of the illness Sickle Cell, a selection of the UK's finest and brightest live performers and DJ's will come together to perform. Cellar Door has an ethos of working with a diverse range of artists such as the legendary U.S DJ Jazzy Jeff and UK Hip Hop icon Ty. Performing on the night will be Nate James (winner Best Soul artist, Urban Music Awards), rising UK talent Tawiah, Bashy (Black Boys, "Kidulthood to Adulthood"), Char Char (London Gospel Choir), The Thirst (RWD/MTV Base "About to Blow"), Anisa (Radio 1xtra "ILuvLive") + more.

Guanabara, Parker Street, 5pm - 230am, £7 in advance, www.ticketweb.co.uk.

Croydon

Tue 7 Oct

Nuru Kane launches Black History Month in Croydon

We invite you to join us to launch Croydon's Black History Month 2008. The celebration will include music from local jazz and RnB musicians Java Groove and Senegalese singer Nuru Kane with his band Bayefall Gnawa. Ranging from heart-rending to foot-stomping, Kane will make you laugh, cry, sing and dance with his electro-acoustic roots music.

Croydon Clocktower, 630pm - 8pm, free but booking suggested, tel: 020 8253 1030.

Wed 15 Oct - Thu 16 Oct

Killer of Sheep (12A)

Set in an impoverished black community in South Central LA, Killer of Sheep highlights the plight of a black slaughterhouse worker whose miserable existence creates intense feelings of alienation and dissatisfaction. By focusing on the authentic depiction of the common black working-class experience and the gritty realism of inner-city life, Director, Charles Burnett and his contemporaries strove to initiate social change.

David Lean Cinema at Croydon Clocktower, call on tel: 020 8253 1030 for time and price.

Thu 16 Oct

Quadrille Tea Dance

Stanley Halls Tea Dances host a special Black History Month event.

Experience the fusion of European and Caribbean culture as you dance a popular 18th Century square dance, the Quadrille, to vintage Caribbean music such as Calypso and Reggae. Dance teacher Debora Alleyne de Gazon will guide you through the steps so no experience required just a love of dancing. Don't miss the opportunity to have fun and meet new friends.

Stanley Halls, 130pm - 4pm, free, www.croydon.gov.uk.

Mon 20 Oct - Mon 17 Nov

Post It! - A photographic celebration of Black History Month

Throughout October, postcard exhibitions will be on display at a number of venues across the borough including libraries, leisure centres and schools. The images have been provided

by Croydon residents drawing on their personal interpretations of black culture. After admiring the images post them to your family and friends with your own special message.

Space C Gallery, Croydon Clocktower, free, see Clocktower opening times, www.croydon.gov.uk.

Sat 25 Oct

A Community Celebration of Black History Month

We close BHM 2008 with a public event celebrating poetry, music, dancing and sketches from the traditions of Africa, the Caribbean islands, Asia and Egypt performed by local community groups.

Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower, 7pm - 930pm, free but booking suggested, tel: 020 8253 1030.

Dalston

Mon 13 Oct

An Audience with Ra Nu Nefer Amen.

The spiritual leader of the Ausar Auset society will be at Centerprise as part of his tour marking the 35th anniversary of Ausar Auset Society. He will also be launching his latest work, Metu Neter Volume 3.

Centerprise, 7pm, £10, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sat 18 Oct

The psychological attack on the Afrikan mind through the media

Join Anthony T Browder as he discusses his analysis of television and films and their effects on the thought and behavior of African youths and adults. His talk will also include a critique of the February 2008 National Geographic cover story on the Nubian kings of the 25 Dynasty



Nnenna Okore Exhibition - October Gallery Sun 12 Oct - Sat 6 Dec

and the ongoing attempts to diminish and deny the role that indigenous Africans played in the development of ancient Egyptian civilization.

Centerprise, 7pm, £10/£8 at door, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Docklands

Sat 4 Oct Caribbean delight

Type: Workshops
Make a picture book of the Caribbean fruits featured in Valerie Bloom's *Ackee, Breadfruit, Callaloo* story. Exploring Caribbean fruits and vegetables with Valerie Bloom's colourful story and make a picture book of your favourite foods to take home.

Museum in Docklands, 230pm, free, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Sat 11 Oct Running 1000 miles to freedom

Discover the inspiring story of Ellen Craft, the talk of Victorian London. Through Ellen's audacity and ingenuity she overcame many dangers to become a celebrated abolitionist.

Museum in Docklands, 1230pm, 230pm, 330pm, free, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Sat 25 Oct The creation of Caribbean dance workshop

Although forcefully separated from their homeland and taken to the Caribbean and the Americas, African people preserved their roots. In the fight for freedom they used music and dance as a form of resistance. Find out how and discover how Caribbean dance differs from West African moves and rhythms.

Museum in Docklands, 1145am, free but please book in advance, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Sat 25 Oct Shackles, the Whip and the Drum

Discover how and why Caribbean dance differs from the dance of West Africa, the role dance plays in the experience of African enslavement in the Caribbean and enjoy this exciting dance performance.

Museum in Docklands, 2pm, free but please book in advance, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Sun 26 Oct Pride and Prejudice

This theatre and mixed media performance celebrates the Negritude movement and discusses Black history, equality and the spirit of resistance. Enjoy an interactive storytelling inspired by African and Caribbean tales, poetry and live drumming and explore how we see ourselves and understand each other.

Museum in Docklands, 1230pm, 230pm, 330pm, free, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Tue 28 Oct Running 1000 miles to freedom

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Museum in Docklands, 1230pm, 230pm, 330pm, free, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Thu 30 Oct Running 1000 miles to freedom

Discover the inspiring story of Ellen Craft, the talk of Victorian London. Through Ellen's audacity and ingenuity she overcame many dangers to become a celebrated abolitionist.

Museum in Docklands, 1230pm, 230pm, 330pm, free, tel: 0870 444 3855.

Sat 15 Nov Preserve your African Caribbean heritage

Do you have family objects - eg photographs, textiles - that tell the story of your family's cultural and historical background? Bring your family treasures into the Museum to find out how to care for them and what they mean.

Museum in Docklands, 130pm - 530pm, free, 0870 444 3855.



Singer Bishi will be performing at Revival – Stop the Killing, Start The Healing, Fri 17 Oct

Stop the Killings, Start the Healing

In Association with The Metropolitan Black Police Association, Celebration of Life 2008 will be bringing together the best in soca, soul, gospel, hip hop and new talent to reach out to people young and old and STOP THE VIOLENCE in our cities.

Music has no boundaries and is one of the easiest and most effective ways to reach everyone. Hosted by actor and comedian Curtis Walker, acts will include Alison Hinds, Nicolas Branker, the legendary Roachford, the amazing soul singer Tawiah, Bishi and composer Alex Wilson and Peter Hunnigale

As Londoners mourn the sad and tragic continuation of teenage killings in the Capital, the Metropolitan Black Police Association is urging the music industry to play its part in reducing the violence on our streets. The Association's long running anti-violence campaign REVIVAL takes on a new twist this year as their 'Celebration of Life' concert convinces the

Opera world to stand along side performers from reggae, pop, hip-hop, RnB and soca, all united in one voice that says 'Stop the killing and start the healing'.

REVIVAL aims to bring communities together, united in the struggle to reduce and eradicate violent and drug-related crimes in our cities. REVIVAL supports and advises many communities on how to handle issues around violence and drugs, and the effects they have, especially amongst the young. The 'CELEBRATION OF LIFE' concert is one of the ways the BPA help and communicate the issues to the public, a great night of entertainment and music held during Black History Month in October.

Stop the Killings will be held at Royal Festival Hall on Friday 17th October 2008. For more information contact Hedge Seel on 020 7 386 1608 or e-mail hedge@airmtm.com



Ealing

Wed 8 Oct

Alex Wheatle

Brixton-based author Alex Wheatle, MBE, talks about his 7th novel, *The Dirty South*, set in Brixton, 20 years after the riots. *The Dirty South* follows the adventures of teenager Dennis Huggins as he drifts into the easy, dangerous life of the shotta - or drug dealer - and discovers that,

hard as the struggle for respect on the streets is, the struggle for love is harder still. Alex Wheatle was born in 1963 to Jamaican parents living in London. He spent most of his childhood in a children's home, which he left at 14 to live in a hostel in Brixton. He was awarded an MBE in June 2008 for services to literature.

Ealing Central Library, 6.30pm, £2, tel: 020 8567 3670.

Wed 15 Oct

100 years of Black Journalism - A talk by Lionel Morrison

The first Black president of the NUJ talks about the history of Black journalists and the Black press in Britain. Lionel Morrison is the author of *A Century of Black Journalism* - a kaleidoscopic view of race and the media 1893-2003.

Ealing Central Library, 6.30pm, £2, tel: 020 8567 3670.



Catherine Johnson will be signing copies of her latest children's novel in Ealing, Thu 16 Oct

Thu 16 Oct

Catherine Johnson book signing

Catherine Johnson is a novelist and screenwriter. She has written eleven novels for young adults including *Stella*, *Landlocked* and *Face Value*. Her latest book, *A Nest of Vipers*, was published in April 2008. She was co-writer on the hugely acclaimed award winning British film *Bullet Boy*. Invited classes 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Ealing Central Library, from 1pm, free, tel: 020 8567 3670.

Wed 22 Oct

The Art of Color

Writer and artist Raimi Gbadamosi discusses his reworking of Johannes Itten's classic text for artists.

Ealing Central Library, 6.30pm, free, tel: 020 8567 3670.

Sat 25 Oct

Tracing your Caribbean Roots

A talk by Guy Grannum, author of *Tracing Your West Indian Ancestors*, followed by question and answer session. The talk is a general introduction to Caribbean genealogy aimed predominantly at new researchers. Guy will cover the first steps to starting your research and then describe the most important sources especially those available in the UK or over the Internet.

Ealing Central Library, 2.30pm, £2, tel: 020 8567 3670, www.caribbeanroots.co.uk.

Tue 28 Oct

Malaika Rose Stanley Kids' Events

Meet children's writer Malaika Rose Stanley, author of *Man Hunt*, *Operation X*, *Dad Alert*, *A Different Drum*, and *Getting Bigger*.

Tap 'n' Rap (for infants), 2pm-2.45pm

Come and hear Malaika Rose Stanley's brand-new story: *Baby Ruby Bawled*, then help to make another one. Join-in-the-fun story-telling for 5 - 7 year-olds and accompanied, participating adults. Tap 'n' Rap (for juniors), 3pm-4pm. Come along and listen to an exclusive preview of Malaika Rose Stanley's first new book for ages: *Ms Bubble's Troubles*. Then tap 'n' rap your way to a possible starring role in her next one. A join-in-the-fun story-telling event for 8 - 10 year-olds.

Ealing Central Library, 2pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 8567 3670.

Wed 29 Oct

Windrush 60

Marking the 60th anniversary of the arrival of SS Empire *Windrush*, Trinidadian Calypso singer/songwriter Alexander D'Great presents *Windrush 60*, an evening of storytelling and Calypso song, taking the audience on a Caribbean journey of the last 60 years. As well as a new workforce, Britain also gained access to a new culture of Caribbean literature, food, music and fashion.

Ealing Central Library, 6.30pm, £2, tel: 020 8567 3670.

Embankment

Thu 9 Oct

BFI Film showing and Q&A - Song of Freedom

The title of this early Paul Robeson film holds an enduring interest. Aside from a charming depiction of London's dockland community and the chemistry between Paul Robeson and co-star Elizabeth Welch, the quest for a lost heritage, however sensational, is hugely resonant today.

BFI Southbank, 2pm, price unknown, www.bfi.org.uk.



Levi Roots cooks up a culinary delight at Brixton Library.



Talawa Theatre Company

Telling Tales

Talawa Theatre Company is the UK's leading Black theatre company and its mission is to create productions, nurture talent and welcome audiences. Over the last twenty two years, the company has brought everything from radical productions of Shakespeare to the work of Nobel prize winning writer Wole Soyinka to the British stage. Today it focuses on presenting the full range and variety of the Black British experience so as to entertain, inform and challenge the widest possible audiences, to celebrate talent and enrich British theatre as a whole.

Until December, Talawa is presenting a series of play readings at the Young Vic theatre called Flipping the Script: Manz Like Me. The series consists of four punchy, entertaining plays by Black men about the relationships between Black men, exploring them in all their humanity and complexity. The plays are by first time writer, Mark Oliver, master craftsman Mustapha Matura, Cardiff based screen writer Othniel Smith and award winning young playwright, Michael Bhim and are suitable for students over sixteen. Post show talks around the themes of the series and about the plays are available.

Because Talawa believes that the power of theatre extends well beyond what happens on the stage, the company also runs a programme of outreach activities aimed at working with schools and community groups. Not only does the company offer a range of workshops suitable for all ages and abilities, it also works with organisations and individuals to create bespoke projects and residences to meet the individual needs of students, participants and theatre makers. Last year for example, Talawa led work that helped students explore Black British history and identity.

'My grandparents have spoken to me about my history but Talawa Theatre Company have taught me more and have inspired me to believe in myself'

Pupil, Southgate School, October 2007.



'Amazing how we came up with many of the ideas which really happened in 1948!'
'Excellent. V. good way of getting us up to speed on our history. Very inclusive. Well done.'
Comments from parents, Family Learning Workshop, 2007.

A range of workshops based around storytelling, language and characterisation will also be on offer early in 2009 to coincide with our family show, Anansi and The Magic Mirror which will be on at the Hackney Empire from February.

"Amazingly students, who normally opt out when having to stand up and speak in front of others, were able to contribute to the presentation and felt they were more confident and had raised self-esteem."

Teacher, Southgate School, Oct 2007

During Autumn 2008

This October we are offering bespoke workshops and longer-term residencies to schools and youth groups for participants aged from 5 - 18 years old. Working closely with teachers and group leaders to identify learning objectives, projects are devised to support curriculum learning across history, citizenship, english and drama. Previous topics have included Windrush and immigration; identity; Black British history.

During Spring 2009

Key stage 1 and 2 workshops to accompany Anansi and the Magic Mirror:

Storytelling

In this workshop students will examine the way in which we tell stories – how they change according to the different perspectives of the teller and the reason for the telling. Our young participants will have the opportunity to practice the art of storytelling.

or

Language and Characters

Explore how language can be used to create characters. Explore standard and non standard english, its variations and styles, through the many themes of our new Anansi play, including good citizenship.

If you are interested in hearing more about what we can offer you, or booking a project with us, please get in touch with Gail Babb on 0207 251 6644 or by e-mail at gail@talawa.com.

Fri 10 Oct

Between Understanding and Misunderstanding – Global Media and Cultural Diversity

The Claudia Jones memorial lecture will this year be given by Doudou Diene, UN Special Rapporteur on Racism between 2002 – 2008.

City Hall, 730pm, price unknown, reserve ticket on BMC@nuj.org.uk.

Tue 14 Oct

Egypt on the Thames

Ancient Nile Valley Culture has had a profound effect on the development of ancient civilizations in Greece and Rome, and modern culture in France, Britain, German and the United States of America. Join us for an intimate dinner on board The Queen Mary as, Anthony T Browder, author of Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization and Egypt on the Potomac discusses the presence of Egyptian architecture, mythology and symbolism in London and reveal numerous historical secrets that have been hidden in plain sight.

The Queen Mary is moored on Victoria Embankment just by Waterloo Bridge, 7pm - 10pm, £50, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Fri 17 Oct

Revival – Stop the Killing, Start the Healing

As Londoners mourn the sad and tragic continuation of teenage killings in the Capital, the Metropolitan Black Police Association is urging the music industry to play its part in reducing the violence on our streets. The Association's long running anti-violence campaign Revival takes on a new twist this year as their 'Celebration of Life' concert convinces the Opera world to stand along side performers from reggae, pop, hip-hop, RnB and soca, all united in one voice that says 'Stop the killing and start the healing'.

Royal Festival Hall, 730pm, £15/£10 Concessions, tel: 0871 663 2500, www.southbankcentre.co.uk.

Sun 26 Oct

"Natural Born Singers": Choir Invisible and One Voice Choir Soul-Gospel Concert & Singing Workshop

Two of the UK's most talented and powerful choirs collaborate for this uniquely inspirational event. The concert features 90 singers of Choir Invisible (East Midlands) and 50 singers of One Voice (North-West), singing their own repertoire and music they have

worked on together for this event. Open workshop aimed at adults and young people over 14, and led by directors Sally Brown and Tyndale Thomas MBE, introducing participants to their repertoire of soul, gospel and South African songs - all taught 'by ear' in the traditional way without written music.

Southbank Centre, Concert: 1pm – 2.30pm, Workshop: 3pm – 5pm, free, tel: 0871 663 2500, www.southbankcentre.co.uk.

Fri 31 Oct

Ghanaian Tribes 101

An enriching and entertaining introduction to Ghana's tribes. Eloquent and respected traditionalists from the Akan, Ewe, GaDangme and Mole-Dagbon tribes will engage in an interactive discussion with the audience on matters pertaining to history, kingship, succession, marriage and politics.

Living Space, 1 Coral Street, 7pm – 9pm, tel: 079 56 45 60 55.

Greenwich

Thu 2 Oct

African Caribbean Literature Reading Group Author Visit

Neil Manzini will pre-launch his book 'Gifted at Primary, Failing by Secondary: A guide to getting the best from your school for your child'. Free refreshments will be provided.

West Greenwich Library, 7pm - 9pm, free, tel: 020 8317 4466.

Thu 2 Oct, Wed 8 Oct, Wed 15 Oct

Lifetimes

Premiere performances of 2 new plays performed by Ajoda (African Elders Group) and COFA (Caribbean Over-50s Association) based on their life experience in Africa, the Caribbean and Britain. The plays have been developed through improvisation and rehearsal with the European Reminiscence Network (ERN). Plus a participatory reminiscence theatre workshop and lunch, for all those attending.

European Reminiscence Network, 11am - 4pm, price unknown, tel: ERN 020 8852 9293, www.europanreminiscencenetwork.org.

Fri 10 Oct – Sat 1 Nov

Visual History of Africa

A visual history of African and Asian people from around the world from the 18th century. An exhibition drawn from the

collections of Anita McKenzie and the Greenwich Heritage Centre. A quiz, wordsearches and other activities will be available for schools. For bookings and further information, please contact the Heritage Centre.

Greenwich Heritage Centre, 9am – 5pm (Tue – Sat), free, tel: 020 8854 2452.

Sat 11 Oct

Handa's Surprise

Meet Handa in person and explore her story sack full of surprising safari animals and amazing exotic fruits at the Family

Learning Festival opening ceremony. Children can make a grasslands collage and Handa puppet. Age 5 and over.

National Maritime Museum, 1130am - 430pm, free, www.greenwich.gov.uk.

Mon 13 Oct

School Screening:

The Defiant Ones (1985)

Two escaped convicts overcome race related hostilities whilst chained together on the run. Free school screening, suitable for: KS3 KS4 / AS & A-level.

Greenwich Picturehouse, 10am, free, tel: 020 7326 2611.

Mon 13 Oct

Reminiscence

Screening: The Defiant Ones (1985)

Two escaped convicts overcome race related hostilities whilst chained together on the run.

Reminiscence screening followed by group discussion with film lecturer Graham Rinaldi.



Tawiah will be performing at Revival – Stop the Killing, Start The Healing, Fri 17 Oct

Greenwich Picturehouse, 1pm, £6/£5 members/£4 Concessions, tel: 020 7326 2611.

Fri 24 Oct

Valerie Bloom Author and Poet Visit

Join Valerie Bloom as she reads stories, poems and extracts from her latest book "The Tribe". Invited schools only.

West Greenwich Library, 10am - 11am, 1130am - 1230pm, free but advance booking required, tel: 020 8317 4466.

Fri 24 Oct

African Caribbean Music, Drama and Storytelling Workshop

Under 5's African Caribbean music, drama and storytelling in traditional costumes. An opportunity to experience African Caribbean culture, artefacts and food tasting. All activities are for registered users of Sure Start Children's Centres only. New families, with children under 5, are welcome to register by contacting the Sure Start office.

Glyndon Community Centre, 1pm - 3pm, free but advance booking required, tel: 020 8836 9252.

Mon 27 Oct

African Arts Workshop

T-Shirt printing using tie dye. All activities are for registered users of Sure Start Children Centres only. New families, with children under 5, are welcome to register by contacting the Sure Start office.

Cardwell Children's Centre, 10am - 12pm, free, tel: 020 8836 9252.

**Mon 27 Oct – Fri 31 Oct
Citizens Gallery Art Exhibition
- Greenwich Young Peoples Council**

Building on the success of last year's art exhibition, young people in Greenwich will be running another art competition to celebrate Black History Month. All the entries will be on display during the October half term week.

Citizens Gallery, see gallery opening times, free, tel: 020 8921 4764.

Thu 30 Oct

Youth In Action

The Simba Youth aka "Da Cubz" presents their annual BHM Showcase. With performances from The Simba Dance Group "Nu Balanz", Spoken Word from "Xclusive" and much more.

Simba Family Association, 7pm - 9pm, £0.50 No Concessions, tel: 07961 651166.

Fri 31 Oct



Greenwich Youth and Play Equalities Group.

**Doing Things with Words:
Sundiata-the Great King of Mali**

Retold by generations of Griots-the guardians of African culture-the epic history of Sundiata has been handed down from the 10th century and captures all the mysteries and majesty of African medieval kingship. Renowned contemporary Griot Adesose Wallace and Jelibas; Mosi Conde, Kadialy kouyate, Amadou Traore, and Tuup from Dogon Music will Explore the historical, literary, musical and cultural perspective of the story of the true LION KING

OF AFRICA with traditional West African musical orchestration.

Greenwich Heritage Centre, 7pm, £4.00/£2 Concessions, advanced booking required, tel: 0208 465 7390, www.dogonmusic.co.uk. Bus: 51 53 54 161 177 180 380 472.

Tue 4 Nov

Africa's Hope

Inspired by their experiences as genocide survivors, Rwandan theatre group Mashirika come to Greenwich with AFRICA'S HOPE, a fusion of beautiful choreography, lively drum rhythms and vibrant

Rwandan music.

Greenwich Theatre, 730pm, £15/£12.50 Concessions/£7.50 Children, www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk.

Hackney

Thu 2 Oct

The Olympics - what does it mean for the community of Hackney?

A Talk with Diane Abbott
Diane Abbott will be delivering a talk on the Olympics in relation to employment and sport opportunities for the community. A question and answer session will follow.

Homerton Library, 6pm, free, tel 020 8356 1690, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Thu 2 Oct

Black History Month launch with Dreda Say Mitchell

Dreda Say Mitchell Winner of the Crime Writers Association's John Creasey Memorial Dagger Award, 2005, will launch BHM at CLR James Library. Her novels include 'Running Hot' and 'Killer Tune'. She will speak about being a crime writer and there will be an opportunity to purchase her books. Refreshments will be provided.

CLR James Library, 7pm - 8pm, tel: 020 8356 1665, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.



Alex Wheatle will be discussing his seventh book The Dirty South in Ealing, Wed 8 Oct.

Thu 9 Oct

Legacy In The Dust: The Four Aces Story

Beaquarr Productions presents Legacy In The Dust 'The Four Aces Story', founded in the 60's which for 33 years was the home to the most influential black music and musicians to date. The preview of the documentary feature length film will be followed by a question and answer session with the film director Winstan Whitter and owner of the Four Aces Club Newton Dunbar.

To view trailer visit: Hackney Central Library and Museum, 6pm - 8pm, free, tel: 020 8356 3000, www.thefouracesclub.com.

Sat 11 Oct

Learn how to make an African or Caribbean headwrap

Have you ever wondered how to create an African or Caribbean headwrap for that special occasion? Well join Christie and friends at Clapton Library and learn how!

There will also be a cultural fashion show and food and drink. An event for all of the family. Presented by Hackney Library Services.

Clapton Library, 2pm - 430pm, free, tel: 020 8356 1620, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Sat 11 Oct

Taste of the Caribbean Smoothie making session

Children of all ages are invited to come along and make smoothies using Caribbean fruits. Fresh fruit and juices will be used.

Hackney Central Library, 2pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 8356 2542, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Wed 15 Oct

Afro Caribbean Flag making

Come along and make your own African or Caribbean Flag!

Shoreditch Library, 2pm - 3pm, free, tel: 020 8356 4350, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Thu 16 Oct

The Great Black History Month Quiz

Now in its second year at Hackney Museum this information-packed quiz event for all the family. Last year the prize went out of the borough, Hackney needs to reclaim it. Prizes include a junior trophy (under 17s) and senior trophy (adults over 17), book



Diran Adebayo

tokens and DVDs. Have fun, win prizes and learn about Black History. Presented by The Oral History Project.

Hackney Central Library and Museum, 5pm - 8pm, free, to enter, tel/text: 07768 276 398, email oralstory@yahoo.co.uk or blakstok@aol.com with name, address and age.

Sat 18 Oct

African Jewelry Making

Make your own jewelry using

authentic colored beads.

For age 8-12.

CLR James Library, 1030am - 12pm, free, tel: 020 8356 1665, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Sat 18 Oct

The Black History Love Night

Join us for an exploration of love through the years, alongside a talk about how love was forbidden for slaves. Includes; Poetry, Song, A short play and Dance.

Hackney Central Library, please contact the library directly for time, free, tel 020 8356 2542, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Sat 25 Oct

Hackney Archives Community History Day - are you part of Hackney's history?

Come along to find out more about Hackney's past, and how you can contribute to the history recorded in Hackney's archives. If you think you have photographs or documents which we might be interested in, please bring them along and talk to staff at the Archives. If you don't want to part with your photos and personal papers, we can always scan them. We are particularly interested in the memories of those from the Windrush generation.

Hackney Archives, 11am - 4pm, free, tel 020 7241 2886, www.hackney.gov.uk/ca-archives.

Sat 25 Oct

Black History Fashion Show and Arts Fair

A fashion show showcasing young black talent in Fashion and Crafts. Please contact the library to book in advance.

Homerton Library, 3pm - 5pm, free, tel 020 8356 1690, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.



Yaka 440 helps Baba Israel explore his roots in Boom Bap, showing at the Albany, Fri 17 Oct & Sat 18 Oct.

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Tue 28 Oct
Stories from Africa and the Caribbean.

Clapton Library, 11am - 1145am, free, tel: 020 8356 1620, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Wed 29 Oct
The African 3 D's

Come along and experience first hand the African 3 D's – Drumming, Dancing and Dressing!

Shoreditch Library, 2pm - 4pm, free, tel 020 8356 4350, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Thu 30 Oct
Living in the 1960s – story telling and role play

Try on outfits from the 1960s and settle down in our 1960s front room. Hear people's amazing tales of leaving the Caribbean and making a new home in England. This will be your chance to ask questions and find out what happens next in this interactive performance.

Hackney Central Library and Museum, 2pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 8356 3000.

Thu 30 Oct
Black History Kidz Competition

Who will be crowned the Libraries' smartest child? Think it could be you?

Well come along, tell the audience where you're from, answer questions on Black History and new Black History and find out!

CLR James Library, 2pm - 4pm, tel 020 8356 1665, www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries.

Thu 30 Oct
Loaded :Lyrics II The Windrush Edition / The Mother Land

A musical journey from the urban



Carnival Roots and Rhythm

rap of the streets of Hoxton to the calypso and swing of the Motherland, Hoxton young people aged 11-17 showcase urban lyrics, loaded with stories and music influenced by black immigration and inspired by the 1948 journey of the SS Windrush. *Hoxton Hall, 7pm - 8pm, £4 /£1 Concessions, tel: 020 7684 0060, www.hoxtonhall.co.uk.*

Until Sat 15 Nov
Living Under One Roof
 Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Empire

Windrush, the voyage from the Caribbean to Tilbury. Our exhibition will present the rooms and memories of the Windrush generation who first came to Hackney.

Hackney Central Library and Museum, Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm, free, tel: 020 8356 3000.

Hammersmith

Tue 16 Sep - Sun 12 Oct
1800 Acres by David Myers

Running away from Brooklyn to make a new start with her teenage son Linda, an affluent African-American woman buys a ranch in West Texas. But when the original owner refuses to move out, violent physical and psychological battles ensue. Demanding his own relationship to the land, Linda's son Jacob begins a mysterious ritual in the moonlight. Please Note: This performance contains nudity.

Riverside Studios, Tuesday - Saturday at 8pm, Thursday matinees at 1pm, Saturday matinees at 230pm, Sundays at 5pm, £17.50/£14 Concessions, tel: 020 8237 1010.

Wed 8 Oct
Charles Burnett Shorts

Some of the directors short films,

made between 1969 and 2006. Includes showings of Several Friends, The Horse, When It Rains and Quiet as Kept.

Riverside Studios, 715pm, price unknown, tel: 020 8237 1010.

Wed 8 Oct
Killer of Sheep

The film examines the Los Angeles ghetto of Watts in the mid-1970s through the eyes of Stan, a sensitive dreamer who is increasingly disillusioned by his work at the slaughterhouse.

Riverside Studios, 840pm, price unknown, tel: 020 8237 1010.

Haringey

Wed 1 Oct 2008 – Feb 2009
Carnival Roots & Rhythm

An educational display looking at the origins of carnival and the spectacle in place today. The exhibition includes a new short-film by local film-maker Angela Phillips, on the importance of Carnival to the elders in Haringey's Black community.

Bruce Castle Museum, Wed – Sun 1pm – 5pm, free, tel: 020 8808 8772.

Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct
One Love: An Exhibition Of Paintings By Richard Blackford

Artist Richard Blackford is passionate about cricket, people and the Jamaican way of life. Jamaica had begun to experience social disintegration as a result of the clash of political ideologies between the ruling Peoples National Party and the opposition Jamaica Labour Party in the mid 1970s. Musician Bob Marley was invited by the warring factions to perform at a Peace Concert. Marley invited the two party leaders on stage where he joined their hands to the tune "One Love".

The Original Gallery, 12pm – 4pm, free, tel: 020 8489 1118.

Wed 1 Oct to Fri 31 Oct
Private View: 1st October, 7 to 9pm

Jamaican Engineering: An Exhibition of paintings by Newton Matticks
 After working for many years in the engineering industry Jamaican-born Newton Matticks turned his skills to documenting the everyday life of the ordinary person in Britain – work, current events, objects, etc... – in the form of artwork. And the colours and vitality of his Caribbean background just keep seeping through... Fabulous!
The Promenade Gallery, Monday to Friday 1pm - 7pm, Saturday and



One of the many pieces of artwork on display in Greenwich for Black History Month.

Sunday 12pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 8489 1118.

Wed 1 Oct - Sun 28 Dec Memories from the Islands

An exhibition of specially commissioned photographs of the Caribbean from the 1950s and 1960s. First shown 6 years ago, these images were chosen by members of Haringey University of the Third Age from the many presented to them by Sara Griffiths of the National Archives, and includes their personal observations and emotional responses.

Bruce Castle Museum, Wednesday to Sunday 1pm - 5pm, free, tel: 020 8808 8772.

Wed 1 Oct

What Did The Windrush Do For Us?

Find out about how those who arrived on the SS Empire Windrush helped to shape today's London.

Hornsey Library, 930am - 11am, free but by invitation only, tel: 020 8489 1118.

Thu 2 Oct

Book launch: Black Hair Growth Secrets Revealed

Having observed the difficulty that Black women go through to achieve greater hair length, Elizabeth Vincent set out to change lives with up-to-the-minute information and resources - equally useful to Black men and anyone else struggling with growing their hair. A black hair mini workshop follows the launch.

Coombes Croft Library, 7pm - 8pm, free, tel: 020 8489 8771.

Mon 6 Oct

West African Drumming

Join us to enjoy songs and stories from West Africa, with Music for Change. Music for Change is committed to developing cultural understanding and respect for cultural diversity through music and the arts in educational, community settings and through events and projects.

Muswell Hill Library, 10am - 11am, free, tel: 020 8489 8773, www.musicforchange.org.

Mon 6 Oct

Knife Crime - 10,220 Incidents Too Many: A Public Discussion with the Metropolitan Black Police Association (MetBPA)

Marcus Garvey Library, 7pm - 830pm, free, tel: 020 8489 5309. An interactive discussion about the knife crime and role of the family led by the Metropolitan



Bamako, on at the Odeon Wimbledon, 7.30pm, invitation only - call, tel: 020 8545 3399.

Black Police Association.

Marcus Garvey Library, 7pm - 830pm, free, tel: 020 8489 5309.

Wed 8 Oct - Sun 28 Dec Carnival Faces Workshop

An educational 90 minute hands-on workshop specifically designed for key stage 2. Children explore the history and art of carnival make-up, create their own carnival design, and learn how to apply the paints. Each session caters for up to 30 children, with a flat fee of £50 per workshop payable two weeks in advance.

Bruce Castle Museum, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, advance booking, tel: (advance booking only), tel: Leenita Gupta, 0208 829 0388, Bridget MacKernan, 020 8808 8772, lovethemakeup@hotmail.co.uk.

Wed 8 Oct

Haringey's Official Launch of Black History Month 2008

Introduced by Cllr George Meehan Leader of Haringey Council, with David Lammy MP for Tottenham; and Mike Phillips, co-author of Windrush: The Irresistible Rise of Multi-Racial Britain plus freelance cultural journalist and columnist Felicity Heywood speaking on The Pursuit of Concealed Histories A short presentation by the charity Maluju UK on the 1882 visit of

Our life ... is land ... is culture

At 27, Samantha Hobson is one of a handful of young celebrated Aboriginal artists exhibiting widely both in her native Australia and abroad. Samantha Hobson began painting with the Lockhart River Art Gang, a group of young Indigenous painters from the remote Lockhart River community on the east coast of the far northern tip of Queensland. The Art Centre soon became the nucleus for a dynamic school of creative development.

Her work is inspired by the beauty of the East Cape and by the fast disappearing traditional beliefs, with darker references to domestic violence and harsh social conditions experienced by many Aboriginal peoples in isolated communities.

Her work is close to abstract expressionism, sitting outside the accepted

traditions of aboriginal iconography. Her works are held in the collections of the National Gallery of Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria, the Queensland Art Gallery, the Columbus State University, Georgia, USA and the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, Virginia, USA.

Exhibition: Samantha Hobson: Our life ... is land ... is culture, Exhibition dates: 11 September-11 October 2008, Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12.30 - 5.30pm



Cetshwayo, King of the Zulus, and plans to actively honour his journey.

Wood Green Central Library, 7pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8489 2780.

Thu 9 Oct

The Black Struggle for Civil and Human Rights

An interactive seminar discussing the story of how Black people have attempted to gain equality. Historian Robin Walker considers the achievements of Booker T Washington, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and our Black British politicians. *Marcus Garvey Library, 7pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8489 5309.*

Mon 13 Oct

In Conversation with Catherine Johnson

Young People's writer, Catherine Johnson - author of *Hero*, *Stella* and *A Nest of Vipers* talks about her work.

Wood Green Central Library, 930am – 1030am, free, tel: 020 8489 2780.

Tue 14 Oct

Adinkra Printing

Come along and learn about the ancient art of printing. Adinkra is a type of cloth made by

the Ashanti people of Ghana with a thick black plant dye. The dyers use stamps carved from calabash to cover cloth with patterns. There are over a hundred patterns referring to Ashanti proverbs, historic people, animals and events.

Marcus Garvey Library Children's Library, 2pm – 3pm, free, tel: 030 8489 5309.

Tue 14 Oct

Windrush Pioneers: How they changed Britain forever

Interactive seminar with historian Arthur Torrington OBE, secretary of the Equiano Society, and the Windrush Foundation. The first of two sessions with Patrick Vernon which aim to introduce people of African/Caribbean origin to family history tracing using print and online sources. Patrick Vernon is the founder of Every Generation - winner of the 2003 CRE Race in the Media Award for best website. He received a double Windrush Award in 2003.

Wood Green Central Library, 7pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8489 2780.

Fri 24 Oct

Trace Your Family History

The first of two sessions with



Memories from the Islands.

Patrick Vernon which aim to introduce people of African/Caribbean origin to family history tracing using print and online sources. Patrick Vernon is the founder of Every Generation - winner of the 2003 CRE Race in the Media Award for best website. He received a double Windrush Award in 2003.

Wood Green Central Library, 7pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8489 2780.

Saturday 25th October

Life in Tottenham in the 1950s and the 1960s.

Reminiscence with living legend Bill Guy. In 1986 Bill Guy was the fastest man in the world over the age of 55, with a time of 11.9 seconds for the 100metres. 4 times Gold Medal winner at the world Athletics Championships, Bill was born in Guyana, joined the US Navy in 1948 and moved to Britain in 1950. He was profiled on BBC2's *Ebony* Programme in 1988.

Marcus Garvey Library, 5pm – 630pm, free, tel: 020 8489 5309.

Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

"Diamonds" of the WindrushAn exhibition

The first West Indian immigrants to the United Kingdom after the Second World War: Their stories, progress and difficulties experienced in settling and integrating into British society.

Unit 5, St. Georges Estate, Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30 pm, open to public Thursday 12pm – 2pm, tel: 020 8489 1384.

Wed 29 October

Evening Talk And Discussion "On Post-Black"

A plea by award winning author Diran Adebayo for the Black community to move beyond the approaches and mindset that have dominated the Black-British landscape since Windrush;

towards a new 'Post-black' agenda in cultural, political and social areas.

Diran Adebayo will talk for about 30 /40 minutes and then lead what promises to be a passionate discussion.

Bruce Castle Museum, 730pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8808 8772.

Fri 31 Oct

Family History Workshop With Patrick Vernon

The second of two sessions with Patrick Vernon which aim to introduce people of African/Caribbean origin to family history tracing using print and online sources.

Patrick Vernon is the founder of Every Generation - winner of the 2003 CRE Race in the Media Award for best website. He received a double Windrush Award in 2003.

Marcus Garvey Library, tel: 020 8489 5309, free, tel: 020 8808 8772.

Highbury

Fri 10 Oct

Children Special

Readings, book signing and Writing for Children Workshop with by Verna Wilkins. Joining Verna for book signing is the actor, Rudolph Walker (*EastEnders'* fame). The writing workshop, from 2-3PM will show participants how to come up with ideas for children's stories; consider their structure and development and find out how the market for children's books work.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 12pm – 3pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Fri 10 Oct

The Student Hour

4-5PM In celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Africa World Press, Word Power 2008 will



Comedian Walker Curtis will be performing at *Revival – Stop the Killing, Start The Healing*, Fri 17 Oct.

host reading for students by top academics, published by the press. Today there will be reading by Dr Gaim Kibreab, author of *Critical Reflection on the Eritrean* and Muhammed Umar, author of *Amina*. FREE

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 4pm - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sat 11 Oct

Women Poetry Hour

Performance poetry by women who contributed to the anthology "Temba Tupu". Hosted by the editor, Dr. Nagueyalti Warren.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 12pm - 1pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sat 11 Oct

The Manley Memoirs

As a young girl, starved of her mother's love because she was darker than her siblings and forced to do housework while her sisters relaxed, Beverley was a modern-day Cinderella. Told incessantly that she was good for nothing, she defied her mother's prophecy by becoming a household name in local radio, television and on stage. It was her path at the then Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation that lead her to Michael Manley and the Jamaica House. Join Beverley Manley as she reads from and sign copies of her explosive tell-all biography!

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 1pm - 2pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sat 11 Oct

Brothers on A Vibe

Performance poetry by three top male Poets: M.K.Asante, Jr., Victor Richards and Kwame McPherson.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 3pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sat 11 Oct

The Student Hour

Join, Edgar J. Ridley, author of *Symbolism Revisited* and *The Golden Apple*, as he discusses Black peoples' negative attitude towards creating wealth for children and ourselves. Also, Prof Chege Githoria discusses his work, *Afro Mexican* which reveals the conditions of arrival and establishment of Africans in Mexico within the context of Spanish colonialism and the race-based socio-economic hierarchy known as *sistema de castas*.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 4pm - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632,

Sat 11 Oct

An Audience with Jacob Ross

Jacob Ross launches his first novel: *Pynter Bender*

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 6pm, free, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sat 11 Oct – Sun 12 Oct

Images of Self ~Unravelling Identity

This two day conference brings together some of the most influential minds of the Afrikan Diaspora, on the subject of cultural identity and consciousness, spiritual transformation and personal empowerment.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 10am - 5pm, One day: £45/£35 Concessions, Both days: £75/£60 Concessions, Individual lectures (where space) £12, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sun 12 Oct

Health Empowerment

Dr Suzar Epps, author of *Drugs Masquerading as Foods* will give a lecture on health and wellbeing.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 12pm - 2pm, £10, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.



One of the many exhibitions featured at the London Slavery Museum.



Poster of Bamako, showing 13 October at the Odeon Wimbledon.



Memories from the Islands.

Sun 12 Oct
An Audience with Ra Un Nefer Amen

The spiritual leader of the Ausar Auset society will be at Centerprise as part of his tour marking the 35th anniversary of Ausar Auset Society. He will also be launching his latest work, Metu Neter Volume 3.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 3pm - 5pm, £10, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Sun 12 Oct
An evening of Jamaican Dub Poetry

The closing event of Word Power 2008 will feature a poetry performance by the Jamaica born internationally recognised, African conscious poet, activist and reggae artist, Mutabaruka. Revolutionary, firey and scathing, Mutabaruka's words are as potent in performance as on paper or CD. This event will give you the opportunity to hear about Mutabaruka's career and enjoy a special performance.

The Emirates, Arsenal Stadium Conference Hall, 6pm - 8pm, £10, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.

Imperial War Museum

Sat 25 Oct
Windrush Lecture Series: Propaganda in the Empire

1.00pm, Conference Room
Led by Tony Warner, Director of Education for the 100 Black Men of London, these monthly events will feature a combination of guest speakers, films and audience discussion, all linked to the From War to Windrush exhibition.

Imperial War Museum Conference Room, 1pm, free, tel: 020 7416 5439.

Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct
Black History Month: Family Workshops

1.00pm - 3.00pm
As a family, learn about the personal stories of African, Asian and Caribbean servicemen and women in the Second World War during this hands-on drop-in session. Children can make their own recruitment posters and fit pieces into a puzzle of the world.

Imperial War Museum, 1pm - 3pm, free but requires accompaniment by adult, tel: 020 7416 5439.

Wed 22 Oct 7.00pm
'Kept in the Cupboard':

Amateur Film Night at the Imperial War Museum

Tickets £5.50, Friends of the Imperial War Museum and concessions £4.50
Featuring highlights from the Museum's rich collection of amateur films, this event will look at the special value of amateur cinema in recording the private, personal and sometimes secret moments in history not covered by official cameramen. Screened with a live piano accompaniment.
For more information visit Imperial War Museum, 7pm, £5.50/£4.50 Concessions for members, tel: 020 7416 5439, www.iwm.org.uk.

Until 29 Mar 2009
From War to Windrush

To mark the sixtieth anniversary of the arrival of the MV Empire Windrush in Britain in 1948, this exhibition tells the personal stories of the involvement of Black men and women from the West Indies and Britain in the First and Second World Wars.

Imperial War Museum, 10am - 6pm, tel: 020 7416 5439.

Until 1 Jan 2010
The Children's War

This major exhibition looks at the home front in Britain and the impact of the Second World War through the eyes of the children who lived through it. Incorporating hands-on activities for visitors of all ages, it also features the popular 1940s house and part of a post-war prefab.

Imperial War Museum, 10am - 6pm, tel: 020 7416 5439.

Ongoing
Crimes against humanity

A specially-commissioned 30-minute film is the central element of this exhibition, which examines the themes of genocide and ethnic conflict - looking at some of the common features shared by the horrendous

bloodshed in Armenia, Nazi-occupied Europe, Cambodia, East Timor, Bosnia, Rwanda and elsewhere.

Imperial War Museum, 10am - 6pm, tel: 020 7416 5439.

Islington

Sat 27 Sep
Launch Event - Family Science Conference

This launch event celebrates the broad theme of science, with workshops, stalls, cookery demonstrations, entertainment, celebrity speakers and even a 'zoofari'.

New North Community School, 1pm - 6pm, www.islington.gov.uk.

All Oct
The Central Library Science Lecture Series and Gallery Exhibition

A poster exhibition of famous black scientists forms the backdrop to a four-part lecture series. Scientists, historians and social commentators host these evening sessions.

Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, library opening times, free, www.islington.gov.uk.

Fri 31 Oct
Black History Month Finale Event: Celebrating Local Achievements

The finale includes performances from Islington's leading jazz youth band, local dancers and singers and testimonies and speeches from a range of people from the borough.

Venue to be confirmed, 2pm - 5pm, www.islington.gov.uk.

Kensington & Chelsea

Wed 24 Sep
Moroccan Music and Storytelling at Leighton House Museum



Choir Invisible sing the gospel at the South Bank Centre, Sun 26 Oct.

Let your imagination fly with Hassan Erraji, a master musician and storyteller from Marrakesh, Morocco. Hassan will be telling Berber mountain stories, Arabian folk tales and other fabulous fables that he wrote or learned from the elders of his community where this tradition of storytelling is part of everyday life and culture.

After the performance there will be a unique chance to view the Dakka Marrakesh exhibition by the acclaimed photographer Hassan Hajjaj for free.

Leighton House Museum, 4pm - 5pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk

Fri 3 Oct

Transplantations Tour: Around the World in Holland Park

This unconventional guided tour will combine botany, travelogue, music and dance to uncover the origins and stories of the diverse range of trees from around the world now growing in Holland Park. Musicians and dancers will transport you to the trees' countries of origin through live performances in beautiful settings along the route. Featuring Lebanese oud player Abdul Salam Kheir, Romanian singer Dana Codorean-Berciu, Colombian harpist Diego Laverde and Sinman Dance Company performing their beautiful and delicate Chinese ribbon and fan dance.

A podcast and map of the tour will be available afterwards on the website at www.rbkc.gov.uk/acrossthestreet.

Meet at the Stableyard, 1pm - 230pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk

Thu 9 Oct

Steel Pan Workshops with Mangrove Steel Band

The steel drum is the pride of the Caribbean and the only acoustic musical instrument invented in the 20th century. This workshop is a fantastic hands-on opportunity to learn more about important aspects of Caribbean culture and will end with a group performance!

The Tabernacle, 4pm - 5pm, 5pm - 6pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk

Tue 14 Oct

Kensal Green Cemetery Tour and Performances: Exiles and Immigrants

Come and explore one of Britain's oldest and most beautiful Victorian cemeteries. This unique event will begin with a tour of

the catacomb and graves of notable exiles and immigrants ending up in the candle-lit Dissenters' Chapel for a fantastic night of music and spoken word performances exploring themes of exile and immigration. With Bernardine Evaristo, Agnes Meadows, Baden Prince, Yemisi Blake and music provided by Drum & Flute. Hosted by the fabulous writer and performer Dzifa Benson.

Kensal Green Cemetery, Meet outside the Anglican Chapel, Tour: 3pm - 4.30pm, Performances: 5pm - 7pm, Gallery: 1958 exhibition open until 8pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk, www.historytalk.org, directions see www.kensalgreen.co.uk.

Thu 16 Oct

Unheard Voices – Royal Court Theatre

A fantastic chance to see a

professional script-in-hand performance of extracts of four plays written by talented young people from the Royal Court's playwriting project for young Muslim writers.

Exploring themes such as identity, the cultural divide and the role of women, these plays offer a highly entertaining and engaging glimpse into the lives of young Muslim Londoners.

Westbourne Studios, 7pm - 830pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Tue 21 Oct

Secret London Tour: Notting Hill Hidden Histories

Join London Blue Badge Guide and LBC contributor Diane Burstein for a walking tour of Notting Hill to uncover the history, diversity and hidden corners of this fascinating area.

The tour will explore how African Caribbean, Moroccan, Jewish, Indian, Spanish, Portuguese and Serbian groups have contributed to the rich mix of the area.

Meet at Notting Hill Gate Tube station outside WHSmith, 230pm - 430pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Fri 24 Oct

Secret London Tour: Traces of Frestonia and Notting Dale

Frestonia was the name adopted by the residents of Freston Road in Notting Dale when they attempted to secede from the United Kingdom in 1977. Actor David Rappaport was once the Foreign Minister, whilst playwright Heathcote Williams served as Ambassador to Great Britain. Frestonia even had its own newspaper and postage stamps!

Join Diane Burstein on a tour of the streets that formed 'Frestonia' and the ancient Notting Dale to search for the traces left by this fascinating era of local history.

Meet outside Holland Park Tube station at 230pm - 430pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Sun 26 Oct – Mon 27 Oct

African story telling: Ananse the Spider

In parts of Africa, folk stories about an adventurous spider called Ananse are passed down through the generations by word of mouth. Join a Nigerian storyteller from Abundance Art in the Flett Foyer as she uses African drums, songs and words to tell us the tale of Ananse.

Natural History Museum, 2pm and 4pm, free, www.nhm.ac.uk/whats-on

Tue 28 Oct

BFM International Film Festival: 'Identity' shorts

A night hosted by the BFM International Film Festival featuring an inspiring and thought-provoking selection of short films exploring British identity followed by Q&A with directors Stephen Bourne and Menelik Shabazz: Aunt Esther's Story (Stephen Bourne/Andrew Warrington, 15min)

Stephen Bourne tells the story of his aunt, Esther Bruce, a working-class Black Londoner born before the First World War living in Kensington High Street.

Step Forward Youth (Menelik Shabazz, 25 min) Q&A It's 1976 and first generation young people of West Indian



Black Hair Growth Workshop

descent give their views on growing up in England. Shot both in Ladbroke Grove and Brixton. Two other films follow *The Tabernacle*, 7pm - 9pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Wed 5 Nov

Islamic Geometry Arts Workshop

Geometrical Patterns feature heavily in Islamic architecture. This workshop will provide students with an insight into the history of Islamic Geometry Pattern and show you how to make your own beautiful geometric patterns. *Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre*, 4pm - 530pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Thu 6, 10, 13, 17, 24 Nov

Michael X: A new play by Vanessa Walters

Who was Michael X? Black Power activist and groundbreaking political icon? Trouble-maker,

pimp and murderer? This controversial character is brought to life in Vanessa Walter's new play which delves into the politics of Britain in the 1960s and the transformation of Michael de Freitas into Michael X told by the man himself.

The Tabernacle, 730pm - 830pm, £5, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Wed 12 Nov

Tabernacle Treasure Hunt

Wander through the echoes of the past in a new local histories treasure hunt devised by SPID Theatre Company for the recently re-opened Tabernacle Arts Centre. Stories await your discovery in hidden nooks and crannies. Fantastic local residents populate the halls with funny and poignant stories about Notting Hill and their personal journeys to the area. Find the residents. Collect the stories. Unearth the treasure.

The Tabernacle, 7pm - 830pm, free but booking required, tel: 020 7361 3204, arts@rbkc.gov.uk.

Wed 3 Dec

Royal Court Theatre: Alfred Fagon Award 2008

A special invitation from the Royal Court Theatre to be among the first to get a glimpse of the work-in-progress of a brand new play! Come and enjoy a rehearsed reading of the winning play from this year's Alfred Fagon Award 2008 which inspires British writers of African and Caribbean descent. *Royal Court Theatre*, 4pm - 6pm, free of charge but booking required, tel: 020 7565 5000.

Fri 12 Dec

Gospel Christmas Sing-a-long

This festive outdoor performance will feature 10 glorious singers from the award-winning gospel group The Kingdom Choir. Combining classic gospel numbers such as Swing Low Sweet Chariot and Lean on Me with lush arrangements of your favourite Christmas carols, this heart-warming performance is guaranteed to chase away those winter chills. *Outside Kensington Town Hall civic reception*, 1pm - 130pm, free, tel: 020 7361 3204 or arts@rbkc.gov.uk

Kings Cross

Fri 10 Oct

Heated Exchange: Hip Hop Vs Rap

Do our youths understand what they are listening to? What is Hip Hop and how does it differ from Rap? Is Rap music, a socially destructive force which affects consciousness and destroys the mind and body of the listener? Is Hip Hop, the real voice of the youths, as a vehicle for political expressions? Wayne B Chandler will argue that rap is an industrialized cultural weapon use to weaken the inner spiritual force of Black youths and keep violence prevalent in the Global Black community. He will also trace Hip Hops roots to Africa and offer ways, in which we can reclaim, re-educate and redirect the flow of the Black music, so that our youths choose wisely their musical direction. Hosted by Jonzi' D, and featuring a poetry performance from M.K. Asante, Jr., hip hop performance from Young Rootz and London street dance crew, Manic Boiz, the event promises to be a night of pure edutainment.

The Camden Centre, Doors open from 6pm, Showtime: 7pm, £10 in advance, tel: 020 7254 9632, www.word-power.org.uk.



Life In Tottenham in the 50s and 60s

Wed 22 Oct

The Great African Scandal

Camden Fairtrade Network presents Channel 4 film African Scandal.

Camden Town Hall, from 7pm (Film starts at 8pm), limited tickets, email arts.tourism@camden.gov.uk.

Lambeth

Fri 3 Oct

Lambeth Black History Month Launch 7pm Nettlefold Hall

Lambeth Libraries invite you to join us for the official launch of Black History Month 2008. The evening will be a celebration of black literature and arts – a fantastic evening including the spirit of the sixties, poetry performance, African juggling with Emmanuel the Magnificent and much more. We are really pleased that this year's key note speech will be from local author Alex Wheatle who recently received an MBE for his work in literature. This is an invite only event with limited seating.

For your invitation please email Lambeth Libraries at blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk or telephone 020 7926 1075.

Wed 8 Oct

Bronze Woman launch

The Bronze Woman is the first statue of a black woman to be publicly displayed in England. It depicts the subject of Cecile Nobrega's poem The Bronze Woman which celebrates the achievements of Caribbean woman in Britain.

The monument will be unveiled in Stockwell Memorial Garden, 2pm - 6pm, free, www.stockwell.gov.uk.

Wed 15 Oct

Verna Wilkins and Rudolph Walker



Jackie Walker, who will be reading from *Pilgrim State*.

As part of the National Year of Reading, invited Lambeth schools will get to meet Eastenders star Rudolph Walker OBE along with top-selling children's author Verna Wilkins at Brixton Library. This is an event for invited schools only but will be a brilliant opportunity for Lambeth schoolchildren to meet two leading figures in acting and writing.

Brixton Library, 1030am, free, tel: 020 7926 1056.

Thu 16 Oct

The Harder They Come (1972)

Jimmy Cliff stars in his first screen role as a young and hopeful singer who heads for Kingston with hopes of cutting a record. But all he encounters is corruption and menace.

Introduction from cultural activist Michael McMillan. Nettlefold Hall, 7pm, price unknown, tel: 020 7926 8070

Tue 21 Oct

Lambeth's Black Queer Pulse

Speakers include Linda Bellos OBE and Dennis Carney. Brixton has always had a rich and diverse Black and queer contemporary social history from the early 19th Century to the present day. This event through informal discussions with artists, activists and cultural producers will shed light on the unique place Brixton holds within the Black LGBT experience in the UK. Come along and share your stories, memories and experiences.

Minet Library, 7pm, free, tel: 020 7926 6076.

Wed 22 Oct

Levi Roots - Reggae, Reggae Cookbook

TV's dragon slayer Levi Roots brings carnival to the kitchen with his hot'n'spicy debut cookbook. Building on this success and his ever-growing popularity as a food hero, Levi Roots now has his very own cookbook! Levi Roots' Reggae Reggae Cookbook brings the excitement and vitality of Caribbean flavours to cooking. This bright and colourful book brings together influences as diverse as Jamaican folk tales, Notting Hill Carnival and the music of Bob Marley to create family-friendly food with that famous jerk kick.

Brixton Library, 7pm, free, tel: 7926 1056.

Fri 24 Oct

Noh Budget Films – Da Playas Klub

Performances, Film, live music



Slavery Museumn Docklands

spoken word and lots of audience participation, discussion and debate and laughter – A fun packed evening based around sexual health issues amongst young men.

For further information please contact Tony Nettlefold Hall, 730pm, price unknown, tel: Cealy at Noh Budget Films 07956 877358, info@nohbudgetfilms.freemove.co.uk

Thu 30 Oct

Chinua Achebe – Things Fall Apart 50th Anniversary

Things Fall Apart (1958) was the first novel written by Chinua Achebe, two years prior to Nigerian Independence in 1960. 50 years after the novel was first published, Things Fall Apart has sold over 30 million copies worldwide and has been published in several languages and its author has received the unofficial title of 'father of the African novel'. In this moving tale Achebe explores the impact of the colonial encounter between the British and the Igbo of South Eastern Nigeria at the turn of the 19th century through his tragic protagonist, Okonkwo.

Streatham Library, 7pm, free, tel: 020 7926 6768.

Fri 31 Oct

More Than Skin Deep – Black Germany: A view from the Arts

Black Germany: A View from the Arts is the first of a series of films exploring the theme of Black identity through the eyes of a creative community. This first film looks at Black German identity and the expression of that identity through the work

of Black German artists. The film showing will be followed by a panel discussion and social.

Nettlefold Hall, 630pm for 730pm, £7, tel: 020 7926 8070.

Sat 8 Nov

Celebrating Our Century, Lambeth Archives Open Day

In the centenary year of Lambeth Town Hall we are exploring some of the many different

personal and public Lambeth histories of the last 100 years. There are activities for all the family including Punch and Judy, story telling and the Lambeth Centenary mosaic.

Black Cultural Archives will be running Caribbean Family History workshops at 12.45pm and again at 4.15pm explaining how to get started on tracing your own roots. There will be a screening

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nationaltheatre.org.uk

Photo by Lisa French

of films made by Clovis Salmon, better known as 'Sam the Wheel' at 11.30am. Sam's footage from the 1960s to the 1980s captures the recent heritage of the Black community in Brixton and he will be there to talk about his films. You can also bring along your own family papers and photographs and get advice on how to store and preserve these for the future.

Minet Library, 10am - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7926 6076.

Wed 10 Dec

The 2008 Annual Lambeth Black History Lecture, Dr Carole Boyce Davies

Lambeth Libraries and Archives are delighted to welcome Dr. Carole Boyce Davies to give the 2008 lecture. Carole was born in Trinidad and now lives in the USA where she is Professor of Africana Studies at Cornell University. She has published numerous books on black women's writing, most recently *Left of Karl Marx, The Political Life of Black Communist Claudia Jones*. The title is in part a pun on the relative positions

of their headstones in Highgate Cemetery in London.

Brixton Library, 7pm, free, tel: 020 7926 1056.

Lewisham

Permanent

African Worlds Gallery

Enjoy stunning artefacts, sculpture and contemporary artworks from Africa and the African diaspora in this permanent gallery including: spectacular Dogon masks from Mali, Benin plaques, Egyptian mummies and a Nigerian Ijele (a 20 foot high ceremonial African mask, the only one of its type in Britain).

Horniman Museum, 1030am - 530pm, free, tel: 020 8699 1872, www.horniman.ac.uk.

Tue 30 Sep

Wind Brushed

A dramatic piece based on grandparents' experiences and interspersed with poetry readings from the Rushey Green Time Bank poets.

Lewisham Ethnic Minority

Partnership, 8pm, free, tel: 020 8690 0013, www.lewishamethnminority.org.uk

All Oct

African textiles and crafts

Front window display from Community Education Lewisham's Textile, Craft, Fashion and Horticulture Department.
Lewisham Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 8297 9430.

All Oct

'Mandela at 90' portrait competition

Draw a portrait of Nelson Mandela to display in the library. For children.

Crofton Park Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 8692 1683.

All Oct

African cultured crafts

Exhibition of ceramics by artist Asan Ugborogho.

Catford Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 8314 6399.

All Oct

Guess the face competition

Black History Month Competition: Faces from history, sports and the media (ages 5-11)

Torridon Road Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 8698 1590.

All Oct

Emperor Windrush's voyage

An exhibition depicting an important landmark in the history of modern Britain.

Torridon Road Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 8698 1590.

All Oct

The Black history show

A group show featuring Marie Smith, The Little Artists, Gretta Sarfaty Marchant and Harry Pye. Cedar Lewisohn who is the curator of the Tate Modern's Urban Art show is producing text for the show. The exhibition pieces are all inspired by Black people who are alive and still making history.

Limelight Gallery, Lewisham Library, library opening times, tel: 020 8297 9430.

All Oct

KnowUK quiz

Lewisham Reference Library's annual Black History Month challenge. Complete the quiz correctly to be entered into a prize draw for a £10 Amazon voucher.

Lewisham Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 8297 9430.

Thu 2 Oct

Marilyn Heward Mills

Marilyn presents her debut novel, 'Cloth Girl', set in the Gold Coast at the end of British rule, the novel is inspired by the life of the author's grandmother. Signed copies will be available on the night.

Forest Hill Library, 8pm - 930pm, free, tel: 020 8699 2065

Thu 2 - Fri 3 Oct

Cool Rules / Fams

A thrilling dance theatre double-bill from Curtis James working with some of the pioneers of hip hop theatre. Cool Rules, directed by Jonzi D, explores the hopes and aspirations of a young man growing up in modern Britain against a backdrop of exploding stars and universal truths.

Fams, commissioned by the Albany and featuring shortMAN, was co-written and directed by Benji Reid. Two strangers enter a hospital waiting room and leave as brothers in this comic journey of discovery.

The Albany, Deptford, 7.30pm, £10/£6 Concessions, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk

Fri 3 Oct

Sista Story, Brotha Tale

Putting the story into Black History and headlined by internationally acclaimed artist, Jan Blake on her Lewisham home turf and well travelled musician and poet Tuup. Bold tales to be told with sterling support from Carol Leeming, Warsan Shire and Evoke, no mean word-weavers in their own right.

The Albany, Deptford, 8pm, £8/£5 Concessions, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk

Sat 4 Oct

Naming heroes and heroines

Can you put a name to the face in our fun Black History tease?

Grove Park Library, all day, free, tel: 020 8857 5794.

Sat 4 Oct

Adult reading groups

'Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning.' Maya Angelou. Join us to discuss the Autobiography of Malcolm X.

Lewisham Library, 1030am - 12pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Sat 4 Oct

Handa's storytelling & craft

Travel to Kenya and follow in Handa's footsteps as she journeys to see her best friend Akeyo, in the next village. Handa is taking seven delicious fruits as a surprise



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gift – but seven different animals have seven very different ideas. Could you resist the sweet-smelling guava, a ripe red mango or a tangy purple passion fruit? For ages 5 – 7.

Wavelengths Library, 2pm, free, tel: 020 8694 2535.

Sat 4 Oct

Black History Month collages
Join us in making collages of famous Black people (ages 5–7).
Forest Hill Library, 230pm – 4pm, free, tel: 020 8699 2065.

Sat 4 Oct

Upfront Comedy

Upfront are back with a heavyweight laughter line-up hosted by MTV Base and Choice FM presenter Kat and introducing Brixton bus driver turned award-winning comedian Slim, alongside Gayla Johnson from Los Angeles, with fast-rising Ryan Gough adding a Midlands perspective.

The Albany, Deptford, 8pm, £8 in advance/£10 on the door, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk

Sun 5 Oct

Hands on Africa family workshops

These workshops give families an opportunity to explore, touch and learn more about African objects.
Horniman Museum, 11am, 1215pm, 2pm, 3pm, free, tel: 020 8699 1872, www.horniman.ac.uk.

Mon 6 Oct

Performance and workshops from Downham Tamil Association

Enjoy an evening of Bharatha Natyam (Indian Dance) and Miruthangam (Indian Drum) performance and workshops.
Goldsmiths Community Centre, 6pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8695 9118 / 0798 5798 710.



Celebrations of Black History Month come in all shapes and forms in Greenwich



Windrush Rise of Multi Racial Britain

Tue 7 Oct, Tue 14 Oct, Tue 21 Oct, Tue 28 Oct

Under 5s singalong

Regular Tuesday sessions of Caribbean songs and stories.
Lewisham Library, 1115am – 1145am, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Tue 7 Oct

The Challenge 2008: A Black History Month Film Screening

With a budget of just £500 and only 6 weeks to deliver, this is Lewisham's toughest filmmaking competition. Join the winners for a lively evening of Black History Month inspired shorts, a Q&A and a selection of the finest

community-made films.

The BHM Short Film Challenge 2008 is a collaboration between Lewisham Film Initiative, Sectrecom Films, the Albany and ITV Local.
The Albany, Deptford, 7.30pm, free, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk

Wed 8 Oct

Celebrating pensioner diversity

Come and enjoy an afternoon of reminiscence, sharing memories with others pensioners, and enjoy samples of food from different countries and regions.
White House, New Cross, 12pm – 2pm, free, tel: 020 8778 0579.

Wed 8 Oct

Forgotten Woman: A Play

Embark on an enthralling journey with a one-woman play about one of the unsung heroines of British history written and directed by the critically acclaimed Cleo Sylvestre a respected theatre and TV actress. *Forgotten Woman* is also currently on tour in schools all over the UK. Aimed at children and young people.
Beethoven Centre, 10am – 12pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

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Torridon Road Library, 10am – 11am, free, tel: 020 8694 8698.

Thu 9 Oct

Jean Binta Breeze on National Poetry Day

Renowned wordsmith Jean Binta Breeze stops off on her journey to the Moonshot Centre for an impromptu after school National Poetry Day party: a feast of words.
New Cross Library, 430pm – 515pm, free, tel: 020 88694 2534.

Thu 9 Oct

Lewisham Council Black History Month launch event

Lewisham Black History Month is launched formally on National Poetry Day with performance poetry from Jean Binta Breeze, lyrics and song from Alexander D. Great, Calypsonian-in-Residence for the BBC.

Moonshot Centre, 7pm–9pm, free, tel: 020 8694 9727, www.moonshot.org.uk

Sat 11 Oct

Black History Month Saturday craft

Some fun for the kids, ages 1 – 5.
Downham Library, 1030am – 12pm, free, tel: 020 8695 8886.

Sat 11 Oct

Walking tour of New Cross and Deptford

Historian S.I. Martin leads a walking tour revealing the hidden histories of Black people in New Cross and Deptford. Discover 500 years of history including the Deptford Fire 1981, the Carrington House Riots 1949, Olaudah Equiano and the beginnings of the British slave trade.

Meet outside 439 New Cross Road, 2pm – 315pm, free, Bookings through New Cross Library (Tel: 020 8694 2534)

Sat 11 Oct

Celebrate the life of Bessie Coleman

Storytelling session on Betty Coleman, the famous Black American aviator, then make a Bessie style plane (ages 7–11).
Catford Library, 215pm – 315pm, free, tel: 020 8314 6399.



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Sun 12 Oct

Music from Uganda

Musicians from the Uganda Dance Academy and the London Sinfonietta join forces for a special family workshop. This will be followed by a performance from the Ugandan ensemble using rock gongs. Tickets will be available half an hour before the session from the Information Desk. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Horniman Museum, Workshop 2–3pm, Performance 3.30–4.30pm, free, tel: 020 8699 1872, www.horniman.ac.uk.

Mon 13 Oct

60th anniversary of the Windrush and the NHS

Carers Lewisham celebrates the 60th anniversary of both the Windrush and the National Health Service.

Carers Lewisham, Lewisham Carers Centre, 6pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 8699 8686.

Tue 14 Oct

Black History Month: Talk and questions with Black entrepreneurs

In association with Lewisham Council.

Forest Hill Library, 6pm – 8pm, free, tel: 020 8699 2065.

Tue 14 Oct

Some of Us Little – But We Talawa

Black History Month is an opportunity for reflection, acknowledgement and celebration taken up by local writing co-operative, Inspired Word. If you have work to share on the theme of Black history, heritage and culture, why not take up our offer of Open Mic in a supportive atmosphere.

Lewisham Library, 8pm – 9.30pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Wed 15 Oct

Pensioners celebrating diversity

Come and enjoy an afternoon of reminiscence at Lewisham Pensioners' Forum. Share memories and view a collection of short films, sample food-tasting, view an exhibition; listen to recitals and music from Peter Ceasar.

Lewisham Irish Centre, 1pm – 4.30pm, free, tel: 020 8690 7869.

Thu 16 Oct

Handa's storytelling & craft

Travel to Kenya and follow in Handa's footsteps as she journeys to see her best friend Akeyo, in the next village. Handa is taking seven delicious fruits as a surprise gift – but seven different animals have seven very different ideas. Could you resist the sweet-smelling guava, a ripe red mango or a tangy purple passion fruit? For under 5s.

Blackheath Village Library, 9.30am, free, tel: 020 8852 5309.

Fri 17 - Sat 18 Oct

Boom Bap / Showtime!

Moving verse and verse that moves. From the worlds of New York, Vancouver and Sydney prepare for a night of street inspired spoken word and dance in this double bill.

Boom Bap follows the journey of Baba Israel from his native New York to his mother's homeland of Australia, where he discovers hip hop and earns his stripes as a performer. Backed by Yaka 440 on keys.

In Showtime! Canadian hip hop dance artist Jojo Zolina and Australian hip hop theatre artist Morganics combine physical articulation and verbal dexterity. Jojo draws on diverse dance styles from traditional folk dance to hip hop, voguing, dancehall, contemporary and krumping. Morganics is a formidable actor, MC, beatboxer, Bboy and spoken word artist with a unique theatrical style.

The Albany, Deptford, 8pm, £10/£6 Concessions, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk

Sat 18 Oct

Adult reading groups

Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning. Maya Angelou. Join us to discuss Walter Mosley's Cinnamon Kiss.

Lewisham Library, 10.30am – 12pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Sat 18 Oct

Hip Hop theatre masterclass

Create your own hip hop theatre piece!

The Albany, 11am – 3pm, price unknown, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk.

Sat 18 Oct

Quiz and rhyme time

Stories, poems and quizzes about your favourite Black writers (ages 8–11)

Wavelengths Library, 2pm – 3.30pm, free, tel: 020 8694 2535.

Sun 19 Oct

Hands on Africa family workshops

These workshops give families an opportunity to explore, touch and learn more about African objects.

Horniman Museum, 11am, 12.15pm, 2pm, 3pm, free, tel: 020 8699 1872, www.horniman.ac.uk.

Tue 21 Oct

Half Moon presents Locked In

A gritty hard-hitting drama about life in the inner city written by award winning Fin Kennedy, and underscored by a hip-hop soundtrack.

On the 20th floor of an abandoned tower block, a Caribbean MC and a Bengali DJ rip up the airwaves on a pirate radio station. But when a local gangster asks for a serious favour, their world splits right open. Returning to the Albany after a sell out run in 2006.

The Albany, Deptford, 1.30pm & 7.30pm, Ages 13+, £8/£5 Concessions, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk

Tue 21 Oct

S.I. Martin introduces Jupiter Williams: Hidden Local History Written as Fiction

An imagined history from the UK's foremost Black historian. Jupiter Williams' tale opens in 1803 at the African Academy in Clapham. The author will also whet your appetite for the follow-up novel 'Jupiter Amidships', which will be published early next year.

Lewisham Library, 8pm – 9.30pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Wed 22 Oct

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Travel to Kenya and follow in Handa's footsteps as she journeys to see her best friend Akeyo, in the next village. Handa is taking seven delicious fruits as a surprise gift – but seven different animals have seven very different ideas. Could you resist the sweet-smelling guava, a ripe red mango or a tangy purple passion fruit? For under 5s.

Downham Library, 10am, free, tel: 020 8695 8886.



Carnival Faces Workshop

Wed 22 Oct
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Carers Lewisham, Lewisham Carers Centre, 1030am – 3pm, free, tel: 020 8699 8686.

Wed 22 Oct – Fri 24 Oct
Mbawula: Sing Mandela!
 Mbawula, Blackheath Halls and Trinity College of Music bring a musical extravaganza to celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela with an all star line up of British and African musicians for a feast of South African Township music. Wednesday and Thursday's sessions will be supported by school children and Friday's session will be supported by an adult choir.

Blackheath Halls, 7.30pm, £7, tel: 020 8463 0100, www.blackheathhalls.com.

Thu 23 Oct
Nini at Carnival

Enjoy Errol Lloyd's classic picture book, then make colourful carnival masks (under 5s).

Forest Hill Library, 2pm – 3pm Free, tel: 020 8699 2065.

Thu 23 Oct
Do you know your history?
 Join Judy for a celebration of Black history with a fun games hour (ages 8–11).
Downham Library, 430pm – 530pm, free, tel: 020 8695 8886.

Thu 23 Oct
Bernardine Evaristo introduces Blonde Roots

Bernardine's latest work is a satire of the slave trade in which the Africans are the masters and the Europeans the slaves. It is at once a serious re-examination of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the way histories are constructed, and a page-turning adventure story that's at turns witty and gruesome. Signed copies available on the night.

Lewisham Library, 8pm – 930pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800

Fri 24 Oct – Sat 25 Oct
Black History Month book fair

Publishers Bright Books and Tamarind Books showcase their wares. There will also be an opportunity to buy some books.
Lewisham Library, 11am–4pm, free

Sat 25 Oct
Chatterbooks for Black History Month

Join the regular group to discuss stories by Black writers from Malorie Blackman to Benjamin Zephaniah, (ages 8 – 11).

Blackheath Village Library, 2pm – 3pm, free, tel: 020 8852 5309.

Mon 27 Oct
Creating short videos on Black icons

Create your own short video, slide show or documentary using film editing software in the library's Youth IT Space (ages 8–15).

Downham Library, 2pm – 430pm, free, tel: 020 8695 8667.

Tue 28 Oct
Black History Month: Police Forum

Black police officers discuss why they joined the police. In association with Lewisham Council.

Forest Hill Library, 6pm – 8pm, free, tel: 020 8699 2065.

Tue 28 Oct
Be loud and proud

Young talented performers showcase the plays of Black British playwrights. Lewisham pupils will perform these entertaining and moving stories. This event is the culmination of a theatre workshop programme delivered throughout October.

Lewisham Youth Theatre, 730pm, free, tel: 020 8690 3428, www.lewishamyouththeatre.com.

Tue 28 Oct
UK gun and knife crime: Black History Month debate

Hackney Councillor and social researcher Patrick Vernon explores the history of firearm control and gun crime in Jamaica to the development of the Gun Courts in 1970s Jamaica and the issue of Post Traumatic Slavery Syndrome in understanding violent crime in the UK's Black

communities. Alex Wheatle MBE provides a novelist's perspective.
Lewisham Library, 8pm – 930pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Tue 28 Oct – Thu 30 Oct
Welcome to Vaudeville

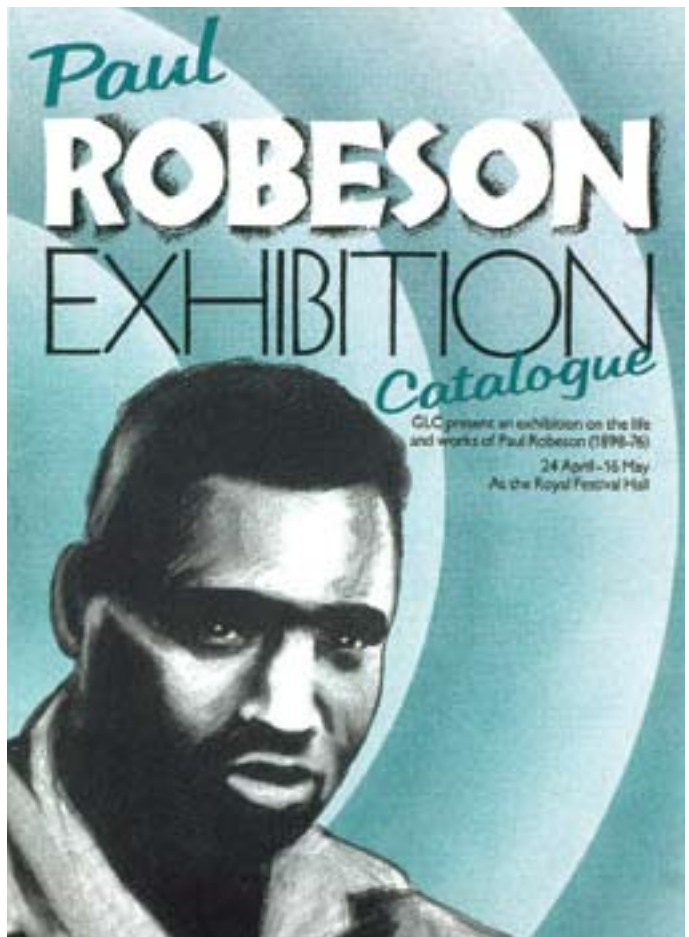
The R.O.M.E.L Foundation in partnership with Rockbourne Youth Club celebrates Black History Month with a three day event encompassing Black history and cultural dance, music, drama, storytelling, poetry, arts and crafts and cooking.

Rockbourne Youth Club, price unknown, 1pm – 4pm, tel: 020 8699 0163 / 07957 198305, www.lewishamyouththeatre.com.

Wed 29 Oct
Jeli Kuma

How can we articulate unity whilst still respecting cultural difference? Chieck-Hamadou Traore, Mandinka Griot and Director of Dogon Music Worldwide outline the issues. A light dinner will be served until 6.15pm and the event will begin with Griot Institute's AGM followed by the presentation followed by Kora players.

Griot Institute, Family Health Isis, 6pm – 9pm, price unknown, tel: 020 8691 7201.



Part of an Exhibition at the London Metropolitan Archives.

Thu 30 Oct

Africa and the diaspora

An evening lecture given by the Horniman's new Head of Anthropology Wayne Modest to find out more about the African Worlds Gallery.

Horniman Museum, 7pm – 8pm, free, tel: 020 8699 1872, www.horniman.ac.uk.

Thu 30 Oct

Alex Wheatle MBE introduces 'The Dirty South' with performance poetry from Victoria Summers

Set in Brixton, 20 years after the riots, 'The Dirty South' follows the adventures of Brickie teenager Dennis Huggins as he drifts into the easy, dangerous life of the shotta (drug dealer) and discovers that, hard as the struggle for respect on the streets is, the struggle for love is harder still.

Sydenham Library, 7pm – 830pm, free, tel: 020 8778 7563.

Fri 31 Oct

Princess Black

A moving and powerful story about a young mother's struggle to single-handedly provide the basic necessities of life for her three children in order for them to succeed in life. 'Princess Black' is like a breath of fresh air and has been well received on tour throughout Britain.

The Broadway Theatre, 8pm, £20/£15 Concessions, tel: 020 8690 0002, www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk.

Sat 1 Nov

Resisting the System: Reggae in the 21st Century

An insightful and thought provoking film by Dr Lez Henry exploring sexism, homophobia and sadism in reggae culture today. Followed by a Q&A.

The Albany, Deptford, 830pm, free, tel: 020 8692 4446, www.thealbany.org.uk.

Thu 6 Nov

Coda Quashie and Tatiana Mais

A special evening showcasing two of the best received local library performers from earlier in the year.

Coda Quashie's one woman shows teeter on the brink of dramatic monologue and stand-up comedy.

Torricon Road Library, 7pm – 830pm, free, tel: 020 8698 1590.

Tue 11 Nov

Cy Grant Lancaster W4827: Failed to Return

Cy Grant refers to the book of this title by Joost Klootwijk, which



John Deman left the Caribbean to join Admiral Nelson's fleet.

tells of the night Cy's Lancaster bomber blew up over Holland. Cy's war memoir 'A Member of the RAF of Indeterminate Race' puts that incident within the wider context of the contribution of Caribbean volunteers in the Second World War. Signed copies available on the night.

Lewisham Library, 8pm – 930pm, free, tel: 020 8314 9800.

Merton

All Oct

Life as it is now

Community photographic exhibition from Niger.

Civic Centre, 9am – 5pm, free, tel: 0208 545 3399.

Tue 14 Oct

Book reading

Jackie Walker author of Pilgrim State reads from her novel.

Mitcham Library, 715pm, free, tel: 020 86484070.

National Gallery

Sat 4 Oct

Reaping Rewards: Black History Month special event

Storytelling for Adults and Families, inspired by Gossaert's The Adoration of the King. Join artist and storyteller Diana Olutunmogun as she explores the hidden voices of characters in this painting, encouraging imaginative responses and discussion. This session begins with a short talk given by a National Gallery lecturer, introducing the painting's original context, time and place.

The National Gallery, Room 14, 1pm – 135pm, free, tel: 020 7747 2488.

Tue 28 Oct

Strength in Adversity: Black History Month special event

Storytelling for Adults and Families, inspired by Degas's Miss La La at the Cirque Fernando. Join artist and storyteller Diana

Olutunmogun as she explores the hidden voices of characters in this painting, encouraging imaginative responses and discussion.

The National Gallery, Room 46, 1pm – 135pm, free, tel: 020 7747 2488.

National Portrait Gallery

Fri 10 Oct

Lion Mountain

See the wonderful film screening about film producer Louis Buckley and his journey tracing his roots back to Ghana.

National Portrait Gallery, 10am – 1pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

Oval

**Tue 30 Sep - Thu 18 Oct
Yours Abundantly, From Zimbabwe**

For the last eight years, foreign journalists have been banned from Zimbabwe. For the last eight years orphaned Zimbabwean children have written to the playwright Gillian Plowman. Inspired by these funny, quirky, joyful, sad and often poetic letters. The play features a large cast including Gillian Wright (known to EastEnders audiences as the character Jean Slater), Aicha Kossoko, Nicholas Beveney, and Zimbabwean actors Denton Chikura and Tonderai Munyevu, offering a powerful glimpse into the lives of those living in the shadow of Mugabe.

Oval House Theatre, Tuesday to Saturday at 7.45pm, £12/£6 Concessions, tel: 020 7582 7680

Peckham

Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

Poster Profiles

If you are aged 14-18, join artist Ana Laura Lopez de la Torre to explore the lives of black women activists whose stories are connected to South London, including Sojourner Truth (1797-1883), Una Marson (1905-1965) and Olive Morris (1952-1979). Make your own posters, research, discuss and be inspired by their amazing lives and work. The sessions will include practical art activities as well as walks in the area. The posters will be displayed as part of a final exhibition.

South London Gallery, 3pm - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7703 6120

Richmond

Sat 18 Oct

New Music and Dance with Temitope Ajose Cutting

A fun evening of mischievous new dance and music cabaret-style. The evening is curated by choreographer Temitope Ajose Cutting and features a mix of dance styles and short 'have a go' sessions. African-inspired dance, streetdance, flamenco and contemporary dance. Live music & live dance from some of hottest new talents and companies on London's dance scene.

Queen Charlotte Hall, 730pm, £10/£8 Concessions, tel: 020 8831 6000, Rosie.Whitney-Fish@richmond.gov.uk, www.richmond.gov.uk/dance/

Shoredich

Wed 1 Oct

Coming to England - School screening

Floella Benjamin will be present at each screening and will introduce the film as well as lead a discussion immediately afterwards. Floella Benjamin, OBE is a major figure in Britain's television history and presenter of such children's TV classics as Playschool and Playaway. Coming to England is a stunning film adaptation of her autobiography, charting her journey from Trinidad to Britain in the 1960s. It is an inspiring story of how she adjusted to her new life and surroundings with the spirit and good humour for which she is known.

Rich Mix, 1030am, 1pm, price unknown, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Thu 2 Oct - Sat 14 Dec

Visual arts: Peter Ogunsiiji – Drawing on the Past, living on the present, looking to the future

Drawing on the Past, living on the present, looking to the future is a contemporary, existential, and historically linked, black art exhibition; a tangible reminder of the importance of the try dimensional continuity, of history in terms of our past, present and future. The three pieces entitled One World One Love plc, Empathy, and The Sankofa Has Landed are presented for your interpretation and enjoyment. The art work has been produced over a period of six years, by issue based visual artist Mr Peter Ogunsiiji.

Rich Mix, open all day, free, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Thu 9 Oct

Rich Mix Launch featuring Jazzie B

To start the party off right, we are

proud and blessed to have Jazzie B OBE as our headline artist. What else is there to say? As one of the most innovative and imaginative bands of the 1980s Soul2Soul were seductive and deep. They borrowed from everything from Motown to Philly, old soul and reggae and created a truly British sound that was impossible to ignore.

The hosts for the night will be award-winning comedienne Shazia Mirza and musician Johnny Kalsi.

Rich Mix, 7pm - midnight, £20, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Tue 14 Oct

Fade to Black

How is Black culture portrayed in British films? How do they compare to those in American cinema? Do these films accurately reflect the social issues faced by Black people or can such images actually feed into destructive stereotypes? And, crucially, who do these images appeal to?

Rich Mix, 1030am, £5, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Tue 14 Oct

Afro - Saxons

Sharp and funny observational documentary that follows four

hair salons as they prepare for the biggest Afro-hair competition in the UK.

Angela is a braid stylist to the stars. Wayne and Cyndia are the leading junior stylists at the UK's biggest chain of Afro hair salons.

Rich Mix, 8pm, £7/£5.50 Concessions, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Wed 15 Oct

Islam and Hip-Hop

What is the relationship between Islam and Hip Hop? Are they compatible? Where are the boundaries? This debate, especially for young people and will aim to discuss these questions and explore the influence that Hip Hop has had on young British Muslim life.

Rich Mix, 5pm, £5, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Fri 31 Oct

Coming to England - Family screening

Floella Benjamin will be present at each screening and will introduce the film as well as lead a discussion immediately afterwards. Floella Benjamin, OBE is a major figure in Britain's television history and presenter of such children's TV classics as

Playschool and Playaway.

Rich Mix, 11am, price unknown, tel: 020 7613 7498, www.richmix.org.uk.

Tower Hamlets

Sat 4 Oct

Black History Month Launch

A community event to launch Black History Month in Tower Hamlets with a variety of workshops, performances and demonstrations which include hair plaiting, poetry, storytelling and puppetry. The event is a taster of many of the events on offer during Black History Month. *Idea Store, Whitechapel, 12pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 7364 4332, www.towerhamletsarts.org.uk.*

Mon 6 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

Cassie and Debbie: Exhibition

Cassie and Debbie are two black female artists with learning disabilities. This is an exhibition of their work and the unique way they view their world.

Spitalfields Gallery, Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7375 3933.

Thu 9 Oct - Wed 15 Oct

Somali Week Festival 2008

This year's Somali Week Festival will focus on the Somali concept of gobannimo. Gobannimo is a very complex word with a broad range of meanings including freedom and liberty, but also implying a dignified, coherent, independent, giving, tolerant, and respectful approach to dealing with other people.

Oxford House, see venue opening hours, free, tel: 020 7739 9001.

Sat 18 Oct

Black History and Health Fun Day Event

A Fun Day event targeted at the community in Poplar to promote African/caribbean culture through arts, culture and crafts activities (i.e. poetry, dancing, singing, music and food). Health Promotion Stall to encourage resident to lead a more healthy lifestyle with health taster workshops.

Trussler Hall, 11am - 4pm, free, tel: 020 7510 9770.

Sat 8 Nov - Sun 9 Nov

Francophon'Art

A two day celebration of the arts and crafts made by french speaking African and Caribbean artists. Francophon'Art is a combination of dance, music, storytelling, performance, sculpture and modelling.

Old Truman Brewery, 10am - 8pm, free, tel: 020 8265 5881.



Marilyn Heward Mills, Forest Hill Library 2 October.



An Introduction to Ghana's tribes.

Wandsworth

Sat 11 Oct

Sing-along and poetry

Stories and Rhymes from the Caribbean and Africa. Suitable for children aged 4-10 years.

York Gardens Library, 1230pm - 130pm, free, tel: 020 8871 7471.

Thu 23 Oct

Levi Roots event

Levi Roots (of Dragons' Den fame) 'Put a Little Music in your Food!'

York Gardens Library, 6pm - 730pm, free but booking necessary, tel: 020 8871 7471.

Sat 25 Oct

Games hour

Play traditional African and Caribbean games, including mancala. For Teen Escape: our regular group for 10-14 years.

York Gardens Library, 3pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 8871 7471.

Tue 28 Oct

Caribbean cooking

An opportunity to make traditional African and Caribbean food & drink, including vegetarian couscous and exotic fruit punch. For 7-13 years.

York Gardens Library, 330pm - 430pm, free, tel: 020 8871 7471.

Thu 30 Oct

Islamic Calligraphy

A family learning workshop: Islamic Style Calligraphy. Learn to write your name in Arabic and creatively explore ways of decorating this image.

York Gardens Library, 2pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 8871 7471.

Wembley

Wed 15 Oct

MOBO Awards 2008

Last year we saw the likes of Ne-Yo, Robin Thicke, Craig David, Kano, T-Pain, Mutya Buena and Amy Winehouse performing and this year is going to be even bigger and better! And don't forget to cast your vote for your favourite stars from 8pm on 10th September on the MOBO website!

Wembley Arena, tickets £20 onwards, www.mobo.com.

Westminster

Fri 3 Oct

Health Fair Westminster

The aim of the day is to promote health and wellbeing within the wider community and raise awareness of some of the health issues that are prevalent in BME communities. If you're feeling really energetic you can try a

funky martial arts class in Capoeira, an African martial art originating in Brazil and now practised all over the world. This martial art has two basic styles, each style uses the same moveable stance, they also use sequences for attack and defence, each style is progressive where participants developed into doing basic gymnastic skills merge with the movements practised.

City Hall, Victoria Street, 12pm - 4pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

Mon 6 Oct

Westminster Historical Walk

Take a stroll down memory lane with one of our historical walks discovering fascinating facts about life in Westminster and its history on the road to the abolition of slavery.

Starts Westminster City Hall, 1030am - 1230pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

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Wed 29 Oct

Celebrating Diversity 2008: Westminster

Food fest:

Come and try traditional dishes from a range of countries - aim is for people to try different dishes from around the world. Attended also by Yasus Afari and Julie Issac, who will be reading their poetry.

Project Windrush:

An exhibition outlining some of the experiences from those who have lived or worked in Westminster over the last 60 years. Carried out by pupils from Westminster schools the exhibition uses a number of formats to reflect life in Westminster. There will also be other photos, short films and artefacts about the Empire Windrush.

Get creative:

Join in the fun with colourful face painting, costume making and badge making to be hosted by a variety of community arts organisations.

Book Fair:

In conjunction with Westminster Libraries, BIS Publications and Centerprise we will be hosting a book fair a range of books which are intriguing, informative and offering a variety of perspectives of black history and culture.

Greenside Community Centre, 12pm - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7641 85 47.

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Wimbledon

Fri 26 Sep - Sat 1 Nov

Ghosts in the Gallery - a fast-paced journey th

rough time bringing over 500 years of British history to life.

Polka Theatre, Various times, £9.50, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.polkatheatre.com.

Fri 3 Oct

Hidden History Event

Join Tony Warner of 100 Black Men of London for a Black History Month presentation on the hidden stories behind the portrayal of Black people in European art.

Polka Theatre, 7pm, free, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.bmol.org.uk

Scotland

Sat 11 Oct & Mon 13 Oct

Diversity Doves

Create a mobile for our upcoming exhibition on the Slave Trade. Participants will be asked to create their own dove to add to our installation, which will also include donations from local artists and groups. Doves will carry messages of hope, peace and will represent the diverse population of East Lothian.

Prestongrange Museum, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, free, tel: 0131 653 2904, www.eastlothianmuseums.org

Glasgow

Thu 9 Oct

People's Palace and Winter Gardens

Africa Connects: Freedom of Nine Cities – revisited

On this day 15 years ago, Glasgow welcomed Nelson Mandela, who received the Freedom of Nine Cities. Join People's Palace curators on a tour of the museum, which reflects and discusses the links between Glasgow and Africa, from anti-slavery and anti-apartheid to an emerging African presence in Glasgow today.

People's Palace and Winter Gardens, 1pm – 2pm, free, tel: 0141 271 2962, www.glasgowmuseums.com

Wed 16 Oct – Sun 16 Nov
Africa Connects: 'My Africa, My Glasgow'

An exhibition of work from six months of Afr-I-can workshops and events at Kelvingrove, focusing on the African communities involved. Afr-I-can is a positive celebration of African culture, and is a partnership between Glasgow-based artists of African origin and Kelvingrove.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, free, 10am – 5pm, Friday and Sunday when 11am – 5pm, tel: 0141 276 9599, www.glasgowmuseums.com

Sat 18 Oct

Africa Connects: Drawing on Africa

We'll use printing techniques to create a large-scale map of this vast continent. And, using the museum collections for inspiration, we'll try to

represent the spectrum of colour and creativity in the varied landscapes, history and culture of Africa.

People's Palace and Winter Gardens, 12pm – 3pm, free, tel: 0141 271 2962, www.glasgowmuseums.com

Sat 25 Oct – Sun 16 Oct
Africa Connects: Africa Weekend

A weekend of fun free activities with an African flavour, open to everyone. Includes interactive workshops for all ages, music, stories and fashion from Pan African Arts Scotland and Paragon. Saturday's events focus on Adinkra; every Adinkra symbol tells a story about us and the way we live – learn the stories, see the catwalk designs and hear enchanting music!

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, opening times unknown, free, tel: 0141 279 9566, www.glasgowmuseums.com

Glasgow School Workshops

Africa Connects: Towards Understanding Slavery – Past and Present

This interactive workshop helps pupils learn about Glasgow's historic links with slavery, and discuss contemporary human rights issues. It includes a pre-visit activity for the classroom. Suitable for Primary 6 – 7, and Secondary 1 – 6.

St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, free, call 0141 276 1625 for more information and details on how to book.

Africa Connects: Slave Trade to Fair Trade

This workshop encourages critical thinking skills through discussion, group work, and exploring the impact of the tobacco trade and abolition movements. Pupils can make connections with modern forms of slavery, including contemporary movements to tackle slavery worldwide. Suitable for Secondary 2 – 6, max 20 places per workshop.

People's Palace and Winter Gardens, £25, call 0141 271 2953 for information and details on how to book.



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North

Hull

Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct
Wilberforce House

Postcards from your Community
Pick up your free postcard in Wilberforce House and tell us about life where you live. All ages.
Wilberforce House, regular opening hours, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Fri 3 Oct
Challenging Histories 1 - 'Perceptions of Africa and Slavery, past and present'
The first in a series of six talks. Adults.
Wilberforce House, 1230pm - 115pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Sat 4 Oct
Capoeira Dancing
Come and find out how to dance the Capoeira way! No need to book, just turn up and dance. Age 6.
Wilberforce House, 11am - 330pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Sat 4 Oct
Handheld Tours
Explore Wilberforce House Museum and listen to the voice of 'William Wilberforce' as he guides you around his former home. All ages.
Wilberforce House, 11am - 1pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Sat 4 Oct - Sun 26 Oct
Hull Freedom Trail
Photographic exhibition documenting the Hull Freedom Trail, a project to deliver 4 x 4 vehicles to aid agencies working with child victims of modern day

slavery in Freetown. All ages.
Ferens Art Gallery, gallery opening times, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Tue 7 Oct
Challenging Histories 2:
Perceptions on Africa and Slavery, past and present. Adults.
Wilberforce House, 1230pm - 115pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Fri 10 Oct
Talk: Challenging Histories 3:
Perceptions on Africa and Slavery, past and present. Adults.
Wilberforce House, 1230pm - 115pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Sat 11 Oct
African Rhythms
Come along and learn some rhythms of West Africa. Play out your beats on real African instruments. All ages.
Wilberforce House, 1pm - 3pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Sat 11 Oct
Handheld Tours
Explore Wilberforce House Museum and listen to the voice of 'William Wilberforce' as he guides you around his former home. All ages.
Wilberforce House, 11am - 1pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.

Thu 16 Oct
Challenging Histories 4:
'Nick the Cook', the Story of Ivan George Exell and his life as a trawler man in Hull. Talk by Alec Gill. Adults.
Wilberforce House, 2pm - 245pm, free, www.hullcc.gov.uk.



Fun and learning go hand in hand at the Liverpool Museum events.

Leeds

Fri 3 Oct
Mount Zion Church: Young Generation Ministries
Singing, poetry and a short video showing interviews with elders talking about their life from the Caribbean to England.
Mount Zion Church Centre, 630pm, £1, tel: Diane Johnson, 07984 907 045, diane.johnson@hotmail.co.uk.

Sun 12 Oct
Leeds West Indian Centre Women's Group Black History Month Celebration
A community, social, educational and cultural event celebrating Black History Month and raising awareness of our positive contributions to British Society including an exhibition of arts and crafts plus workshop and a play.
Leeds West Indian Centre, 2pm - 6pm, price unknown, tel: Carmel Browne, 0113 262 1409.

Sun 12 Oct
Just Addictive Music - A Conversation With Black History
Acclaimed author and contributor to the BBC's Who Do You Think You Are? Paul Crooks will give his own account of how, in tracing his Jamaican family tree, he re-connected with his West African grandmother from 6 generations back. He will read extracts from his book *Ancestors* and give details of his search for his family history and what impelled him to embark on it. He will describe what inspired him to take on the task and which records held the keys to unlock his family's past. There will be opportunities for questions and answers for those wishing to embark on a similar journey of discovery.
The Carriageworks, 1pm - 5pm, price unknown, tel: Paul Pryce, 0845 680 1218, info@leedscelebrates.com, www.leedscelebrates.com.



The International Slavery Museum in Liverpool.



Story time at Liverpool Museum.

Fri 17 Oct

St. Kitts and Nevis Association - The Journey's End

The end of the Journey from the Caribbean to England, following on from 2006 'Charting the journey from the Caribbean to England' and 2007 'The journey continued'.

Hillcrest Primary School, Space@ Hillcrest, 7pm - 9pm, price unknown, tel: Diane Johnson, 07809 477 373.

Sat 18 Oct

People in Action / ROOOTS - Your Right Take Control

An interactive workshop using role play, film, pictures and discussion. To take a journey from slavery to civil rights and gaining the right to vote. The event is open to people with a learning disability and members of the public.

People's Place Leeds, 12pm - 3pm, price unknown, tel: Bill Walton, 0113 247 0411, bill.walton@peopleinaction.org.uk.

Sat 18 Oct

Put on the Jester Pot

Displays of artefacts and traditional Jamaican dishes and the raw materials from which they are made. A brief account of Jamaica's history, Miss Louise Bennett's lyrics and more.

Jamaica House, 1pm - 5pm, price unknown, tel: Mrs. Pancy Patterson, 0113 262 6435, jamaicasociety@btconnect.com.

Sat 25 Oct

Barbados Association - Bajan History

Event including Bajan history, culture past and present, plus sketches, poetry and comedy.

Barbados House, 3pm, price unknown, tel: L. Claudius-Cole, 0113 260 4762.

Sat 25 Oct

Joyful Celebration

A celebration of black history including drama, poetry, arts and craft displays, hair plaiting, a fashion show and steel pan music.

Roscoe Sports Hall, 3 - 5pm, price unknown, tel: Louise Crumbe, 0113 262 3313.

Sun 26 Oct

New World Steel Orchestra at the Leeds West Indian Centre

Performance by steel pan orchestra at the Family Day at Leeds West Indian Centre.

Leeds West Indian Centre, 2pm, price unknown, tel: Arthur France, 0113 307 0001, www.newworldsteelorchestra.co.uk.

Tue 28 Oct

Getaway Girls - Inspiration Project

Black History culture and celebration, with a gallery of work and photos, plus a gallery of black contributors. Followed by evening performances by young people.

Prince Philip Centre, 6pm - 9pm, price unknown, tel: 0113 240 5894.

Wed 29 Oct

Rising Notes Project and Arrows of Promise

Combination of past, present and future education. Mixture of poetry, songs, dance, phrases, jokes, drama, tears and laughter, shared in an atmosphere of 'I know what you mean'. Bring your contributions to go into 'The Trunk' to create the future, strengthened by your past.

Leeds West Indian Centre, 530pm - 8pm, price unknown, tel: Jhardine Iweha, 07834 624 153, jhardine@yahoo.com.

Wed 29 Oct

27 Years on - The Riots 1981 (Where were you?)

To look back at the events of 1981 with the youths of today and the

'youths of yesterday' to see what, if any, lessons have been learnt from the experience, by debating the subject of 'cause, effect and impact' of a significant period of time for one local community.

Hillcrest Primary School, Space@ Hillcrest, 6pm - 9pm, price unknown, tel: Emma Norford, 07951 831 775, cup_79@hotmail.co.uk.

Liverpool

All Oct

We Are One

Combining comments and feedback with artwork created by workshop participants, the first year of the International Slavery Museum is commemorated in this thought provoking exhibition.

International Slavery Museum, 10am - 5pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4499.

Sat 4 Oct - Sun 5 Oct

Being Black in Britain

Thought provoking performance exploring the Black British experience.

International Slavery Museum, 130pm, 330pm, tel: 0151 478 4499.

Tue 7 Oct

Lever in Africa

Practical drawing workshop for adults exploring the ethnographic collection of West Africa.

Lady Lever Art Gallery, 11am - 1pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4136.

Wed 15 Oct

West African Artefacts

Chance to explore Lever's ethnographic collections with Zachary Kingdom.

Lady Lever Art Gallery, 1pm - 130pm, 145pm - 215pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4136.

Sun 19 Oct

African woodcarving

See African woodcarving on the Life in West Africa gallery.

International Slavery Museum, 1pm - 4pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4499.

Mon 20 Oct

African Beats

Feel the beat with an afternoon of African drumming and tribal dance.

International Slavery Museum, 130pm - 230pm, 330pm - 430pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4499.

Leslee Sharon Wills Kreyole

The current collection of paintings by artist Leslee Wills was inspired by phrase 'jupe-kreyole' referring to the style of traditional dress preserved as costume in the islands of the French Caribbean, such as Dominica, Guadeloupe, Martinique and St Lucia.

Translated the 'creole-skirt' is actually a combination of the rich madras overskirts and broderie anglaise petticoats & blouses favoured by the mistresses of the plantation owners whose double lives allowed them to continue to practice their ancestral African spiritual powers retained in their understanding of unique bird cries and varieties of 'kreyole' patois song and dialect.

Here, Kreyole is also a synonym for not only the music, sounds and stylistic expressions of the Antilles, it also describes the flamboyant foliage and air of expectancy during the pre-hurricane season. The prints are from a selection of work executed in the tumultuous July-August months from 2004-2007 during visits to Guadeloupe, Tobago, St Vincent, Grenada, Carriacou, Bequia and Guyana.

Leslee is a Textile / Art and History teacher now currently working and living in the Nottinghamshire area.

*Email: willsdamara@aol.com
Mobile: 07907670428*



Tue 21 Oct

Tales from Africa

Immerse yourself in African tales in our interactive storytelling session.

International Slavery Museum, 130pm, 230pm, 330pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4499.

Tue 21 Oct

Toumani Diabate

Don't miss this great opportunity to see Grammy-winning kora player Toumani Diabaté live with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Clark Rundell. The concert will comprise of special arrangements of traditional West African music and Toumani's interpretation of traditional music. The fantastic Toumani is a master of the kora and its beautiful music; it has been commented that he is the Ravi Shankar of the kora.

Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, 730pm, £20/£15 Concessions, tel: 0151 709 3789.

Wed 22 Oct

The Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole

An inspiring performance about the life of Mary Seacole.

World Museum Liverpool, 145pm - 245pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4393.

Wed 22 Oct

Black Inspirations

Celebrating and exploring Black history through creativity in an artist-led workshop.

International Slavery Museum, 1pm - 4pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4499.

Thu 23 Oct - Sat 25 Oct

Brand New World

A rags to riches adventure of



This re-telling of Aladdin in form of Musical Brand New World by one of the writers behind Brookside, will be playing several dates at the Liverpool Royal Court Theatre.

romance against the odds. By Brookside writer Barbara Phillips. A new urban re-telling of the story of Aladdin with vibrant street dance, soulful singing and original score.

Liverpool Royal Court Theatre, 8pm (Entry at 7pm), £15/£10 concessions, tel: 0151 709 2220

Sat 27 Oct

Black Perspectives

An evening of inspirational

readings from Black literature.

International Slavery Museum, 7pm, free, tel: 0151 478 4441.

Manchester

Mon 20 Oct

Is there a Black British archaeology?

How long has Britain had Black presence? There is archaeological evidence that Black people lived in Britain when Lindow

Man was thought to be alive, but why does this remain a hidden history? Join Dr Richard Benjamin, International Slavery Museum, in this lively debate about the relevance of archaeology to Black History.

The Manchester Museum, 630pm - 8pm, free but booking required, tel: 0161 275 2634, www.museum.manchester.ac.uk.

Oldham

Thu 16 Oct

Caribbean Cocktail

Join us for a night of laughter and music in celebration of Black History Month. Comedian and author Julian Daniel will be performing An Idiot's Guide To Comedy, a one-off show that includes funny stories, poems and extracts from his hilarious book How To Dump Your Girlfriend. And we've stunning carnival sounds and surprises from Oldham's very own Blue Bells Steel Band.

The Performance Space, Oldham Library and Lifelong Learning Centre, 630pm - 830pm, free, to book call Naveed Aziz tel: 0161 770 8015.



Exhibitions on at the Liverpool Museums.

Wales

Cardiff

Fri 26 Sep BVSNW - Wales Diversity Awards 2008 and Black History Month Celebrations.

Guest Speakers include Councillor Judith Woodman, Deputy Leader of Cardiff Council and Heulwen Blackmore Welsh Assembly Government, Equality and Human Rights Division.

The Visitor Centre Cardiff Bay, 2pm – 4pm. Refreshments provided, a.morganandrews@bvsnw.org.uk.

Sat 1 Nov

Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales

Free entrance: Temptations on offer will include delicious foods from Africa, Caribbean and Arabia, together with; presentations, performance, film, displays, exhibitions, arts, crafts cultural and information stalls. Workshops will be aimed at motivating youth and also black history, elder's reminiscence, health, and the arts
Channel View Leisure Centre

Grangetown, 11am – 6pm, free, tel: 029 2045 0068, www.bvsnw.org.uk.

Newport

All Oct

Digital Storytelling Workshop

Telling a good story is one of the oldest and most effective ways of getting people to sit up and listen to you. Digital storytelling is an exciting new art form that combines the traditional appeal of storytelling with the creative wonders of digital technology. Anyone can make their digital story. There is no need for prior writing or technical experience and the benefits are potentially life-changing. .

African Community Centre, free, tel: 01792 470 298, emily.robertson@africancommunitycentre.org.uk

All Oct

Make your own One minute film

This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in all aspects of making a film from coming up with the idea (your choice)



Black History Month is best enjoyed when surrounded by people as enthusiastic as you.

to filming, interviewing, storyboarding and editing. The films will also be shown at the Undercurrents Swansea Film Festival. Youth university credits available!

African Community Centre, Thursdays 4pm – 6pm, free, tel: 01792 470 298, emily.robertson@africancommunitycentre.org.uk

Fri 10 Oct - Sat 11 Oct
Documentary film screenings

@ Newport Museum and Art Gallery

A showcase of short films created by local students, the community and well respected director Dewi Gregory exploring slavery, perceptions, family history and black presence in Wales.

Newport Museum and Art Gallery, 11am – 3pm, free, tel: 01633 656656, www.newport.gov.uk/museum

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people from all backgrounds to apply for jobs when they arise. All disabled candidates who meet the essential competencies are guaranteed an interview.

Keep an eye on our website www.britishcouncil.org for vacancies and how to apply.

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Midlands

Birmingham

Until Mon 13 Oct Drawing on Tradition

A schools competition to celebrate Black History Month in conjunction with The Big Draw and Symphony Hall, Birmingham. The Big Draw Day will feature the three finalist classes creating their winning Rangoli designs in large-scale on the museum lawn. Winning class will receive up to 30 tickets for a lunchtime concert at the Town Hall or Symphony Hall Birmingham. For ages 5 - 11. *Free, tel: 0121 554 9122, www.campaignfordrawing.org.*

Until Sun 2 Nov Handsworth Revelations

A local community exhibition created by young people funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. See the results of their work with Vanley Burke, Milton Godfrey and Birmingham City Archives. *Soho House Museum, Tuesday to Sunday 1130am - 4pm, free, tel: 0121 554 9122, www.bmag.org.uk*

Coventry

Fri 10 Oct The Dreadlock Alien visits Coventry

The Dreadlock Alien visits Central Library to help us celebrate Black

History Month and National Poetry Day. Throughout the day Richard Grant; alias Dreadlock Alien, will be entertaining local school children with his own special brand of performance poetry. There will be a public performance at Central Library from 6.00pm until 7.00pm, tickets for this event are free but numbers are limited. Ring 7683 2314 to book your place. *Coventry Central Library, 6pm - 7pm, free, tel: 023 7683 2314.*

Sat 11 Oct Celebrate Black History Month

Special Story time to celebrate Black History Month. Please note all under 8's must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Foleshill Library, 230pm - 330pm, free, www.coventry.gov.uk.

Sat 11 Oct, Wed 29 Oct Caribbean Family History

Trace your family tree. We are running two free workshops specifically devised to trace your family history in the Caribbean and back to Africa. *Coventry Central Library, Saturday 3pm - 430pm, Wednesday 2pm - 4pm, free but limited to one workshop per person, tel: 023 7683 2314.*



Charlie Dark, who wrote and stars in this play, tells the story of a DJ who goes from humble beginnings to world acclaim in *Have Box Will Travel*, Tue 21 Oct



Music inspired by everything from Afro Pop to Jazz, R&B, and Reggae, performed Wed 26 Nov.

Sat 18 Oct A Taste of Africa

Drop in and join us for a celebration of African Caribbean Culture including; Books, Storytelling, displays and refreshments. *Central Library, 1030am - 2pm, free, tel: 023 7683 2314.*

Tue 21 Oct Celebrate Black History Month

Rhyme time 1.30pm - 2.30pm. For under 4's and their parents. In partnership with Foleshill Children's Services. *Foleshill Library, 130pm - 230pm, free, www.coventry.gov.uk.*

Tue 30 Sep - Sun 2 Oct The Empire at War Exhibition

The exhibition explores the Second World War memories of Coventry people with family roots in the British Empire. They experienced the war in their home countries, on active service elsewhere, and as citizens of Coventry. *Foleshill Community Library, library opening times, free, www.coventry.gov.uk.*

Dudley

Mon 20 Oct Talk on George Cousins a Black Baptist Minister, 1805-1881 by David Watts.

George Cousins was a Black Baptist minister, originally from Jamaica, who worked in many places in England, and in

particular, the West Midlands. The talk is accompanied by an archive document display relating to George Cousins' life. Also available will be a general local studies display of books, articles etc relating to Black History, and tracing Black family History. Venue is wheelchair friendly. *Dudley Archives and Local History Service, 2pm - 3pm, free but book to guarantee spaces, Tel: 01384 812770 (Tue, Thu, Fri only), archives.centre@dudley.gov.uk.*

Solihull

Tue 14 Oct
Birmingham based ACE dance and music are touring the UK with their multi-faceted, multi-media and multicultural production 'Skin' which was recently performed at Grahamstown Arts Festival in South Africa and watched by Margaret Hodge, Minister of Culture and Sport at London's Southbank Centre. This is ACE dance and music's last tour of this much-loved production, and the company want to end on a high! *Solihull Arts Complex, price and time unknown, tel: 0121 704 6130.*

Wolverhampton

Fri 3 Oct - Thu 9 Oct Partition

India, 1947: War weary, Gian (Jimi Mistry) resigns from his Sikh regiment of the British Army and returns to his village. As colonial

rule comes to a hasty end, the turmoil of Indian partition spills over into a bloodbath of ethnic cleansing between the Sikh, Hindu and Muslim communities. When the villagers take revenge on a group of Muslim refugees, Gian saves young Naseem (Kristin Kreuk), and shelters her in his home. The two fall in love, despite the opposition of the outraged villagers. When Naseem leaves to find her long-lost family in Pakistan even more brutal judgement awaits. Sarin's film is an epic, sweeping motion picture set against the violent upheaval of India's partition. Director: Vic Sarin.

The opening night of Partition sees a special introduction by writer, theatre director, film-maker and installation artist Pervaiz Khan of the South Asian Alliance who will also lead a discussion after the film. A number of Pervaiz's projects have been about Partition.

Light House, Fri 3 Oct 7pm, Sat 4 – Tue 7 Oct 540pm & 820pm, Wed 7



Thadha takes you on a journey around Africa, exploring the continent through song and dance on Wed 29 Oct

Oct 11am, 540pm & 820pm & Thu 9 Oct 540pm & 820pm, before 5pm £4.20/£3.70 Concessions, after 5pm £5.20/£3.90 Concessions, tel: 01902 716 055, www.light-house.co.uk

Fri 3 Oct

Yasus Afari & Friends of the Earth

Wolverhampton's "Dub Poet in Residence", Jamaican Yasus Afari, local poets and special guests are supporting Wolverhampton Friends of the Earth group in a fundraising event as part of the Black History Season, to raise awareness through poetry and presentation about the impact of historical social injustice on the environment of Africa, the Caribbean and other colonised and affected countries. As well as being a renowned poet, Yasus Afari is an internationally known environmental campaigner, Philosopher and author of *Overstanding Rastafari: Jamaica's Gift to the World*.

Arena Theatre, 8pm, £9/£7 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Tue 7 Oct

Kathakali

The Arena Theatre is delighted to welcome back the World's foremost Kathakali Company outside of India. Celebrating their 25th Year. Kathakali embraces drama, dance, music, visual arts, and ritual to create one of the most visually exciting and powerful forms of theatre.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Thu 9 Oct

Sweet Tooth

Back by popular demand, this powerful and emotive play tells the story of the trade, and gives voice to the millions of women and girls who endured immeasurable cruelty in what can



Skin will cause quite a stir when their tour hits Solihull. will be playing several dates at the Liverpool Royal Court Theatre.

only be described as an African Holocaust.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Tue 21 Oct

Have Box Will Travel

Written and performed by Charlie Reid Directed by Benji Reid Transporting you from humble beginnings in a bedroom in South London to spinning records in some of the biggest clubs in the world, Have Box Will Travel tells the semi autobiographical story of a

boy growing up in pursuit of a dream. A mesmerizing, funny and moving show. Have Box Will Travel combines storytelling and music in a classic rites of passage story that resonates with audiences of all ages.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Wed 22 Oct

Rivers to Cross

The second part of the Sweet Tooth Trilogy Rivers to Cross is a 170 year multi-media journey, through Colonialism and Empire,

Partition – An historical Indian epic

Special screenings of the film *Partition* will be shown at the Lighthouse, Wolverhampton as part of BHM. India, 1947: War weary, Gian (Jimi Mistry) resigns from his Sikh regiment of the British Army and returns to his village. As colonial rule comes to a hasty end, the turmoil of Indian partition spills over into a bloodbath of ethnic cleansing between the Sikh, Hindu and Muslim communities. When the villagers take revenge on a group of Muslim refugees, Gian saves young Naseem (Kristin Kreuk), and shelters her in his home. The two fall in love, despite the opposition of the outraged villagers. When Naseem leaves to find her long-lost family in Pakistan even more brutal judgement awaits. Sarin's film is an epic, sweeping motion picture set against the violent upheaval of India's partition. Dir. Vic Sarin, Can/South Africa/ UK, 2007, 1hr56.

The opening night of *Partition* (Fri 3 Oct) sees a special introduction by writer, theatre director, film-maker and installation artist Pervaiz Khan of the South Asian Alliance who will also lead a discussion after the film. A number of Pervaiz's projects have been about Partition. Normal cinema ticket prices apply.

Tickets: £5.20 Standard Full Price/ £3.90 Concessions (Senior Citizens, Under 15's, ES40, NUS & Leisure Card Holders). Fri 3 Oct 7pm, Sat 4 – Tues 7 Oct 5.40pm & 8.20pm, Wed 7 Oct 11am, 5.40pm & 8.20pm & Thurs 9 Oct 5.40pm & 8.20pm.

Tickets for screenings starting before 5pm: £4.20 Full Price/£3.70 Concessions

Special offers: Tickets just £3 on Wednesdays matinees with a free tea or coffee (only available prior to screening)



Tickets for Wednesday evening & all Sunday screenings: £4.20 Full Price/£3.70 Concessions Lighthouse The Chubb Buildings Fryer St Wolverhampton WV1 1HT t. 01902 716055 f. 01902 717143 e. info@light-house.co.uk www.light-house.co.uk



of us after we utter those two immortal words "I do". This dark, physical comedy, will employ a pinch of puppetry, a punch of surrealism, and a whole heap of hope in discovering what takes place behind closed doors. Under the surface of this destructive relationship our characters' lives are underpinned by an unspoken and unrelenting love for one another.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, 18+, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Wed 26 Nov

Qo

Eight young men singing songs of love, hope, worship, courtship, hardship and African social commentary will mesmerise you with their harmonies and tip-toe dance routines. This is vocal music that is laced with music styles of Afro Pop, Jazz, R&B, and Reggae.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Tue 2 Dec

Coming Up For Air

Written by Don Kinch

Denzil Nurse is a young African Caribbean male who walked into a committee meeting and shot six people. He pleads guilty to the charges and is immediately sent for psychological assessment.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Getting jiggy with it: Skin, stopping off in Solihull

segregation and the Civil Rights Movement, Windrush and other key events telling the true stories of great inventions, art and accomplishments which are so often left out of the history books.

Arena Theatre, 130pm and 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Fri 24 Oct/Sat 25 Oct

The Resurrection of Little Sarah

The term 'bootylicious' has become a part of our everyday consciousness and in doing so, has redefined what makes a woman sexually attractive. But J-Lo and Beyonce weren't the first. Saartjie Baartman a native of South Africa was exhibited as a freak in the 1800's because of the extraordinary shape and size of her bottom. It is a tragic story that led to her untimely death in 1824. Written and Directed by John Sailsman.

Arena Theatre, 8pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Wed 29 Oct

Thatha

Travelling around Africa, treading over borders, crushing language barriers, Thatha "Please Take" takes you on a journey that uncovers the joys of life through traditional and contemporary African song and dance. This is bound to take you to another level.

Arena Theatre, 730pm, £8/£6 Concessions, tel: 01902 321321, www.arenatheatre.info

Thu 6 Nov

Happy and Married?

The latest offering from award winning Artistic Director Madani Younis HAPPY & MARRIED? is an exploration of marriage in the twenty first century, and a search to understand what becomes



Mimes are all the rage in Wolverhampton as Gin & Tonic & Passing Trains hit the town on Wed 24 Sep

I love someone who's gay.

My brother.



At school, kids think it's cool to hate people who are different. So they pick on kids they think are gay ■ When my brother told me he was gay he was worried people might start picking on me. He told me not to tell anyone ■ At first I was angry that he was gay. But he's great and in the end I cared less about what the other kids said and cared more about my brother. I mean, it's not like he's any different really ■ If anyone asks me now, I tell them the truth. If they don't like it, well, that's their problem ■ **It's time to accept.**



East

Cambridge

Robert Maseko and the Sondela Queens

Menelik Music presents an evening of African food, music and dance and more. Food will be served at 7.30pm.

St Paul's Centre, Hills Road, 6.30pm, £12 in advance/£14 on the door, tel: 01223 511511, www.menelikmusic.com

Sat 4 Oct

The history of BHM

This seminar by Temi-Topé Odumosu will look at the origins of Black History Month and explore how the season has evolved, discussing museum and gallery approaches and looking at ideas and strategies for the future.

Fitzwilliam Museum, 11am-1pm, free but booking required, tel: 01223 332904, www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Sat 4 Oct

Experience West Africa with Batafon Arts

Travel to the village of Ali Baba Bangoura in west Africa, a place where the baobab tree grows and anything can be said with the djembe drum.

Your guide will be Ali Baba, a master drummer, dancer and artistic director of Batafon Arts. A charismatic teacher with a great sense of humour, Ali toured internationally with Les Ballets Africaines, a national performing arts troupe from Guinea.

Alex Wood Hall, Norfolk Terrace, 11am – 4pm, £18 for whole day/£10 for drumming and dancing, tel: 07790 996845.

Sat 4 Oct

Charlie Dark: Have Box will Travel

Transporting you from humble beginnings in a bedroom in south London to spinning records in some of the biggest clubs in the world, Have Box will Travel tells the semi-autobiographical story of a boy growing up in pursuit of a dream.

A mesmerising, funny and moving show, Have Box will Travel combines storytelling and music in a classic rites-of-passage story that resonates with audiences of all ages.

The Junction, 8pm – 9.20pm, £12/£6



Charlie Dark will be on at the Junction, Cambridge

Concessions, tel: 01223 511 511, www.junction.co.uk

Sun 5 Oct

Nitin Sawhney

There is no disputing the fact that Nitin Sawhney is widely regarded as one of the most influential and versatile creative talents alive today.

Firmly established as a world-class producer, songwriter, DJ, multi-instrumentalist, orchestral composer, and cultural pioneer, Sawhney has become a latter-day Renaissance man in the worlds of music, film, video games, dance and theatre.

The Junction, 8pm, £18/£16.50 in advance, tel: 01223 511 511, www.junction.co.uk

Fri 11 Oct

Community Day

To celebrate Cambridgeshire's local Black and Minority Ethnic



Tiata Delights, Wed 8 Oct

Community, we are hosting a day of activity and events for all of the community. The day will be a mixture of music, workshops, performances, stalls and activities open to the community. The day will end with a film surrounding Iraqi sisters growing up in Cambridge and their families' perceptions on living across two cultures and how the war in Iraq has effected them.

The Meadows Community Centre, all day, free, tel: 07983299363, www.cambridge.gov.uk/BHM

Sat 11 Oct

Warning

Born out of a love for raving, Warning was created when the hardcore rave scene of the early 90s split into different genres and jungle was born.

13 years on and Warning is the premier drum and bass event in the UK, with Andy C, Barrington, Concrete, Dillinja, Eksman, Fabio, Fivealive, Goldie, GQ, Hazard, Hype, Pendulum, Phantom, Ragga Twins, Shy FX, Subfocus, Swift, Skibadee, Shabba and SP all firm friends and regular visitors to the Warning stage.

The Junction, 22pm – 5am, £13 in advance, tel: 01223 511 511, www.junction.co.uk

Tue 14 Oct

Stephen K Amos: Find the Funny

An expert at being himself,

Stephen K Amos is supremely warm and wickedly funny with an ability to charm onlookers right into the palm of his hand.

He creates weird and wonderful connections within his audience who are drawn into his own personal world and thoughts brought to life by his chatty delivery, his ability to become the characters he's talking about and his fantastic energy and warmth.

The Junction, 8pm, £14/£12 in advance, tel: 01223 511 511,

Thu 16 Oct

Toujours Afrique presents Oxjam

7.30pm, Thursday 16 October at the Portland Arms, Mitchams Corner An evening of international music with all money raised donated to Oxfam. Featuring the joyous sound of Matoke playing Mbaquanga and Soweto jazz, and Vodou Jazz Factory, a locally grown group featuring eight drummers playing rhythms from Benin, Haiti, Cuba and Brazil. Plus dance from Vidya Math blending Indan Kathak with other influences, and DJ Okra playing music to get you on your feet. Don't miss this special chance to see these performers and help Oxfam work for a more equal world.

Portland Arms, Mitchams Corner, 7.30pm, £5, tel: 07790 996845, www.theportland.co.uk

Fri 17 Oct

Motown Memories

A spectacular new stage show celebrating the 40th anniversary of record label Tamla Motown's most successful year with its Can't Hurry Love nationwide tour.

This lavish production also stars fabulous four-piece male harmonies, plus the eight-piece Motown Memories band paying tribute to the likes of The Temptations, The Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, Martha Reeves, Smokey Robinson, Mary Wells, Stevie Wonder and many, more.

Cambridge Corn Exchange, 730pm, £20.50, tel: 01223 357851, www.cornex.co.uk

Wed 22 Oct

Roots Manuva

Roots Manuva, aka Rodney Smith, is known for being one of the major driving forces of British hip-hop. Along with label mates TY, Mark B and Blade, Roots Manuva has not only taken the UK hip-hop scene by storm, but is challenging American artists as well. Known for his socio-political lyrics and fearless writing, he is at the forefront of the growing British rap and hip-hop phenomenon.

The Junction, 8pm, £15.50/£13.30 in advance, tel: 01223 511 511, www.junction.co.uk

Thu 23 Oct

Employment and Education Fair

To celebrate Black History Month we will be hosting an employment and education fair. Underrepresentation of Black and Minority Ethnic staff is a recognized issue within many organizations and we hope to address this during this event for the whole community.

The Small Hall in The Guildhall, Market Street, 12pm – 3pm, free, tel: 07983299363, www.cambridge.gov.uk/BHM

Thu 23 Oct

Within our Gates

With its middle-class, thoroughly black-centred view of 1920s American society, Oscar Micheaux's *Within our Gates* is the earliest surviving film made by an African-American director. It deals with the importance of education as the key for black Americans to move ahead.

When the reverend of an all-black school in the deep south faces the prospect of closure, Sylvia, one of his teachers, travels up north to raise funds.

Arts Picturehouse Cambridge, 7pm, tel: 0871 704 2050, trish.s@picturehouses.co.uk

Fri 24 Oct

Introduction to the films of Oscar Micheaux and African-American film production

The development of American cinema is often traced back to D W Griffith, whose controversial film *The Birth of a Nation* created an increase in recruits for the Ku Klux Klan.

Suitable for students of media or film studies, history, sociology, politics and American studies. The event includes comprehensive teachers notes.

Arts Picturehouse Cambridge, 11am – 1pm, £3.50, tel: 0871 704 2050, trish.s@picturehouses.co.uk

Sun 26 Oct

Body and Soul

Renowned actor and singer Paul Robeson began his film acting debut in *Body and Soul* as a morally bankrupt preacher who brings suffering to those around him.

Nightmare and the unspoken haunt African-American life in the 1920s. Director Oscar Micheaux intertwines flash back and dreams to reflect Martha Jane's infatuation with the villainous Reverend Jenkins to cinematically reflect the need for her to stop dreaming and face the reality of her daughter's rape.

Presented with live piano accompaniment from Stephen Horne.

Arts Picturehouse Cambridge, 3pm, tel: 0871 704 2050, trish.s@picturehouses.co.uk

Chelmsford

Wed 8 Oct

Tiata Delights

A night of new writing by emerging and established African playwrights. Two plays showcased as performance readings with live musical accompaniment, directed by Femi Elufowoju Jr.

Cramphorn Theatre, 8pm, £8, tel: 01245 606505.

Sun 12 Oct

Black History High Street Event Chelmsford

A special showcase from black residents of Chelmsford and the local area, including specialist African and Caribbean food, arts and crafts, fashion and entertainment.

Chelmsford High Street, 12noon – 4pm, free, tel: 01245 606811.

Rudi Lickwood: "I'm a National Treasure"

"I'm a National Treasure" is a satirical look at Rudi Lickwood's national identity; Black, British, Proud and packed with insightful social comments as to who he is and why he is.

Setting him apart from his counterparts, Rudi's comedy mirrors the ever changing face of multicultural modern Britain. From driving a German car to an Irish pub, drinking Belgian beer whilst eating his Indian take-away and sitting on Swedish furniture whilst watching an American programme on his Japanese TV.

His reputation as a thought provoking comic has grown out of desire to edutain. He is a mercenary in search of belly laughs and infectious chuckles. Borders are no boundaries for Rudi and from Afghanistan to Iraq he has been through it all.

Not afraid to say what's on his mind, he's an intelligent fool with something to appeal to everyone. Areas of race and immigration may be problematic for some, but to Rudi they're a comedy goldmine clashing with his British nationality and cultural West Indian African heritage.

Supported by Mr Cee, he'll warm you to his way of looking and laughing at life by his 'Live, Love, Laugh' philosophy, Second sup-

port Iron Braydz, a talented African musician turned stand-up whose culturally conscious material inspires.

Rudi Lickwood's tour dates include:-

*4th Oct - Over Community Centre - The Doles, Cambridgeshire
www.thecentretover.co.uk
01954 206600*

*10th Oct - Letchworth Arts Centre, Letchworth
www.leitchwortharts.org
01462 670788*

*11th Oct - Gloucester Guildhall, Gloucester
www.gloucester.gov.uk
01452 50 30 50*

*18th Oct - Gallery Bistro - Fakenham, Norfolk
www.thegallerybistro.co.uk
01328 855000*

*28th Oct - The Beck Theatre - Hayes, Middlesex
www.becktheatre.org.uk
0208 8561 8371*

*6th Nov - Fairfield Halls - Croydon, Surrey
www.fairfield.co.uk*

Visit www.hahaheeh.com for full Autumn/Winter 08 Tour listings



Decide for yourself if Rudi Lickwood is a national treasure or not.

South

Brighton

Thu 9 Oct

Picturing the Chinese

Artist Grace Lau discusses her photographic work inspired by 19th century travellers' representations of the Chinese.
The Old Courtroom, 1pm, £5/£3.50 Concessions, tel: 01273 292797.

Sun 19 Oct

Celebrate Diwali

Wear a sari, have your hands hennaed, make a rangoli pattern or listen to the story of Rama and Sita. These and many more activities will be taking place today to celebrate Diwali. In conjunction with the Hindu Women's Group.

The Old Courtroom, 2pm - 430pm, free, tel: 01273 292797.

Tue 21 Oct

Diwali

Each early years session includes art activities, a museum expedition, a story and handling some museum objects. These sessions are for 2-5 years olds only. We are sorry but we cannot accommodate younger children unless they are young babies. £4.50 in advance.

Brighton Museum, 1030am - 12pm, £4.50 if booked in advance, tel: 01273 292797.

Wed 29 Oct

Big Diwali Draw

Be inspired by the festival of



One of the films showing at Afrika Eye, Bristol

Diwali to be creative and make some lovely rangoli patterns.
Brighton Museum, 1030am - 12pm and 1PM - 4pm, free, tel: 01273 292797.

Bristol

17 Oct

Afrika Eye Fundraiser

A range of entertainment will be put on, including an African choir, singers, break dancers, a fashion show and auction, and some art on sale, so it should be a good evening.

St Paul's Church, Tickets can be bought on tel: 07876 590530, afrikaeye@googlemail.com.

Fri 31 Oct - Sat 8 Nov

Afrika Eye 2008

A festival of films, workshops, discussions and live performance will splash African sunshine and music into a grey autumn. Ten films uncover a continent, from Senegal to Madagascar, Algeria to South Africa and the deep heartlands of Congo and Guinea. Boogie to the fantastic Vieux from Senegal, who performs live for our opening party and the premiere of Youssou N'dour's great documentary Return to Goree, and shake yer bootie to the South African choir before the Sundance-nominated Son Of Man from South Africa. With a showcase of local film makers in the Eyefull evening and some special film guests - we bring you life!

Watershed, Harbourside, check www.afrikaeye.btik.com for details.

Hertfordshire

Tue 7 Oct

Black Teachers Speak Out

At last year's Black History Month, Black Teachers from Hertfordshire took the opportunity to share their views of their teaching experience in Britain. The group

of teachers has continued to meet and may soon be the subject of a programme for Teachers TV. Don't miss the opportunity to hear some of them this year!

Tawanda Madhlangobe is a black Zimbabwean teacher who was highly commended in the Teacher of the Year Awards 2008 and is a doctoral student at the University of Hertfordshire.

Lois Vassall is black Caribbean origin teacher who grew up in Wales, and a University of Hertfordshire doctoral student researching links between family support and the educational success of black students.

University of Hertfordshire, De Havilland campus, time and price undecided, tel: 01707 28 5618, j.j.plastow@herts.ac.uk.

Tue 21 Oct

An Evening With Dr Tony Sewell

'Nurturing Success among Black African and African-Caribbean Boys in the British Education System.' Dr Tony Sewell, well known for advocating a radical rethink of how Black African and African-Caribbean boys are educated in British schools to enable them reach their potential, will talk about how, through his project, 'Generating Genius', he is putting into practice some of his ideas. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for



Raising money for Afrika. They will be playing at the Afrika Eye Film Festival Fundraiser in Bristol.



Join in Brighton's Diwali celebrations

discussion.

University of Hertfordshire, De Havilland campus, time and price undecided, Tel: 01707 273567, whemgroup@btconnect.com.

Thu 23 Oct

Audacity of Hope: What "President Barack Obama" Means to the United States and to the rest of the World

On 20th January 2009 Barack Obama may be sworn in as the first African-American President of the United States. What would an Obama Presidency mean for America and for the rest of world? Join us for a multimedia exploration of this issue in conjunction with October is Black History Month as Dr Stuart Weinstein, Associate Head, School of Law, searches Senator Obama's life, writings and speeches to find an answer.

Room A90 School of Law (St Albans campus), 530pm for 6pm, price unknown, tel: 01707 286203, L1.De-Souza@herts.ac.uk.



Brighton celebrates Diwali again this year

Thu 30 Oct

Breaking the Silence – The Unheard Voices of Black Londoners

Sixty years after the arrival of Empire Windrush, now an icon for the mass immigration of Caribbean people, the success stories of those who became Black Londoners are still often unheard.

This session presents voices and stories from Caribbean origin communities in Britain, collected by a leading researcher of oral histories. Members of the local African Caribbean groups have been invited to come and share their own stories, and DVD material of the Caribbean experience in Britain can be accessed.

University of Hertfordshire, De Havilland campus, 12pm - 2pm, price unknown, tel: 01707 285689, j.m.young@herts.ac.uk

Taunton

All Oct

Somerset and the Slave Trade

As part of Black History Month, discover Somerset's involvement and connection with European trading patterns. This will be a rare chance to experience an audiovisual dramatisation of Coleridge's lecture on the slave trade in its original setting. See amazing, original plantation records, objects and other documents. This informal session asks you to evaluate documentary evidence and consider whether or not we still have slavery today.

Taunton Unitarian Chapel, 115pm – 215pm, free with a limit of 40 people, tel: 01823 362847

Chef Hasan Defour and the art of Caribbean fusion food

Born in Trinidad and Tobago, Chef Deour developed a love and passion for food from an early age. He says: "In Trinidad I was fortunate as our food gastronomy is stretched from the native inhabiting tribes of the Amerindians (Caribs & Arawaks) to the Africans, Indian Europeans, Asian influences - real fusion food. I was always looking forward the Eid, Diwali and other festivals that are celebrated in Trinidad and Tobago. The varied groups would always showcase their ethnic culinary dishes of which I was always looking to try to gain a greater understanding of the culinary styles of each culture.

Chef Defour also teaches classes in schools and community groups and this October has a BHM theme. "I have had the opportunity to spread that love recently by teaching a few classes," says the Chef. "The ages varied from older people to young kids and it was such a great experience for me to share my enthusiasm for something I feel passionate about and make it fun for all ages. I'm planning to continue teaching in the future, to make Caribbean food accessible to all those interested in the different flavours of my homeland."

"I have had the pleasure of cooking for all denominations of people, meeting and learning along the way. The business entrepreneur feeling is here and I want to do nothing more than to spread the wonderful cuisine of the beautiful Caribbean to the World. If anyone was to ask what my secret ingredient was I'd say it's love, and I aspire for that to resonate into my food." Chef Defour is available to give classes throughout BHM and the rest of the year.



Hasan Defour tempts you with delicious food this Black History Month.

BHM Champion 2008



Welcome to BHM Norfolk

Marking 40 years since Martin Luther King's assassination, this is truly an important date as a Black Man runs for President in the United States.

This year is the 40th anniversary of what was a truly historic year, one of assassinations, riots and student protests across the globe. 1968 was particularly important for Black people, with the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King Jr, the stand of John Carlos and Tommie Smith at the Mexico Olympics, the passing of the Race Relations Act and the appointment of the first female Black Police Officer here in the UK. In recognition of this momentous year we have dedicated the cover of this year's Events Guide to the great leader and activist Dr Martin Luther King Jr, who was assassinated on 4th April 1968. This year also sees the inaugural Norfolk Black Film Festival in partnership with Creative Arts East and Cinema City. We hope to see the Festival develop further in the future and become a platform for local Black filmmakers. Norfolk BHM is recognised as one of the best BHM celebrations in the country. This is quite a feat for a county with relatively low levels of diversity. As such this is an achievement that Norfolk should be extremely proud of and is further proof that Norfolk BHM is a celebration that everyone can participate in regardless of race or ethnicity. As a result of the Film Festival and the excellent work of the Norfolk Library Service in particular, we have gone further to achieving our aim of making Norfolk BHM a truly county-wide celebration. This year's programme again includes strong representation from Great Yarmouth but we have also managed to reach the likes of Caister, Harleston, King's Lynn, Bunwell and Hockwold, to name a few.

As always, we aim to make Norfolk BHM a truly county-wide celebration. This year's programme again includes strong representation from Great Yarmouth but we have also managed to reach Sheringham, Aylsham, Watton, Geldeston and Thetford. On this website you will find details of over 60 events open to the public throughout October, but what you won't see is the large number of 'closed' events also taking place in schools and colleges across the county and in both the county's Prisons.

Finally I'd like to thank all our sponsors, in particular Norfolk County Council, NHS Norfolk, and Norfolk Constabulary. I'd also like to thank the members of the Norfolk BHM Steering Group for all their support and efforts over the last twelve months. Without their efforts Norfolk BHM '08 would not be possible.

*For full information of listings please see
www.norfolkblackhistorymonth.org.uk Sean Whyte, BHM
Coordinator Norwich & Norfolk Racial Equality Council*



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Sat 25 Oct - Stephen K Amos finds the funny side of life at the artsdepot,

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For further information on events across the UK, please see www.blackhistorymonthuk.co.uk

Luton

Throughout Oct Luton Library Services celebrates BHM

During October 2008, Luton Schools' Library Service will be displaying a collection of Fiction and Non-Fiction books written in English by Black, Asian and world authors.

These books are mainly for Key Stages 1 and 2. If you require a booklist, please do not hesitate to contact us. Legrave Library, tel: (01582) 59 80 65, fax: (01582) 84 70 77 Email: sls@luton.gov.uk

Birmingham

Wed 15 Oct

African Drum Workshop
A drum workshop with noted Nigerian/British drummer Rocky Amoo. The students will be pupils from Shenley Court College Samba Band. Ages 12 - 14.

Weoley Castle Library, free, 10am - 12noon, tel: 0121 464 1664, weoley.castle.library@birmingham.gov.uk

Glasgow

All events below take place in the Hunterian Museum, start at 1245pm, are free and allow for questions at the end. For details, call the museum on 0141 330 2838.

7 Oct

"Religion in the Far East: a Chinese Budai figure" by Irina Kravtsova

Budai is known as the "Laughing Buddha" and in the Chinese tradition he is shown smiling or laughing, with his large stomach exposed which represents happiness, good luck and abundance. Budai is also known as Buddha of Happiness in Buddhism.

14 Oct

"Fashion in the Far East: A Pair of Chinese bound shoes" by Josephine Jenner

Foot-binding originated in China in the 10th century. Women's feet were tightly bound to stop them from growing so that they would

resemble a "three-inch golden lotus" at a time when normal big feet were considered alien and ugly.

21 Oct

"Tea ceremony tools: two bronze vases from Japan" by Kacper Kuzinicki

These vases were used for the display of flowers on an altar in a temple or in the home. Black lacquer coloured vases were considered a most tasteful and sophisticated bronze style in China, and were desirable for flower arranging.

28 Oct

"Tied in knots: a man's jade hair-piece from China" by Monika Winiarczyk.

Hairstyles were extremely important in ancient China; whether hair was worn long, tied in a queue (pigtail) or tied up on the top of the head in a topknot was often linked to status and the orders of ruling regimes.

London

Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct Ralston Roy Retrospective Art Exhibition

A retrospection of the art work of Clive Ralston Roy Anderson. Identifying his pathway to international artist status. Tracing his earliest works as a young man and his psychological studies of art by South African Children. Ralston Roy travels to South Africa, Sri Lanka, Gambia, Kenya and Brazil. The artist will participate in a question and Answer session on the following dates: 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct.

Caribbean Youth Centre, 10am - 5pm, free, Ralstonroy1@Gmail.com.

Wed Oct 1 - Fri 31 Oct Keep Smiling Through: Black Londoners on the Home Front 1939 - 1945

An exhibition exploring the contributions made by black Londoners during the Second World War. From air raid precautions wardens to

entertainers, black Londoners carried out a variety of tasks on the home front during the Second World War. This explores the positive and negative experiences of black Londoners through rare photographs, music and film clips. The exhibition reveals the story of Doctor Harold Moody, a founding member of the League of Coloured Peoples. It uncovers the role of musicians like Adelaide Hall and Ken 'Snakehips' Johnson played in keeping up London's morale.

Cuming Museum, Tuesday to Saturday, 10am - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7525 2332, Cuming.museum@southwark.gov.uk.

Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct Windrush Exhibition Books and Resources Display

A visual display of pictures, books, artefacts and costumes to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Empire Windrush.

Southwark Education Library Service, 930am - 5pm, free, educationlibraryservice@southwark.gov.uk

Wed 1 Oct African Caribbean Rhymetime Sessions

Rhymetime sessions place music at the centre of a child's speech and language development. Singing, clapping and learning new rhymes is also fun. Parents can also borrow from a wide collection of nursery rhyme books. Ages 0 - 8.

Dulwich Library, library opening hours, free, tel: 020 7525 2000.

Sat 4 Oct

Black History Month Launch

Come and join in the celebrations as LB Southwark proudly launches Black History Month 2008, which this year will be held at the Damilola Taylor Centre.

The programme will begin with the opportunity for guests to mill around stalls of local artists, educational organisations and community groups. There will then be a showcase of local talent featuring some of the boroughs finest youth projects including drummers from the Tribute Trust, Children of Zion and Exodus Dance Companies, the highly respected Recycled Teenagers from Carl Campbell Dance Company 7, poet



YOUNG WARRIOR 2

and singer Khadijatou Doyné and one of the UK's leading historians Steve Martin. The day will end with the opportunity to network and enjoy mouth watering, homemade Caribbean cuisine straight from the kitchen, courtesy of C & C Caterers!

Damilola Taylor Centre, 2pm - 530pm, free, tel: 020 7525 3569, www.southwark.gov.uk.

Sat 4 Oct

Big Draw Black History workshops with local artist Tayo Fatunla

Big Draw is a national campaign run throughout October to get people drawing! As part of this initiative Tayo Fatunla will be running cartoon workshops at the launch where he will teach young people how to draw their own black heroes from history. These workshops are open to young people aged 5 upwards.

Damilola Taylor Centre, Workshop One 2pm - 245pm, Workshop Two 430pm - 515pm, tel: 020 7525 3569.

Sat 4 Oct, Sat 11 Oct, Sat 18 Oct, Sat 25 Oct

Carl Campbell Dance Company 7's Caribbean Dance Class

This is an open class for members of the community from 14 to 50 to experience contemporary Caribbean Dance.

Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre, 130pm - 330pm, £3, tel: 020 7639 4875, Ccdc7@easynet.co.uk.

Tue 7 Oct, Tue 14 Oct, Tue 21 Oct, Tue 28 Oct

Carl Campbell Dance Company 7's Recycled Teenagers Dance Classes

The Carl Campbell Dance Company 7's Recycled Teenagers Dance Classes is a Contemporary Caribbean-African Dance project for Older learners. Featured on BBC Newsroom Southeast and Channel 4's Peckham Tales and the New Paul O'Grady Show. The project is geared for over 50's giving members an opportunity to experience Caribbean-African Dance and culture in a warm and friendly environment. Music ranges from Reggae, Soukass, R & B, Classical, Salsa and Hip Hop.

Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre, 1pm - 230pm, £1.50, ccdc7@easynet.co.uk.

Tue 7 Oct, Tue 14 Oct, Tue 21 Oct, Tue 28 Oct

Bob Marley Youth Dance Classes

The Carl Campbell dance Company 7's Bob Marley Youth Theatre Dance Classes is a contemporary Caribbean African Dance project for young people



Sly & Robbie, Newcastle Carling Academy

between the ages of 8-12 +. The project is geared to giving young people an opportunity to experience Caribbean African Dance and culture, both educationally and as a performing art. They are taught to work together on a basis of mutual respect. Participants develop their concentration and discipline skills and the ability to succeed in life. The dress code is loose comfortable clothing, bare feet or jazz/ballet shoes.

Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre, 430pm - 6pm, £1.50, tel: 020 7639 4875, Ccdc7@easynet.co.uk.

Tue 7 Oct

Baby & Toddlers - Past, Present & Future

Session One: A journey to the past - enjoy a classic compendium of African and Caribbean folk tales and songs

Session Two: Present day tales - adaptations of traditional European tales.

Session Three Looking to the future - a storytelling session with children and their parents thinking about what the future will be like. Everyone's ideas will make one giant brand new story!

Brandon Library, 1030am - 12pm, free, tel: 020 7735 8261, southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk.

Fri 10 Oct

Black History Month in Conjunction with World Mental Health Day

This event will include an exhibition, of arts and crafts designed by members of the organisation and an information stall to illustrate the work of the Maroons. There will be entertainment including traditional dancers. The event will highlight the progress that has been accomplished by members as well as celebrating Black History Month.

Cambridge House Hall, 10am - 4pm, free, tel: 020 7708 1524, [Lucky. nyamayaro@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:nyamayaro@southwark.gov.uk).

Sat 11, Sat 18, Sat 25 Oct

History of African Dance Music

A lively event involving commentary and music of the African Diaspora. This will include JUJU, Highlife, Congolese and reggae.

Caribbean Youth Centre, 7pm - 1130pm, £3.50, tel: 07751054466, Ralstonroy1@googlemail.com.

Sat 11 Oct - Wed 12 Oct

The Thames Tunnel Festival:

The world's first underwater multi-cultural festival. At Thames Tunnel Fancy Fair there were 'Oriental singers, Indian Dancers

and Ethiopian Serenaders'. Join in a weekend of arts and crafts workshops with a multicultural theme. Make optic tricks: zoetrope, peepshow, 3D viewer and Protean Views. By spinning, squinting or by magical transformation, the display turns into fairground acts from all over the world. Free cakes and celebration!

The Brunel Museum, 10am - 5pm, free, tel: 020 7231 3840, events@brunel-museum.org.uk.

Tue 14 Oct

London Lives - Capital Black Writing

From Andrea Levy's *Small Island* to Sam Selvon's *Lonely Londoners*, some of the most moving and insightful novels about London have come with a black perspective.

Writer and storyteller Sandra Agard takes you on an engaging Literary London tour through some of her personal favourites including Andrea Levy, Sam Selvon, Alex Wheatle and Mike Phillips.

Dulwich Library, 2pm - 3pm, free, tel: 020 7525 6229.

Tue 14 Oct

Keep Smiling Through: Black Londoners on the Home Front 1939-1945

Find out more about the Cuming Museum's current exhibition "Keep Smiling Through: Black Londoners on the Home Front 1939 to 1945". Historian Stephen Bourne will give an illustrated talk on the subject, exploring the positive and negative experiences of black Londoners during the Second World War.
Peckham Library, 630pm – 8pm, free, tel: 020 7525 1570.

Thu 16 Oct
Octavia E. Butler – Science Fiction's African American pioneer

Octavia E. Butler was a true colossus of Science Fiction. As an African American woman working in a traditionally white male genre she overcame all barriers to become a much revered and critically acclaimed writer. Writer and storyteller Sandra Agard – a lifelong Octavia E. Butler fan – delivers a lively overview of Butler's life and works.
Dulwich Library, 730pm – 9pm, free, tel: 020 7525 1570.

Sat 25 Oct
Black Business Awards 2008
The Black Business Awards 2008 is back in autumn this year. Join a glittering crowd of business and community luminaries for an evening of dinner, dance and sheer entertainment—a celebration of the achievements of Black entrepreneurs & achievers. The award promises to give you an experience of a lifetime! Our special host this year is Jacqui Joseph (TV Presenter) with special appearances from other celebrities. Formal or

Cultural dress.
Hilton London Tower Bridge, 7pm – late, Standard Ticket: £100pp / Group Table: £900 / Corporate Table: £1,500, www.bbinitiative.com.

Until Sun 15 Nov
Cinema of Brazil Festival
Barbican Film is pleased to announce the second Cinema of Brazil Festival focusing on Afro - Brazilian influences and is presented in association with the Embassy of Brazil. With 17 features, documentaries, shorts and animations the Festival marks the 120th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Brazil and is timed to coincide with BlackHistory month in the UK. Again this year the Barbican is anticipating the arrival of some of Brazil's best filmmaking talent for the festival, including renowned directors Carlos Diegues and Zózimo Bulbul.
For more details, check the Barbican website www.barbican.org.uk.

Fri 3 Oct
Health Fair Westminster
The aim of the day is to promote health and wellbeing within the wider community and raise awareness of some of the health issues that are prevalent in BME communities. If you're feeling really energetic you can try a funky martial arts class in Capoeira, an African martial art originating in Brazil and now practised all over the world. This martial art has two basic styles, each style uses the same moveable stance, they also use sequences for attack and defence, each style is progressive where



Worker's Educational Assoc, London

participants developed into doing basic gymnastic skills merge with the movements practised. Advance booking required.
City Hall, Victoria Street, 12pm – 4pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

Mon 6 Oct
Westminster Historical Walk
Take a stroll down memory lane with one of our historical walks discovering fascinating facts about life in Westminster and its history on the road to the abolition of slavery.
Starts Westminster City Hall, 1030am – 1230pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

Mon 13 Oct
Westminster Historical Walk
Take a stroll down memory lane with one of our historical walks discovering fascinating facts about life in Westminster and its history on the road to the abolition of slavery.
Starts Westminster City Hall, 10am – 12pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

Wed 29 Oct
Celebrating Diversity 2008: Westminster Food fest:
Come and try traditional dishes from a range of countries – aim is

for people to try different dishes from around the world. Attended also by Yasus Afari and Julie Issac, who will be reading their poetry.

Project Windrush:
An exhibition outlining some of the experiences from those who have lived or worked in Westminster over the last 60 years. Carried out by pupils from Westminster schools the exhibition uses a number of formats to reflect life in Westminster. There will also be other photos, short films and artefacts about the Empire Windrush.

Get creative:
Join in the fun with colourful face painting, costume making and badge making to be hosted by a variety of community arts organisations.

Book Fair:
In conjunction with Westminster Libraries, BIS Publications and Centerprise we will be hosting a book fair a range of books which are intriguing, informative and offering a variety of perspectives of black history and culture.
Greenside Community Centre, 12pm – 5pm, free, tel: 020 7641 85 47.

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Starts Westminster City Hall, 10am – 12pm, free, tel: 020 7641 8547.

Fri 26 Sep – Sat 1 Nov
Ghosts in the Gallery - a fast-paced journey through time bringing over 500 years of British history to life.
Polka Theatre, Various times, £9.50, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.polkatheatre.com.

Fri 3 Oct
Hidden History Event
Join Tony Warner of 100 Black Men of London for a Black History Month presentation on the hidden stories behind the portrayal of Black people in European art.
Polka Theatre, 7pm, free, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.bmol.org.uk.



Brazilian film @ Barbican

Sat 4 Oct

World of Stories and Music

The Leopard and the Drum, a traditional tale from the Ashanti region of Ghana.

Polka Theatre, 1030am, free, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.polkatheatre.com.

Sat 4 Oct, Sat 11 Oct

Little Hippo and his Magic Pen - an interactive performance in which the audience are invited to make their own use of Little Hippo's magic pen!

Polka Theatre, £7.50/£6.50 children/£5.50 concessions, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.polkatheatre.com.

Mon 13 Oct

Bamako

The film Bamako bears devastating witness to the iniquities of free trade and globalisation from a Malian perspective. Subtitled - cert PG.

Odeon Wimbeldon, 7.30pm, invitation only - call, tel: 020 8545 3399.

Sat 18 Oct

Treasures of the Rainforest

A participatory, Guyanese fusion of music and storytelling to engage and ignite the imagination.

Polka Theatre, £7.50/£6.50 Children/£5.50 Concessions, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.polkatheatre.com.

Tue 28 Oct

Half Term Black History Month Family Day

Interactive storytelling and craft workshop, inspired by Anansi Tales, for ages 5 - 7yrs and parents/carers.

Polka Theatre, 1030am - 12 noon, £7.50 per child, accompany adults come free, tel: 020 8543 4888, www.polkatheatre.com.

Maidstone

Mon 20 Oct - Sun 2 Nov

'African Tales Exhibition'

A mini exhibition showcasing African objects selected from our collections, that have never been on display before, they each 'tell a story' about the African culture from which they originate. The display will also feature artwork and stories created by local schools.

Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery, Mon to Sat 10am - 5.15pm, Sundays 11am - 4pm, free, tel: 01622 602 838.

Sat 25 Oct

'Drawing on Africa'

This year we will be celebrating two national events by combining the Big Draw with Black History



The Huntarian Museum in Glasgow is also putting on many interesting events around Black History.

Month. Why not join the museum as we endeavour to reveal our previously unexplored African collections and bring them to life. This event has activities for both Adults and children. Adults will enjoy observational drawing and creative responses to our African collection, and children will be invited to take part in our interactive mural.

Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery, Mon to Sat 10am - 5.15pm, Sundays 11am - 4pm, free, tel: 01622 602 838.

Mon 27 Oct

'African tails'

Make an African animal mask and tail while you learn about conservation issues.

Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery, 1030am - 1230pm, 130pm-330pm, £2, tel: 01622 602 838.

Tue 28 Oct

'African stories'

Storytelling and craft activity. Recommended for under 5's.

Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery, 1030am - 1130am, £2 for one adult and two children, tel: 01622 602 838.

Wed 29 Oct

'African instruments' and 'African Music from u'Zambezi'

Make an African percussion instrument using natural

resources. Learn about the important role of music in African cultures.

Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery, 1030am - 1230pm, 130pm - 330pm, £2, tel: 01622 602 838.

Thu 30 Oct

African Objects to celebrate Black History Month "Hands on Station"

Come along to look closely and artefacts and specimens from our museum collection. Children might like to make a brass rubbing too.

Maidstone Museum and Bentrif Art Gallery, 1030am - 1230pm, 130pm - 330pm, free, tel: 01622 602 838.

Newcastle

Sat 18 Oct - Sun 19 Oct

Boss Sounds Festival 2008

Boss Sounds festival of legendary reggae is back for 2008 celebrating Black History Month in fine style with a line up of both classic reggae names and newcomers as well.

Headliners Sly and Robbie are the world's greatest rhythm section and have played with all Jamaican legends not to mention Grace Jones and Mick Jagger. Other headliners are UK's Misty in Roots and ska legends Pioneers and Symarip.

Newcastle Carling Academy, £17.50 per day, £30 weekend ticket, tel: 07973 759 029.

Wales: Newport

Wed 29 Oct

African Community Centre goes down to the Farm!

For the children - (during half term) we will be going to the farm and getting involved in all the

daily tasks of a working farm. A chance for our children to make the connections between farm life and the modern life! Children's University credits will be awarded. *Newport Museum and Art Gallery, time unknown, free, tel: 01633 656656, www.newport.gov.uk/museum*

Tue 4 Nov

AFRICAN COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH FORUM

Your chance to nominate 5 youth leaders who will represent your views and get stuff going for the youth section of the ACC. Opportunities available to do training and gain accreditation from the Youth University. Elections and Launch of Youth Forum Tuesday November 4th 4pm, ACC 60 Walter Road. I am currently on the look out for a host for the event, if you are a young person with presenting skills then get in touch!

'I Can' Project Co-ordinator Emily on 01792 470298 or email emily.robertson@africancommunitycentre.org.uk 60 Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 5PZ.

Wales: Swansea

Thu 2 Oct

The African Community Centre in conjunction with Swansea University

invites you to this free and inspiring event during this years Black History Month. Martin Luther King Lecture - A Stone of Hope - Speaker; Joel Edwards *Esso Lecture Theatre, Swansea University, 7-9pm, free, tel: 01792 459144*



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60 Walter Road
Swansea SA1 5PZ

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Wulfruna Street
Wolverhampton WV1 1SB
01902 321321

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5 Nether Street
Tally Ho Corner
North Finchley
London N12 0GA

Arts Picturehouse

38-39 St Andrew's Street
Cambridge CB2 3AR

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Douglas Way
Deptford
London SE8 4AG
020 8692 4446

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15 Reginald Row
Leeds LS7 3HP

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174 Third Avenue
London
W10 4JL
020 8969 5881

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23 Lee Road
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020 8463 0100

Blackheath Village Library

3 - 4 Blackheath Grove
SE3 0DD

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London
WC1B 3DG

Bristol's City Museum & Art Gallery

Queen's Road
Clifton
Bristol
BS8 1RL

Brixton Library

Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ
020 7926 1056

Broadway Theatre

Catford
SE6 4RU

Brunei Gallery at SOAS

Thornhaugh Street
Russell Square
London
WC1H 0XG
020 7898 4046

Cambridge Corn Exchange

Wheeler Street
Cambridge CB2 3QB
01223 357851

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Euston Road
London WC1H 9DB

Camden Town Hall

Judd Street
London WC1H 9JE

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Frances Street
London SE18 5LP

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Lewisham Carers Centre
Waldram Place
Forest Hill SE23 2LB

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3 Millennium Square
Leeds LS2 3AD

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Coventry CV1 1FY
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Woolwich SE18 6LQ

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Charlton
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Hull
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G12 8QQ
0141 330 2838

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Leeds LS7 3HA

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Clifton Way
Cambridge
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01223 511 511

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Argyle Street
G3 8AG
0141 276 9599

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Phillimore Walk
London
W8 7RX

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Hornton Street
London W8 7NX

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12-22 Kilburn High Road
London NW6 5UH

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Port Sunlight Village
Wirral CH62 5EQ

Leeds West Indian Centre

10 Laycock Place
Leeds LS7 3AJ

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12 Holland Park Road
London
W14 8LZ

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2nd Floor Showroom, H
E Olby
307-313 Lewisham High
Street
London, SE13 6NW

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199-201 Lewisham High
Street
SE13 6LG

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2a Davenport Road
Catford SE6 2AZ

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Fryer Street
Wolverhampton
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14 Dagmar Passage
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1 Roe Street
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Muswell Hill
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01473 295 900

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24 Old Gloucester Street
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Greaves Street
Oldham
OL1 1AL

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