



## Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH)

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### COMPLETE LISTING OF CCAH BLACK HISTORY MONTH FREE EVENTS:

**February 1- 29** (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- 29** (excluding Weekends): African Canadian Art Exhibition – “Our Journey” Oakville Town Hall | 1225 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Curated by celebrated artist Joan Butterfield, this exhibit includes 50 artworks at the Oakville Town Hall by contemporary African Canadian artists; facilitated tours of the exhibit available.

**January 30 – February 20: Oakville Community Foundation Community Classroom: Elementary School Steelpan Drumming Workshops (12 performances):** Holy Family School; St. Mary School, St. Teresa of Calcutta School; St. Marguerite d’Youville School; West Oak Public School; Sunningdale Public School, St. Luke School; Our Lady of Peace School; and St Joan of Arc School.

Members of the CCAH Steelpan Band provide a live performance, a narrative and a key instruction of the instruments. The performances also provide for dialogue and discussion on the history and art of steelpan drumming.

**February 4: Diana & Chris perform “All About the Blues” at the Village of Tansley Woods Retirement Residence, Burlington** 4100 Upper Middle Rd | 3:00 pm -4:00 pm

All About the Blues is a lively interactive musical performance featuring songs, slides and the spoken word. The music and history themed show was created by multiple Maple Blues award winning artists Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley who during the performance educate and entertain audiences while taking them on a musical journey back in history to discover the early origins of Blues musicians and the music they performed.

The presentation is educational while being entertaining. Throughout the performance, Diana and Chris talk about the history of the blues and then give examples by performing songs and telling stories that relate to the music, historical times and cultural experience of this over one-hundred-year-old celebrated musical art form.

**February 5 (Closed event): Diana & Chris perform “All About the Blues” at Thomas A. Blakelock High School, Oakville** 1160 Rebecca Street | 8:30 am – 9:30am

**February 6: Official Black History Month Kick-Off Event.** Oakville Town Hall | 1225 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**February 7 (Closed event): Diana & Chris perform “All About the Blues” at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School** 1550 Nottingham Gate, Oakville | 1:30 pm – 2:30pm

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**February 7: Burlington Caribbean Connection Black History Month event.** Port Nelson United Church Hall, 3132 South Drive, Burlington | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**February 9: Sunrise Seniors Living Residence, Burlington I** 5401 Lakeshore Rd I CCAH Community Parang/Creole players Interactive Concert | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

This is a CCAH group formed in 2017 as a result of a music program Federal grant for seniors and is led by professional Calypsonian **Roger Gibbs** (Toronto). Their repertoire is traditional Caribbean folk music, like Calypso and parang – traditional music from Trinidad & Tobago. They have performed at local music events and in seniors' homes.

**February 9: Art Hive Open Studio at the Village of Tansley Woods Retirement Residence, Burlington** 4100 Upper Middle Rd I 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm:

Join us for this new and innovative Black History Month 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, this open-studio style workshop will offer a unique, inclusive blend of art-making. At its heart, an Art Hive is about inclusion, respect and learning. Participating allows individuals to connect with others, make art and build relationships in a welcoming place.

**February 10: Sheridan College - Sheridan Student Union Black History Month Pop-Up Music Concert.** The SSU will be holding an interactive musical performance by **John Campbell** in the SSU Atrium as part of Black History Month celebrations. Hosted by Sheridan Student Union (SSU) Sheridan College | 1430 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville | SSU Atrium | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

John Campbell has been composing and performing since his childhood and now is very active in the local music scene in Toronto. John recently played the leading role in the acclaimed stage musical “Dreamgirls” which appeared in a number of venues. John has a long list of musical accomplishments and continues to give solo and group performances at numerous venues including, Massey Hall, Roy Thompson Hall, Revival, Bar Italia, and the Rosewater Supper Club.

**February 10: Town of Milton Black History Month Proclamation** Milton Town Hall 150 Mary Street, Milton | TBA

**February 11: Roger Gibbs Inter-Active Music Therapy at the Village of Tansley Woods Long Term Care Residence, Burlington** 4100 Upper Middle Rd I 1:30pm – 2:30pm

**February 15 (Closed event): Art Hive Studio at Acclaim Health Seniors' Day Program, Oakville Trafalgar Campus K-Wing I** 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**February 17: Family Day with CCAH.** QEP Community & Cultural Centre | 2302 Bridge Rd, Oakville | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Steelpan music by CCAH Steelpan Band from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and Roger Gibbs with the CCAH Seniors Parang/Creole group perform 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**February 18: Roger Gibbs Inter-Active Music Therapy at the Village of Tansley Woods Long Term Care Residence, Burlington** 4100 Upper Middle Rd I 1:30pm – 2:30pm

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**February 19 (Closed event): Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Black History Month Concert**

Featuring: Njacko Backo and Kalimbas. 2420 Sixth Line, Oakville | 10:00 am – 11:00 am

A native of Cameroon, Njacko Backo has a lifetime of practice in capturing the subtlety of dance and storytelling with his music – an essential part of the African performing arts. His programs for children and youth draw on parallels and differences between Canadian and African family life. Njacko is very active in the arts community as a performer and educator and has contributed to CCAH programs in the past.

**February 19 (Closed event): Oakville/Burl/Milton Fire Services Lunch ‘n Learn.** Featuring: Karolyn Smardz-Frost, Keynote Speaker. Topic: Digging for the Promise Land. Music by Roger Gibbs | 12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm

Karolyn Smardz Frost is a Canadian historian, archaeologist, and professor of history. She has a bachelor's degree in Archaeology, a master's degree in Classical Studies and a PhD in Canadian History. She was one of the founders of Toronto's Archaeological Resource Centre which provides archaeological education to school children.

Roger Gibbs has recorded three CD's featuring his band Shak Shak. He describes his music as Caribbean Acoustic, a contemporary blend of his Calypso and folk Caribbean roots. In 2012 he received a special award from Toronto Caribbean Carnival Festival for his contribution to calypso in Canada.

**February 19: Sheridan College Black History Month Movie Screening.** Documentary about the Sir George Williams Riot in 1969 entitled “Ninth Floor” at 1430 Trafalgar Rd, (Sheridan Trafalgar Campus) Room B125. This will include a facilitated discussion led by Sheridan faculty and speakers from the local Black Community to share perspectives and experiences. Start time 7:00 pm

**February 20 (Closed event): Halton Regional Police Services Lunch ‘n Learn.** Featuring: Karolyn Smardz-Frost, Keynote Speaker. Topic: Digging for the Promise Land. Music by Roger Gibbs at HRPS Headquarters 2485 North Service Rd. West, Oakville | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**February 22: Art Hive Open Studio** Oakville Museum, 8 Navy St, Oakville | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**February 23: Milton Public Library – Black History Month Interactive West African and Afro-Caribbean Drumming Event.** Featuring: Njacko Backo and Kalimbas at Work. Milton Public Library | 1010 Main St E, Milton, Bandura Lounge. | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**February 24 (Closed event): St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School - Caribbean Cooking Class for students (2 classes) Featuring Chef Delvon Greene** 1550 Nottinghill Gate, Oakville | 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

**February 24 (Closed event): Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School – Caribbean Cooking Class for students (1 Class) Featuring Chef Delvon Greene** 2420 Sixth Line, Oakville | 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

**February 25 (Closed event): Roger Gibbs Inter-Active Music Therapy at Acclaim Health Seniors' Day Program, Oakville Trafalgar Campus K-Wing I** 11:00 am-12:00 noon

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**February 25: Roger Gibbs Inter-Active Music Therapy at the Village of Tansley Woods Long Term Care Residence, Burlington** 4100 Upper Middle Rd I 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**February 29: Art Hive Open Studio (Children aged 6yrs to 12yrs)** Sherwood Community Centre and Library  
6355 Main Street West, Milton I 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

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