

Black History Month 2019

Event Schedule



FEBRUARY 1 TO 28 (EXCLUDING MONDAYS)

The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Freedom!

Oakville Museum | 8 Navy St, Oakville | 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

In this exciting and moving multi-media presentation, the ghost of Deborah Brown tells the true story of her heroic flight from a life of slavery in Maryland to her new life of freedom in 19th-century Toronto.

FEBRUARY 1 TO 28 (EXCLUDING WEEKENDS)

African Canadian Art Exhibition – “Beyond the Journey”

Oakville Town Hall | 1225 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Exhibit includes 50 artworks at the Oakville Town Hall by contemporary African Canadian artists; facilitated tours of the exhibit available.

FEBRUARY 7

Celebrating Black History Month Kick-Off Event

QEP Community & Cultural Centre | 2302 Bridge Rd, Oakville | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- Includes the invocation and opening ceremony by master drummer, **Njacko Backo**.
- **Diana Braithwaite, Chris Whiteley**, and Band “Round Midnight” Jazz Show. This entertaining tribute show by award winning performers Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley features some of the best loved jazz songs made famous by legends like Louis Armstrong, Dinah Washington, and Sarah Vaughan and includes the renowned jazz standard composed by Thelonius Monk – “Round Midnight”. (25-30 minutes)
- **"Oakville Early Black History"** traveling exhibition provided by the Oakville Museum; displays with pictures and text will be exhibited at the QEP Community & Cultural Centre until to the end of February.
- Poster and Art Exhibition: Display of Sheridan College students’ research project and exhibition – **“The Life and Times of Ira Junius Johnson”** exhibition – posters, artwork and text – by Humanities & Social Sciences Department, Sheridan College; hosted and facilitated by students and faculty members. Exhibit then re-located to Trafalgar Park Community Centre for duration of BHM. 133 Rebecca St, Oakville, ON L6K 1J5

FEBRUARY 9

Art Hive Open Studio

Iroquois Ridge Community Centre | 1051 Glenashton Dr, Oakville | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join us for this new and innovative Black History Month offering inspired by the Art Hive project. Facilitated by accomplished visual artist Camille King, MA, UWI, participants will create art in a relaxed and informal setting. Offered in partnership between CCAH, The Hive and the Oakville Museum, these open-studio style workshops will offer a unique, inclusive blend of art-making, African-Canadian experience, and connections to Oakville's seniors and growing newcomer communities. At its heart, an Art Hive is about inclusion, respect and learning. Participating allows individuals to connect with others, make art and build communities in a welcoming place.

FEBRUARY 17

West African and Afro-Caribbean Drumming

Milton Public Library | 1010 Main St E, Milton | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Interactive performances with Njacko Backo and World Drummers. Audience will participate in a drumming circle demonstration.

FEBRUARY 18

Family Day with CCAH

QEP Community & Cultural Centre | 2302 Bridge Rd, Oakville | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- Steelpan music by CCAH Steelband from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Roger Gibbs and CCAH Seniors: Parang/Creole music performance from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

FEBRUARY 19 (PRIVATE EVENT)

***All About the Blues* with Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley**

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School | 2420 Sixth Line, Oakville

Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley are award winning musicians. *All About the Blues – The Story of the Underground Railroad*. Their programs are highly interactive and demonstrate the history and heritage and links to Canada. Live music and slides presented to grades 9 to 12. Program is 50 minutes in length.

FEBRUARY 20 (PRIVATE EVENT)

Lunch & Learn with John Campbell

Halton Regional Police Headquarters | 2485 North Service Rd W, Oakville | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Featuring an African history and music performance for Halton Regional Police Service.

February 20 (PRIVATE EVENT)

Multicultural Food Night

Sunningdale Public School | 1434 Oxford Ave, Oakville | 10:40 am – 11:50 am

CCAHA Steelband will provide a musical backdrop to enhance the overall experience of Multicultural Food Night which showcases a variety of dishes from around the world.

FEBRUARY 21

Public Film Screening Hosted by Sheridan College

Sheridan College | 1430 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | Room B125 | 7:00 pm

In collaboration with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton and the Sheridan Student Union, Sheridan Reads presents a screening of the top-grossing movie of 2018: *Black Panther*. Directed by Ryan Coogler, *Black Panther* is nominated for Best Picture at this year's Academy Awards, airing February 24th. Join us for this pre-Oscar screening as we cheer on *Black Panther*, celebrate Black History Month, and look forward to further conversations about works of African-fantasy as Sheridan Reads welcomes Man Booker Prize-winning author Marlon James on March 4th to discuss his "African Game of Thrones", *Black Leopard, Red Wolf*.

FEBRUARY 22 (PRIVATE EVENT)

Pop-Up Music Event Hosted by Sheridan Student Union

Sheridan College | 1430 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | SSU Atrium | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

The SSU will be holding a pop-up interactive musical performance by John Campbell in the SSU Atrium as part of BHM and Sheridan Family Day celebrations. Traditional Caribbean food such as roti and Jamaican pattiy will be served.

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FEBRUARY 26 (PRIVATE EVENT)

In School Program

Munn's Public School | 1511 Sixth Line, Oakville | 10:40 am – 11:50 am

Calyptonian singer Roger Gibbs together with steelpan player Pat McNeilly will perform Caribbean folk music. This is an interactive performance with traditional Caribbean folk songs and stories. (Grades 3 and 4 at 10:40 am – 11:15 am; Grades 5 and 6 at 11:15 am – 11:50 am)

FEBRUARY 27 (PRIVATE EVENT)

Passing It On: Black Oral Traditions, History, and Music

Acclaim Health - Sheridan College (K-Wing) | 1430 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Village of Tansley Woods | 4100 Upper Middle Rd, Burlington | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Calyptonian singer Roger Gibbs together with steelpan player Pat McNeilly will perform Caribbean folk music. This is an interactive performance by, and for seniors, with traditional Caribbean folk songs and stories. Participants will be encouraged to sing and will have opportunities to play percussion instruments and share their own stories.

FEBRUARY 27 (PRIVATE EVENT)

Black History Educational Music Performance

Ontario Correctional Institute | 109 McLaughlin Rd S, Brampton | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

John Campbell will present an interactive/educational performance to the inmates. Accompanying each musical performance will be a description of the song and how it is historically relevant to Black history. While John performs the music, a projector will scroll through a series of images in order to enhance the cultural and historical significance. Oakville Steelpan Duo will also be performing a variety of melodies.