



30th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival
Presented by Savannah State University and the City of Savannah

“Celebrating 30 Years of Black History, Culture and Art”
Feb. 1–22, 2019

ANY CHANGES WITH PERFORMERS, DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS
WILL BE POSTED AT www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com

Feb 1-28. Live Oak Public Libraries celebrate Black History Month. Go to www.liveoakpl.org for full schedule of events and branch locations.

Feb 1-28. Savannah African Art Museum (SAAM). Exhibition of 1000-plus objects from 22 countries and over 130 West and Central African Cultures. Open Wednesday – Saturday, 11 a.m. –5 p.m. Free Admission. Tours available. Call 912-421-8168. 201 East 37th St.

Feb 1 & 2. 77th National Freedom Day Observance

Two days of activities commemorating President Abraham Lincoln’s signing a resolution for the 13th Constitutional Amendment to outlaw Slavery. Observance initiated by Richard R. Wright, former slave and 1st President of Savannah State University. WHCJ-FM 90.3 will broadcast students reading radio speeches delivered by President Wright as part of **the 30th Annual National African American Read-In Day**. *Presented by Savannah State University Student Affairs Office, The Wright Choice Initiative Mentoring Program.* **Call 912-358-3147 for a full schedule of events.**

Feb 2. 10 am - Memorial Wreath-laying (Simultaneously). African-American Monument , Haitian Monument , War II & Viet Nam Memorials. *Presented in part by Lester’s Florist.*
Rousakis Plaza, River Street; Franklin Square; and Emmet Park.

Feb 2. 11 am - 2:30 pm - “Celebrating Savannah’s Law, Part I.” Activities honoring Westley W. Law, Civil Rights Leader, Historian, Preservationist, Aesthete and Black Heritage Festival organizer.

11 am - Opening Ceremony & Celebration

12 pm - Youth Leadership Session. *Earl Shinhofter Youth Leadership Institute*

1:30 pm - Festival Artists Showcase & Exhibition. **Savannah Black Heritage**

Festival honors festival Poster Artists: Dr. Peggy Blood, Cindy Collins, Amiri Farris, Ligel Lambert, Wendell Smith, Napoleon Wilkerson and TJ Williams.

2 pm - Closing

Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum. 460 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Youth Groups, Call 912-232-2626 for information.

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Feb 3. 3 pm - Songs of Freedom and Justice. A Recital featuring the Savannah State University Concert Choral, Alumni, Faculty and Friends of SSU. *Presented by Savannah State University Department of Fine Arts, Humanities and Wellness.* **Butler Presbyterian Church, 603 Victory Dr.**

Feb 4. 6:30 pm – W. W. Law Lecture featuring Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, President and CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association; CEO of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network; & Leader of the Wilmington 10. *Presented in part by Carver State Bank and St. Philip AME Church.* **St. Philip AME Church, 613 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.**

Feb 5. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Community Dance Workshop and Master Class by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble. Register at 912-358-4309. *Presented in part by Gulfstream, Georgia Power and Carver State Bank.* **Savannah Civic Center, Johnny Mercer Theatre. 301 Oglethorpe Ave.**

Feb 5. 6:30 pm - Public Conversation with Cleo Parker Robinson, Artistic Director, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble. Pre-cursor to the February 6th premiere dance performance. *Presented in part by Gulfstream, Georgia Power, Carver State Bank and First Congregational Church.* **First Congregational Church, 421 Habersham St.**

Feb 6. 11 am - 18th Annual School Day Extravaganza featuring the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, for students grades 4–9. **Reservations required.** Home-schools & private schools call: **912-354-2657**. Curriculum Guide at www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com. *Presented in part by Gulfstream, Georgia Power and Carver State Bank*

Feb 6. 7:30 pm - Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble. Free admission. **Open Seating. TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED.** Unclaimed VIP seats released 10 minutes prior to curtain call. For info: 912-358-4309, or www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com, . **Presentation of 2019 Honorees: Dr. Peggy Blood, Kenya Cabine, Cynthia Collins and Dr. Cheryl Dozier.** *Presented in part by Gulfstream, Georgia Power and Carver State Bank.* **Savannah Civic Center, Johnny Mercer Theatre. 301 Oglethorpe Ave.**

Feb 7. 6:30 pm - 18th Annual New Beginning Art Exhibit Opening & Reception *Sponsored by the Savannah (GA) Chapter of The Links, Inc.* **Savannah Cultural Arts Center. Corner of Montgomery St. & Oglethorpe Ave. *Exhibit moves to the Savannah - Hilton Head International Airport (March 10-31)**

Feb 9. 8:30 am – 9 pm - GRAND FESTIVAL DAY
\$5 All-Day Admission Fee Bracelet - (Age 18 and older). Free admission for SSU Students with ID.

Savannah Civic Center, 301 Oglethorpe Ave.

An array of family-oriented activities ending with a star-studded concert.

- **8:30 am - Historic Health Walk.** Trace the steps of W.W. Law's Postal Route. **Convene and End at St. Matthews Episcopal Church Parking Lot (Anderson & Burroughs Streets).** *Presented by "Walk Georgia," University of Georgia Extension-Chatham County and WellCare of Georgia.* Pre-Registration Encouraged. Phone 912-652-7981 or Email uge3051@uga.edu

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- **12 - 2 pm - Annual Adult Health Fair.** Screenings, exercise demonstrations and more. **2nd Floor Mezzanine.** *Sponsored by St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems and Wellcare of Georgia*
- **12:30 pm - 8th Annual "Help Your Body Get Its Move On." Intergenerational Line-Dancing** engages young and the young-at-heart in a fun, rhythmic activity. **Ballroom, 3rd Floor. Admission: \$5 All-day bracelet.** *Coordinated by St. Joseph's/Candler Smart Seniors*
- **12-1:30 pm - Local Authors Corner.** Self-published local authors showcase their books. **Mason Room (1st Floor)**
- **2 pm - Savannah Stars with Magic Marc.** Performances by Savannah Y.E.S. Stars; and Magic Show. **Mason Room (1st Floor)**
- **3 – 5 pm - CRAFTS VILLAGE (Main Floor Gaming Area) ~4 CRAFTS ~ Open Enrollment. First Come, First Served. Limit 25 per craft per hour** May include, but not limited to: Doll-making, Mask-making, Jewelry-making, Drum-making
- **3:30 pm - Grand Festival Day Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony** launches local performances with host, Magic Marc. **M. L. King, Jr. Arena**
- 4:30 pm - Annual Youth Talent Extravaganza.** Featuring local youth talent and the "Line Dancing Seniors." *Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Savannah Alumnae Chapter*
- 7– 9 pm - Live concert** begins featuring Winners of Y.E.S. Talent Showcase. Featured performers: **The Dred Scott Blues Band, James Brown Academy of Musik Pupils (JAMP Band) and Headliner Mary Davis and the S.O.S. Band**

Feb 10. 3 pm - Art Exhibition, Opening Reception & Co-Lecture "Expressing 30 Years of Diversity, Black Heritage and Culture through Art" featuring local artists Richard Law, Karla Marriott and Tyriq Maxwell. Exhibition open M-F, 3:00 - 5:00.p.m. **Feb 10 - 28. Raw Image Barbershop and Studio, 113 East Montgomery Cross Rd.**

Feb 10. 5:30 pm - Annual Gospel Concert. Featuring **Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise.** Opening performances by the SSU Wesleyan and Anointed Voices, GSU/Armstrong Gospel choirs and the Savannah Mass Choir of the GMWA. *Presented in part by Overcoming by Faith Ministries and LifeLink of Georgia.* **Overcoming by Faith Ministries, 9700 Middleground Rd.**

Feb 11-15

Bright Star Children's Touring Theatre –Closed presentations in Savannah- Chatham County Schools. Dramatic productions include "Black History Hall of Fame; George Washington Carver and Friends; and Struggle for Freedom-The Life of Dr. King." *Presented in part by AmeriGroup*

Feb 11. 6:30 pm - Bright Star Theatre presents "Black History Hall of Fame." **Litway Missionary Baptist Church, 2335 Thunderbolt Rd.** *Presented in part by AmeriGroup.* **Open to the Public.**

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Feb. 12. 7 pm - Annual Future of Jazz Concert and Tribute to the Late Ben Tucker.

Featuring local and regional young jazz vocalists and instrumentalists. *Presented in part by the Jewish Educational Alliance and Good Times Jazz Bar & Restaurant.* **Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St.**

Feb 13. 6 pm - Bright Star Theatre presents "George Washington Carver and Friends." Tatumville Neighborhood Center, 333 Coleman St. *Presented in part by AmeriGroup.* **Open to the Public.**

Feb 13. 6:30 pm – "Celebrating Savannah's Law, Part II." A historian, preservationist, aesthete and community activist share W.W. Law's Impact and Legacy in Savannah. *Presented in part by The Telfair Museums.* **Jepson Center, 207 W. York St.**

Feb 14. 6:30 pm - Bright Star Theatre presents "Black History Hall of Fame." St. Philp AME Church, 613 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. *Presented in part by AmeriGroup.*

Feb 15. 4 pm - Bright Star Theatre presents "George Washington Carver and Friends." Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, 510 East Charlton St. *Presented in part by AmeriGroup*

Feb 15. TBD Sons of Mystro School Workshop (Closed). *Presented in part by Gulfstream, Georgia Power, Carver State Bank and Georgia Southern University Office of Diversity*

Feb 15. 7:30 pm - Sons of Mystro. Young classically trained violinists who use their instruments to interpret reggae, classics, American pop songs and their own creations accompanied by beats a DJ & guitarist. Free performance. **Doors Open at 7 pm.** *Presented in part by Gulfstream, Georgia Power, Carver State Bank and Georgia Southern University Office of Diversity.* **Georgia Southern University-Armstrong Campus, Fine Arts Auditorium.**

Feb 15 - 17. Sankofa Traveling African American Museum Exhibition. Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, 460 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

- **Feb 15. Schools Tour Day. For Reservations, call 912-231-8900**
- **Feb 16. Free Public Tours. 10 am - 4 pm**
- **Feb 17. Free Public Tours. 12 - 4 pm**

Feb 16. 7 pm - Dance Performance – Presented/conducted by Savannah State University's Obsidian Dance Repertory. **Savannah State University, Kennedy Theatre.**

Feb 17. 3 - 4:30 pm - Artists Table and Chair Talk. "The Current Political Environment and Its Impact on Artistic Expression." Facilitators: Richard Law, Karla Marriott and Tyriq Maxwell. **Raw Image Barbershop and Studio, 113 East Montgomery Cross Rd.**

Feb 17, 5:30 pm - "I Shall Not Be Moved." Master Storyteller Lillian Grant-Baptist will portray how storytelling, music and folklore have been used as tools of resistance and reconciliation throughout African American history. **Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship, 425 W. Montgomery Crossroads.**

Feb 18. 6:30-7:30 pm - Film Documentary, "In Tune, The Ben Tucker Story." The story of the life of legendary Jazz Icon and Community Leader Ben Tucker, and the history of Jazz in Savannah. *Presented by Friends of Ben, Inc.* **Free admission – all ages.** **Beach Institute African American Cultural Center, 502 East Harris St.**

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Feb 21. 5:30 pm A Dream Embraced: A Celebration of the Dreams, Voices and Poetry from the Harlem Renaissance. Featuring Lillian Grant-Battiste and the Young Men of Honor. Regional Center, 900 East Bolton St.

Feb 21, 7 pm - "This Joint is Jumpin' " - A Tribute to Black Broadway Musicals. Savannah State University Players by the Sea and SSU Concert Chorale present a musical revue highlighting popular African-American musicals. Reservations required for this one-night free performance. Email walkert@savannahstate.edu. **Savannah State University, Kennedy Fine Arts Theatre.**

Feb 22 10:30 am - Historical Marker Dedication - Preserving the legacy of African-Americans who settled along the White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Public Waterways. **Crusader Center, 81 Coffee Bluff Villa Road.**

A Majority of festival performances and activities are free and open to the public. Feb 9th. Grand Festival Day, \$5.00 All-day admission bracelet (18 yrs & older). SSU Students free with ID.

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**SBHF Marketing Partners Present**

**Jan 20, 5:00 p.m. Uganda Kids Choir Concert.** Free and open to the public. *Presented by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Savannah Alumnae Chapter.* **St. Paul CME Church, 1601 Barnard St.**

**Jan 23 - 27. Pulse Art + Technology Festival.** The Telfair Museums, Jepson Center, 207 W. York St. For information, Call 912-790-8800

**Jan 24 – Aug 31. SCAD Museum of Art Exhibitions.**

- Jan 24 – July 7. Nicholas Hlobo. "Unyukelo"
- Feb 21 - Aug 31. Walter O. Evans Centre for African American Studies: Azikiwe Mohammed. "Blackest Night: A Survey in Blackness."
- Feb 7 – July 13. Alex Gardner

**SCAD Museum of Art, 601 Turner Blvd. [www.scadmoa.org](http://www.scadmoa.org)**

**Feb 23. 12 pm - Black History Scholars Bowl Preliminary and Championship.** . SCCPS Middle School Student participants at Hubert, Myers, West Chatham, Southwest and STEM Academy at Bartlett. **Beach Institute African American Cultural Center, 502 East Harris St.**

**Feb 24, 4:00 p.m. W.W. Law, Civil Rights and the NAACP. Call 912-233-4161 for Location**

**Feb 28 - Mar 1. Annual Southern Regional Press Institute at Savannah State University.** A two-day mass media conference for college students & media workshops for elementary, middle and high school students. For information: [912.358.3378](tel:912.358.3378); [franklinr@savannahstate.edu](mailto:franklinr@savannahstate.edu); Website: [ssusrpi.com](http://ssusrpi.com).