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PGAAMCC Presents Black Futures Week and The Annual Rated PG Black Arts Festival

Black Futures Week 2018

As a segue into festival season, PGAAMCC will present Black Futures week, which will take place September 23rd-27th, 2018. Black Futures Week is a series of curated events that will investigate a prosperous future for members of the African Diaspora. The week is a build-up to our biggest event of the year, The Rated PG Black Arts Festival. For more information about Black Futures Week and to access the schedule of events, please visit pgaamcc.org.

Rated PG Black Arts Festival 2018

Returning for another year at Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center, The Rated PG Black Arts Festival is a woman-centered festival that presents and promotes the talented voices of visual and performing artists in our local community. As women of color strive for equal representation in the art world, mass media, and the workplace, PGAAMCC creates a safe space where Black women's achievements and diversity of talent can be celebrated. Curated by returning artist Yaya Bey, Rated PG will feature performances, discussions, and a vendor market – all created and led by black women. The dynamic line up of performers for this year's festival include: Zenizen, Saint Mela, Tamika Love Jones, The Coolots, and Blaque Stone. Event DJs include Boston Chery and Niara Sterling. Last year's festival was great success and hosted over 1000 people from throughout the DMV. Come join us this year for more fun!

This Rated PG: Black Arts Festival will take place on September 29th, 2018 from 1-7pm at the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center, located at 4519 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood MD 20722.

More About PGAAMCC:

Visitors can enjoy daily gallery tours of the permanent collection "Sharing Our Stories: Treasures from the Museum Collection" and "Footsteps from North Brentwood;" these exhibitions feature artifacts and historical documents that explore the first African American townships, schools, business, and communities that were established in Prince George's County. The Rated PG Festival will also be the closing day of the exhibitions: If I knew then what I know now, curated by Yaya Bey and Mothership to the Ancestral Plane, a Culture Keepers Youth Exhibition curated by Synatra Smith.

PGAAMCC not only presents dynamic on-site initiatives; we also provide education outreach programs to Prince George's County youth of all ages. PGAAMCC education outreach programs include Early Keepers: early childhood arts education, Museum-In-A-Box: in-class museum presentations, and Culture Keepers: arts and social justice after-school program for high school students. These programs are currently serving over 4,000 Prince George's County Public School

students annually. **For more information on Black Futures Week, The Rated PG Black Arts Festival, or PGAAMCC, please contact Tomora Wright, Marketing Manager**