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African American Calendar of Events 2008

June 2008

“A Raisin in the Sun”

5/17/08-6/18/2008

By Lorraine Hansberry, one act adaptation by Shambriion Treadwell and Lamont Livingston

Karamu House. 216.795.7070. www.karamu.com

The Funkentime Rapture---world premier

5/30/08-6/22/08

Book by Lee Summers and Ben Blake; music and lyrics by Lee Summers

Karamu House. 216.795.7070. www.karamu.com

Safety Crime Prevention Fair

6/14/08

All Cleveland residents are invited to this special event sponsored by:

City of Cleveland 1st District Police Department Community Relations Board

Halloral Skating Rink; Westown Community Development Corporation. 11:00 AM

216.664.6634 www.city.cleveland.../halloran_safety_fair.pdf

Wade Oval Wednesdays (WOW) in University Circle

6/18/08-8/27/08

University Circle is the place to be Wednesday evenings this summer from. Grab a friend or bring the family to Wade Oval to enjoy this popular free annual concert series.

216.791.3900. www.universitycircle.org

Coventry Street Arts Fairs

6/19/08

Spend Your Summer at the Coventry Street Arts Fairs, all events are free and open to the public. Local Artists, Local Farmers, Local Vendors ... And More!!!

6:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m. www.coventryvillage.org/events

Gay Pride Festival

6/21/ 2008

Celebrating 20 years of pride and including a parade, rally and festival.

Featuring four stages, food court, beer garden, games, special areas for youth, seniors and kids.

Voinovich Park. www.clevelandpride.org

Take Steps

6/21/08

Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis is the nations largest event dedicated to finding cures for digestive diseases at Progressive Field.

216.831.2692. www.cctakesteps.org

Clifton Arts & Musicfest

6/21/ 2008

21st annual Clifton Arts and Musicfest

This event was established as a unique celebration combining fine arts and live musical performances – a true street festival located in a very attractive and vibrant urban neighborhood setting. www.cudell.com/artsfest

Neighborhood Connections Celebration Event

6/22/08

This third annual event will bring together many grassroots groups from throughout the city. Neighborhood Connections is a Cleveland Foundation program. Rockefeller Park Greenhouse.

Tom O'Brien 216.625.2014 www.neighborhoodgrants.org

Council on American Islamic Relations/Peace in the Hood - Film Screening and Dialogue

6/22/08

Join us at as we screen the movie "Prince of Slaves," winner of Best Documentary 2007 American Black Festival. The movie tells the story of Abdul Rahman, an African prince thrust into enslavement; and through improbable circumstances, gains freedom. A brief dialogue session shall follow the film screening.

Tower City Cinemas. 440.564-2031. www.cleveland.citysearch.com.

Cleveland Wine Festival

6/2708 - 6/28/08

The festival provides an opportunity to sample from more than 220 wines from around the world. Learn about new and exciting varieties from the experts in a relaxed festival setting.

Wine seminars and cooking demonstrations are conducted by event sponsors, exhibiting wineries, area chefs and restaurateurs.

Voinovich Park. 888.210.0074 www.clevelandwinefestival.com

3rd Annual Hall of Fame Activities

06/27/08 – 06/28/ 2008

Karamu House 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Co Host Kim Whitley and James Pickens (Greay's Anatomy)
216-795-7070. www.karamu.com

Rock and Soul Festival

6/29/2008

The Rock and Soul Festival is a celebration of African American music. The vitality of Black influence on American music and culture has been irresistible, its impact, profound and lasting. This soulful festival features performances by national and local artists and coincides with Black Music Month. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. 216.781.7625. www.rockhall.com

July 2008

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

716/ 08- 7/20/08 ANNUAL OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Everyone is welcome to participate. The festival includes games, rides, Italian food, music and novelties. Kidztown, for children 7 years old and younger will be back by demand.

A casino, grocery stand and raffle with cash grand prize will also be part of the festivities. Also enjoy homemade meals at the Villa Italian Restaurant.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Church. 216.651-5043 or 216.281.4245

Coventry Street Arts Fair featuring Cats on Holiday,

7/17/08

Something DaDa, Brittany Reilly with Almost Acoustic Band, Cleveland Museum of Art family art projects and more! Local Artists, Local Famers, Local Vendors ... And More!!!! 6:00- 9:00p.m.

www.coventryvillage.org/events

Puerto Rican Cultural Parade and Latino Festival

7/18/08

This is an event Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center organizes to showcase the customs and traditions of the Puerto Rican people in Cleveland. This is a three-day celebration usually kicks off in the month of July and is the single most important summer cultural event highlighting the culture, folklore of Hispanics in the Northeast Ohio region. E 9th St & S Marginal Rd.

216.941.9227

Experience Ingenuity**7/25/08-7/27/08**

Experience it all at Playhouse Square, home to some of the region's most beautiful and historic performance venues. Hear the sound of 1,000 drums. Listen to live jazz, hip-hop, folk, rock, techno, classical, and more. See opera, theater, ballet, step dancing, breakdancing, contemporary dance, and more.

Playhouse Square. 216.771-4444 or 216.241.6000. www.playhousesquare.com.

Family Unity In The Park Concert & Fireworks Show**7/26/08**

Family Unity Day in the Park is a FREE family event from noon-9pm in beautiful Luke Easter Park, the largest urban park in the state of Ohio. This year, we are aiming to hold the largest health fair in Northeast Ohio during this one-day event. Mobile units and booths from the area's premier healthcare providers will be on hand to offer free screening services for blood pressure, diabetes and more.

216-556-0146 www.familyunityinthepark@familunityinthepark.com

Balloon Classic Invitational/Jackson-Belden Food Fest & Fireworks**7/25/08– 7/27/08**

Kent State University Stark Campus

These Free Event has More than 70 giant hot air balloons take flight to the delight of approximately 130,000 spectators who can also enjoy dozens of food vendors, live music, children's activities, an illuminating Balloon Night Glow, and spectacular fireworks display. There also will be 5-Mile and 2-Mile Races at 8:00 a.m. and An Community Parade at 2:30 p.m.

Downtown Canton

www.profootballhof.com

Celebration Festival**7/27/2008**

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum's Celebration Festival highlights Community Outreach. This Festival affords the Museum the opportunity to partner with Community organizations to celebrate their work with youth. This event is presented by Target, sponsored by KeyBank and in partnership with News Channel 5 and the Call & Post.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. 216.781.7625. www.rockhall.com

National Ribs Burnoff**7/30 – 8/ 1/08**

More than 135,000 people enjoy ribs from local and national vendors, plus a variety of specialty foods, and concerts each evening by national recording artists. Families can also enjoy interactive inflatables in the Fantasy Football Zone, a master sand sculptor, face painting, and many other fun activities.

11:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. daily, Stark County Fairgrounds Free Event; evening concert tickets 330.458.2088 www.profootballhof.com/enshrinement/index

First Play 2008**7/31/08**

Nearly 2,000 enthusiastic youngsters take part in this ceremonial "kickoff" to a weekend of football. An official NFL football is passed through the 3-mile child link chain from the site in downtown Canton where the NFL was founded in 1920 to the front steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Free Event 10:00 a.m., Downtown Canton; EducationalPrograms@Profootballhof.com
www.profootballhof.com/enshrinement/index

August 2008

Fashion Show Luncheon

8/1/08

This fabulous luncheon and runway show is arguably the largest and finest fashion show in Ohio! State-of-the-art sound, lighting, and video combine to showcase 35 professional models featuring the season's hottest male and female fashions in a high energy production.

12:00 p.m., Memorial Civic Center and Cultural Center

Tickets available: 330.458.2048 www.pacificsports.com/cleveland/athlete.

Class of 2008 Enshrinement And Concert And Fireworks

8/2/08

The center of the entire celebration is the emotional enshrinement ceremony where the newest members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame – Fred Dean, Darrell Green, Art Monk, Emmitt Thomas, Andre Tippett, and Gary Zimmerman - take their rightful place among football's greatest players, coaches, and contributors enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame There also will be a Timken Grand Parade earlier that morning at 8:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m., at Fawcett Stadium www.pacificsports.com/cleveland/athlete.

Enshrines Game Day Roundtable

8/3/08

An enthusiastic crowd of 3,500 football fans enjoy lunch, followed by a center stage roundtable presentation featuring the newly inducted Class of Enshrines. It's an unscripted, up-close-and-personal format where the Enshrines share stories and memories of their careers.

12:30 p.m., Memorial Civic Center and Cultural Center

Tickets available (330.458.2048) The Indianapolis Colts and Washington Redskins kick off the 2008 NFL preseason from Fawcett.

8:00 p.m., Hall of Fame Field at Fawcett Stadium; Fan Packages: 888.310.4255

www.pacificsports.com/cleveland/athlete.

Cleveland Triathlon

8/3/08

The Cleveland Triathlon is widely recognized as one of the most decorated races in triathlon. The event has had the following designations (Previous years as the National City Triathlon, the Rock & Roll Triathlon, the Metropolitan Bank Triathlon and the Sky Bank Triathlon) Start 6:45 AM:

North Coast Harbor Finish: Just south of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Erie side.

216-664-2484, 800-750-0750 www.pacificsports.com/cleveland/athlete.

Drum Corps International Competition

8/4/08

Drum Corps fans can enjoy the pageantry of eight of the best corps in America, including five of the top twelve, and all at the peak of their performance just one week before the world championships.

6:30 p.m., Paul Brown Tiger Stadium Tickets available: 330.458.2048

www.profootballhof.com/enshrinement/index

Cleveland Sessions

8/13/08

Free concert at 7 p.m. on the Museum's Main Stage featuring:

Expecting Rain; Dreadful Yawn

For blogs and more, visit www.cleveland.com

Union Miles Community Expo

8/16/08

Admission is free in this event's fourth year. John Adams High Field 3817 MLK Jr. Drive at Union Miles Development Corporation

216.341.0750 www.unionmiles.org/events

Empire Brass, -- Blossom Festival Debut

8/16/08

One of America's most celebrated ensembles, the Empire Brass, comes to Blossom with a fun-filled and entertaining program featuring repertoire ranging from Bach and Handel to Jazz and Broadway.

8:00 PM Blossom Music Center (216) 231-1111 or (800) 686-1141 www.clevelandorch.com

Blossom Favorites

8/17/2008

Bring the whole family for an evening including music by John Williams, Mozart and Sousa. Plus pre-concert activities for children and an all-American cookout.

7:00 PM Blossom Music Center (216) 231-1111 or (800) 686-1141 www.clevelandorch.com

Cleveland Sessions

8/27/08

Free concert at 7 p.m. on the Museum's Main Stage featuring:
Hot Cha Cha; Miss Melvis and the Buford Pusser Experience
For blogs and more, visit www.cleveland.com

Blossom Goes to the Movies

8/30/08 –8/31/08

Building on the popularity of last summer's Rodgers & Hammerstein presentation of live music with projected film scenes, George Daugherty returns to Blossom with a new selection of movie scenes and live symphony orchestra performance.

8:30 PM Blossom Music Center (216) 231-1111 or (800) 686-1141 www.clevelandorch.com

Latino Heritage Day

8/31 /08

The Latino Heritage Festival celebrates the rich Hispanic culture and musical traditions. This colorful festival features performances by the best of Latin bands, including Los Boys Banda Dura and El Mostro Saboriqua y Su Grupo. Also featured are vocal groups and the dance ensemble Imagenes De Mexico. Come and enjoy the talents of local salsa dancers as well as an exhibition of regional artists. The Latino festival culminates with a spectacular salsa contest. This event is presented by Target, sponsored by KeyBank and in partnership with NewsChannel 5 and the Call & Post.

Noon – 4 p.m. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. 216.781.7625. www.rockhall.com

September 2008

***Ohio AFL-CIO 50th Anniversary Convention**

9/9/08-9/11/08

Labor Convention

***Community Dialogue**

9/9/08

Community Dialogue with Mayor Frank G. Jackson

Cory Recreation Center 6:00 PM

216-664-2223 www.city.cleveland...nityDialoguesSchedule bsaldana@city.cleveland.oh.us.

What Not to Miss

Lyrical Rhythm

Every Tuesday

Presented by Chief Rocka Ent and Hosted by Q Nice and the Playscape All Stars, this is Cleveland's premier spoken word get together. Poets accompanied by live musicians with a dance party intermission featuring DJ Tom Noy.

B – Side Liquor Lounge. 216.932.1966. www.bsideliquorlounge.com

Carl & Louis Stokes from the Projects to Politics

Now - July 31, 2008

An exhibit telling of the unique and inspiring story of two brothers with the determination to overcome discrimination. Their lives would intersect momentous political opportunity and change in Cleveland and Ohio and the nation.

Western Reserve Historical Society. 216.721.5722. www.wrhs.org

Gospel Brunch at House of Blues Cleveland

Every Sunday

The award-winning Gospel Brunch at House of Blues Cleveland is a one-of-a-kind live music show and dining experience. Guests enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat southern style buffet that features breakfast favorites plus a host of southern specialties. Every week different gospel groups from around the region perform live on stage. The music is uplifting and energetic and guaranteed to get the crowd standing on their feet!

House of Blues. 216.523.2583. www.hob.com/venues/clubvenues/cleveland

Wilbert's Food & Music

Dining/Live Music – Ongoing

Wilbert's presents the finest in live national, regional, and local roots, blues, and folk, world, and jam, and reggae, jazz and pop music. Also featuring some of the best food in Cleveland. Go there this weekend! 216.902.4663. www.wilbertsmusic.com

Mardi Gras Jazz Club

Dining/Live Music – Ongoing

The Mardi Grass has been entertaining Jazz Fans since the 1990's. This hidden gem located just outside of downtown hosts live jazz every Friday and Saturday night. 216.566.9094.

Nighttown

Dining/ Live Music - Ongoing

Come enjoy fabulous food and live Jazz music daily at one of Cleveland's favorite Jazz spots.

.216.795.0550. www.nighttowncleveland.com

Upscale Lounge

Jazz Mondays

Listen to the live sounds of Cleveland local jazz bands as their given an opportunity to show case their talent in a relaxed environment. 216.883.0068.

Roller Drome

Ongoing

A fun family skating park every Tuesday and Thursday enjoy adult skating to Soul, R&B, and Jazz music. 216.731.9009. www.euclidrollerdrome.com

Gookies

Upscale Soul Food Dining

Located in the heart of the eastside of Cleveland right across from well-known East High School.

An upscale soul food eatery with an atmosphere laced in Jazz and class. 216.431.6776.

Hot Sauce Williams

Soul Food Dining

This historic sight has been servicing Clevelanders for more then twenty years. Specializing in homemade breakfast and barbecue. 216.391.2230.

Underground Railroad Tours Available

Escape on the Underground Railroad - as Cleveland Metro parks relives the Journey to Freedom

(Garfield Heights, Ohio)

"Escape on the Underground Railroad" is an interactive and emotional two-hour journey where the public becomes part of the "show". Participant's travels back in time and become slaves, taken to illegal auction and sold to plantations in the South. Participants in this program will get a first-hand look at what the Underground Railroad was about, what it was like to be a runaway slave, and how runaways utilized nature in their escape. The program takes place at Hemlock Creek Picnic Area in Bedford Reservation. 216.341.3152.

Experience the Underground Railroad

(Brecksville, Ohio)

"Experience the Underground Railroad" is a partnership program between Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) that engages visitors in an interactive program in the role of escaping slaves. Throughout the program they meet first-person characters that provide a glimpse of the 1850s, hear a variety of opinions regarding slavery in Northeast Ohio, and experience the difficulties and dangers faced by escaping slaves. The program occurs the 1st and 2nd Saturday in November. Groups limited to 40 depart every 30 minutes on a 1.5-mile evening lantern hike around Indigo Lake and along the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail. It provides multiple perspectives throughout the program demonstrating the complexity of the issues associated with slavery in the 1850s. 330.657.2342.

A Fugitive's Path—Escape on the Underground Railroad

(Bath, Ohio)

"A Fugitive's Path—Escape on the Underground Railroad" is a 90-minute interactive program designed to give participants a first hand look many of the things runaway slaves encountered on their bid for freedom. Participants role-play the part of a fugitive slave and during the program they meet slave hunters, Quakers, abolitionists, free blacks and others. The program gives participants insight into the issues surrounding slavery and the life of a fugitive slave in the year 1852. This event runs February 23-24, March 2-3, March 9-10 and March 30-31. Hale Farm & Village. 330.666.3711.

Starlight Tours - **Toni Chandler 216.921.4246**

Indian Museum of Lake County

(Willoughby, OH)

The objectives of the Indian Museum and the Lake County Chapter of the ASO are to discover, collect and preserve archaeological sites and material related to the history and antiquities of Native Americans of Lake County, the State of Ohio and the North American Continent; to maintain and museum and library; to extend knowledge through the above means and by educational meetings, publications and other proper means.

Group Tours are made by reservation call .440.951.3813. www.indianmuseumoflakecounty.org