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## Juneteenth 2019 More Than a Month Festival

**North Brentwood, MD (May 2, 2019) – Prince George’s African American Museum and Cultural Center** is ‘A Home for Black Excellence’ and we proudly present #MoreThanAMonth, a four-day festival full of joy, cultural excitement and entertainment for the whole family. Our 2019 theme is inspired by the honorable Marcus Garvey’s quote, “Up You Mighty Race, Accomplish What You Will!” We recognize past accomplishments across the African diaspora, and seek to empower Black futures, innovators, and community influencers.

This year we launched our ‘More Than a Month’ campaign that celebrates Black creatives, innovators and community influencers year-round. Our campaign is a multiplatform engagement initiative that seeks to drive social awareness to highlight the accomplishments and upward mobility of the Black DMV community. Through this campaign we have developed public programming that serves the diverse needs of our supporters through educational events, workshops, festivals, and exhibitions.

Come celebrate Juneteenth at our More Than A Month Festival, a jubilant journey through Black history and Black futures! #MoreThanAMonth affirms and supports all that we do and all we have done. #MoreThanAMonth festival brings the spirit of Pan Africanism alive, with informative chats, live entertainment, wellness + sports, food and fun! Learn, Create, Connect @PGAAMCC.

Our festival will be featured in conjunction with Halycon’s second annual By the People festival. As a museum and community center our work aligns with the Halycon: By The People 2019 initiative to highlight intersectionality through contemporary art and social interactions. DC’s arts and dialogue festival brings people together around the themes of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The festival showcases the rich arts and culture scene and the celebration of local creatives.

*Prince George’s African American Museum and Cultural Center is a rich and celebrated treasure of the Gateway Arts District and model for cultural origination, brining attention, prestige, and business development to the local North Brentwood, Prince George’s County Community. Through public events and exhibitions PGAAMCC explores the Black experience within a variety of contexts – history, arts and culture, ethnicity, religion, spirituality, faith, folk tradition and customs.*

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### **Juneteenth Event Schedule:**

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm | Sunday Scholar Brunch \$25**

Fatherhood: the significance in the 21st century. A biographical and historical evaluation of the concept of fatherhood with Robert Rouse.

Robert Rouse is a native Washingtonian, who has been married to Denise for thirty-two years. They are the proud parents of two wonderful young women. While serving as a firefighter he mentored numerous young men and boys for more than two decades. Though his parents divorced in his youth, he maintained contact with his father and sought out, albeit subconsciously, positive men in the community and school to emulate. Those years were impactful, thus in adulthood he began in earnest providing a positive example to others in his community.

**Wed. June 19, 6-9pm | From U Street to the Cotton Club \$10**

“Take the A-Train” on a musical journey through DC’s thriving live music scene. U Street roaring nightlife, mirrored the most famous of Harlem clubs, hear song covers of Fats Waller, Cab Calloway, and DC’s own Duke Ellington from ‘In Series’ local talents, Krislynn Perry, Nigel Rowe and Reenie Codelka on piano. Hear hit tunes, such as: Minnie The Moocher, I’ve Got The World on A String, Stormy Weather, Ain’t Misbehavin’ & More!

‘For the Culture’ | Conversation moderated by Monica Montgomery + Creators Coalition panelists + Andre Taylor of On Us Tees

**Thurs. June 20, 6-9pm FREE | The Observable Universe by Education Curator Dr. Synatra Smith**

Reimagine time and space through technology and fantasy! The Observable Universe is an interactive discussion of Afrofuturist films throughout the Diaspora from the 1970s to the present. We explore such films as Touki Bouki, Space Is the Place, and City of God. Share, engage, and be inspired to create your own Afrofuturist observable universe!

**Fri. June 21, 6-9pm | Summer Solstice Fashion Show | Fashion Show (6-7:30 pm) + Afterparty (7:00-9pm)** Cost: \$15 (fashion show entry w/ 1 free drink), \$25 (fashion show entry, after party, 1 free drink, gift bag, Soul Illuminance cup)

PGAAMCC presents Summer Solstice Fashion Show!

Experience Black Star Fashions and walk the red carpet and celebrate summer green designs from featured multi-media artist, Quest Skinner. Coming off of a Catharsis installation on the National Mall, Quest is bringing vibrant, colorful, decadent, and transformative designs to PGAAMCC’s #MoreThanAMonth festival. Join us as we celebrate Black beauty, Black fashion, and Black creatives all year round.

Her style is “influenced by seeing ourselves as a full spectrum of colors, shapes, and spirits. The clothing collection is West African, Apache, and modern infused fabrics with lines that flatter all shapes and sizes”. You don’t want miss it!

**Sat. June 22, 12-7pm FREE | PGAAMCC Block Party**

You are invited to the cookout! PGAAMCC and Creators Collaborative bring to you a Block Party for the whole family! Music, Games, Trivia, Food, Vendors, and Live Art will fill

PGAAMCC's parking lot and outdoor pavillion. And if you can't take the heat come inside and experience our 3 galleries, with exclusive talks with artists and community leaders on Education, Wellness, and Financial Literacy.

In collaboration with Creators Coalition, JessBeCreative, On Us Tees, Museum Hue