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"The Art of Knowing" 32nd Annual Colorado Black Arts Festival



A Celebration of African American Arts and Culture

July 13-15, 2018
City Park West Denver Colorado

Colorado Black Arts Festival proudly presents its 32nd annual celebration of art and culture of the African diaspora. A Colorado experience like no other takes place July 13 - 15, 2018 in historic Denver City Park West. **This event is FREE and open to the public.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Colorado Black Arts Festival is to seek to involve the total community in helping to establish self-reliance, believing that pride in one's culture is the foundation for long-term stability and prosperity. The Colorado Black Arts Festival strives to develop, promote and celebrate African arts and culture in Colorado.

Towards the fulfillment of its mission, the CBAF is committed to the following objectives:

- Raise the level of appreciation for the role that Black arts and culture play in the development, growth and well-being of the community.
- Provide a medium for local Black talent in the area of visual and performing arts.
- Educate and stimulate cultural awareness.
- Cultivate harmony, pride, self-esteem, and unity.



OUR STORY

The Denver Black Arts Festival (DBAF) had its humble beginnings in 1986 when a small contingent of artist and art lovers lead by the Ayers brothers, Oye and Perry, felt the lack of opportunities for African American visual and performing artists in the Denver Metro area was detrimental to the survival of the artists who were compelled to do art. They felt this lack of opportunity for the artist denied the African American community the education, ideas, movement, words, voices, beauty, colors, dimensions and contradictions of creativity that the arts engender, and that contribute to pride and self-esteem.

The first festival took place in August 1987. It rained the full two days of the festival when a small audience of determinedly fixed believers refused to go home. The next year the Festival

was moved to July not to be vulnerable to Colorado's August monsoons. In 1988, the second annual festival drew an audience of well over 30,000. By 1990, attendance reached over 60,000. In 2009, the DBAF changed its name to Colorado Black Arts Festival, an appropriate name in light of the state-wide reach of the event. Since its inception, the African diaspora art and cultural celebration has been a consistent July event for the community. In 2011, the Colorado Black Arts Festival will celebrate its 25th year Anniversary. The Colorado Black Arts Festival has attracted patrons and artists from around the world and has become Colorado's premiere celebration of African-American arts and culture. The Festival has received many awards for its outstanding Festival presentation including the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Parade

Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

This highly anticipated festival event is down 22nd Ave between Downing and York Streets. It is a festive, colorful, and elaborate showcase of community pride that thrills thousands of parade spectators both young and old alike, as they watch the procession down a tree-lined neighborhood avenue leading to the main archway of Denver City Park. Crowds flock to claim their spot to witness the pageantry of the parade participants. The crowds are never disappointed as they feel the energy and excitement while watching drill and drum teams, youth groups, civic groups, and colorful floats. Celebrity guests, local politicians, sports and media personalities not to be denied the fun and excitement, make sure that they have a spot in the parade.

A Car Show will feature community car clubs displaying their treasured and well-preserved hot-rods and cars for festival goers to enjoy and discuss with the owners.



CAR SHOW



African American Visual Arts Row

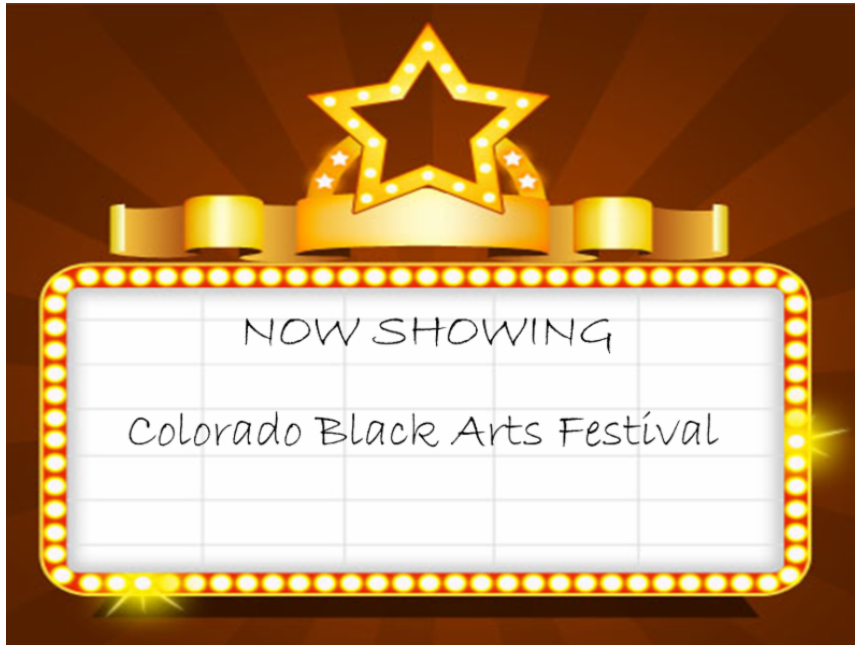
The African American Visual Arts Row will be a prominent venue for all to enjoy and purchase artwork of professional and budding artist. Noted elite African American Visual Artists will exhibit their



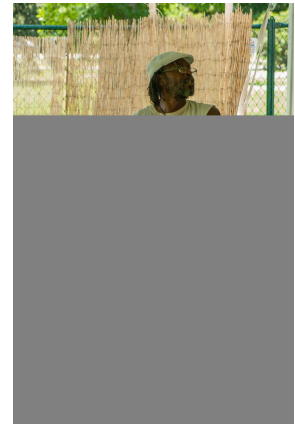
finest original works. An all media show will include paintings, oils, acrylics and watercolors, drawings, etchings, pen, ink, charcoal, folk art, and silk screen. Other media includes collage, glass, fiber, woodcarvings, jewelry, and sculpture.

Scavenger Hunt is for festival attendees of all ages to explore answers to "the clues".

Prizes will be awarded. This is a fun family or friend activity.

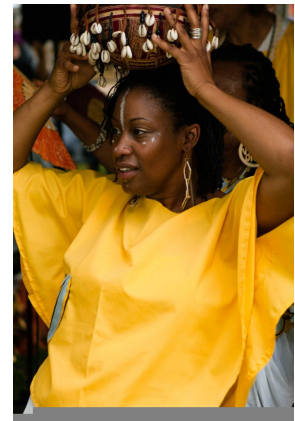


Joda Village Stage and Compound



Film Pavilion

Will feature interesting films written, produced and directed by African Americans and films with a majority African-American cast will be shown in the Film Pavilion. You will also see documentaries about Blacks in Denver, Colorado and short films by talented African American filmmakers. Get your popcorn at the Film Pavilion and enjoy the show.



The Joda Village Stage and Compound was named in honor of Mr. Adetunji Joda- teacher, master drummer and dancer who taught traditional Nigerian African Dance and Drum in Denver for more than 40 years.

Kuumba Stage

[Click here](#) to see the full day line-up of entertainment for Saturday, July 14th and Sunday, July 15th.

The Joda Village Stage showcases creative interpretations of Brazilian, Caribbean and African drum and dance, spoken word, African roots music, and Reggae.

Youth Fest

**Friday July 13, 2018
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

FEATURING VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTIST



Opalanga D. Pugh Children's Pavilion for Art and Learning

This is a venue for children and the entire family to create, to learn and to have fun. There are culturally relevant activities and education for enlightenment and entertainment.



Community Mural

Community Mural is a prominent venue within the Visual Arts area. The Community Mural is part of the festival 2018's art sharing project where the Professional and Amateur will work together to create several 4' by 8' panel works of art. This engaging activity will allow you to learn art techniques used by professional artists.

Demonstrations in West African drum and dance Capoeira will be given in Joda Village.

A beautiful short play "African Stories and Folklore" will be presented by Baba Ken Grimes and special guest.

Art Garden



**"Watu-Sakoni"
People's
Marketplace**

Health Highways

The Health Highway is a designated zone for all things health/wellness related. This year's feature is "The Passport to Health: Learn and Get the Facts for Health Empowerment."

Our goals are to create interactive activities and engaging experiences for the festival participants.

Activities include hands-on demonstrations, games such as spin and win, Tic-Tac-Toe, BINGO, healthy cooking



demonstrations and fitness workshops.

****First Aid is located here and staffed by professional nurses.

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Food Court

Food Court will have an assortment of tasty and affordable food offerings prepared and presented by local restaurants, caterers and confectionaries. The food court will feature delicious foods from the American South, the African continent, the Caribbean, and American favorites at affordable prices.

DENVER CITY PARK

FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday July 13, 2018
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday July 14, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday July 15, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PARKING

Parking is available in the blocks surrounding the West end of City Park with the three main gates at 21st and York, off 17th Avenue park roadway and next to the Martin Luther King, Jr. monument. Please observe all City of Denver rules and regulations regarding vehicle parking. Be kind to the neighborhood residents and not block driveways or alleyways. On Saturday, July 14th only, free parking is allowed Ferrill Lake.

PETS

Please be kind to your pets and leave them at home when you visit the Colorado Black Arts Festival. ONLY service dogs are allowed as long as they have identification as a helper. Pets are highly discouraged due to the heat, large crowds, noise levels and for the safety your pet and festival patrons.

For more festival information [click here.](#)



15th Annual
King M. Trimble, Esq.
Tea & Roses Senior Social

Please join us for the 15th Annual
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Tea and Roses Senior Social

Thurs., July 19th 2018
11a - 1p
City Park Pavilion

RSVP by Fri. July 13th to (720) 337-7709 or
via email at District9@denvergov.org
Seating is Limited!

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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018
4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Black American West Museum for the
presentation of the Film**

DEACONS FOR DEFENSE

(2003)

A true story of men protecting their community from the Klan.

Starring Ossie Davis and Forest Whitaker, a must see!

Donations welcome
Refreshments Available

SAVE THE DATES!



SWINGING AUGUST NIGHTS
August 11, August 18, August 25

2590 N. Washington Street
Denver, CO 80205

Get ready to twist, twirl and dance the night away on Saturday evenings in Five Points.

Swinging August Nights is a free 1940's Jazz themed outdoor music and dance event series in the historic community of Five Points. ZoZo Outdoor has teamed up with Community-Minded Dance (CMDance) to present outdoor swing dance events for the public.

Join us for a series of free Saturday night community events featuring hula hoop and Double Dutch competitions for the youth Benefiting Colorado Swing Dance Club (CSDC), a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the joy of swing dancing

Take the light rail to Five Points. Enjoy the summer sunset with us!

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