

FREE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Sixth annual festival features HBCU college fair and interactive arts & history experiences

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Jan. 26, 2023 – Get free admission to the Charlotte Museum of History and celebrate Charlotte’s Black history and culture on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the sixth annual African American Heritage Festival, hosted by the history museum.

This year’s festival focuses on the importance of education and self care and will feature interactive performances, workshops, an HBCU college fair and a keynote address by Jaki Shelton Green, North Carolina’s first African American Poet Laureate. The festival also includes an art show, interactive art project, local vendors and special tours of the 1774 Rock House and historic homesite.

The festival is sponsored by the Arts & Science Council, and the Jaki Shelton Green lecture is a Ron Hankins “History Talks” lecture, sponsored by Wells Fargo.

This year’s festival schedule includes:

- 11 a.m. Performance by Greenville Community CYO Marching Corp
- 11:30 a.m. Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop with Soul Liberation Wellness
- 12:15 p.m. Keynote Address by North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green
- 1:30 p.m. Interactive Double Dutch demonstration with Jumping Dreams Double Dutch
- 1:30 p.m. Personal Museum Workshop with Jaki Shelton Green, sharing how people can use objects to tell their personal histories and create a mini exhibit about themselves
- 2:30 p.m. HBCU Leaders Panel with representatives from Bennett College, Fayetteville State University and Winston Salem State University
- 3:00 p.m. Bilingual children’s program featuring African rhythms and dance with Criss Cross Mangosauce
- 4:00 p.m. Musical performance by Drums 4 Life

How to Go

The festival is free for all ages. More information at charlottemuseum.org/aahf23.



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The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region's history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the [1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and homesite](#), which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. The museum is the future home of the [historic Siloam School](#). Visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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