

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN BRISTOL



PROGRAMME 2010

Introduction

Black History Month (BHM) is a remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. Since 1976, it is celebrated annually in the United States of America and Canada in February and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the month of October.

The origins of BHM go back to 1926 when Carter G Woodson, editor for 30 years of the Journal of Negro History, established African Caribbean celebrations in America.

BHM is about those who have and continue to make a difference, not purely because of the colour of their skin, but their actions. From William Wilberforce to Paul Stephenson, from Bob Marley to Dizzie Rascal they are all a part of Black History.

The month aims to:

- Promote knowledge of Black History and experience.
- Circulate information on positive Black contributions to British Society.
- Heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people and their cultural heritage.

Akyaaba Addai Sebbo is viewed as the person who set up Black History Month in Britain. Akyaaba worked for the Greater London Council (GLC) and worked with them to establish the event in 1987.

Black History Month sparks an annual debate about the continued usefulness of a month dedicated to the history of one race.

Event listings:

Indie Soul Mixer presents BLACK HISTORY MONTH LAUNCH

1st October 2010 | 5pm-8pm | Colston Hall
| 13 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5AR | Free

Indie Soul Mixer in partnership with ACYE will be delivering an exciting flagship event for Black History Month. Its main aim is to develop young people's understanding of black identity and heritage and promote anti-violence and cohesion. The evening will consist of a discussion with the selected panellists creating dialogue within the community. Members of the public in attendance will be encouraged to ask questions.

This event is supported by Bristol Legacy Commission.

**Featuring Prominent Artists -
aka Subliminal - Canada, K*ners - Bristol.**

Supported by the African -
Caribbean Young Enterprise
Mike Ashley indiesoulmixer@gmail.com
or call 07740 284764

Theatre West presents - Children of Salt

2nd October 2010 | 8.30pm | Alma Tavern &
Theatre | 18-20 Alma Vale Road, Clifton,
BS8 2HY | £9/£7 concessions

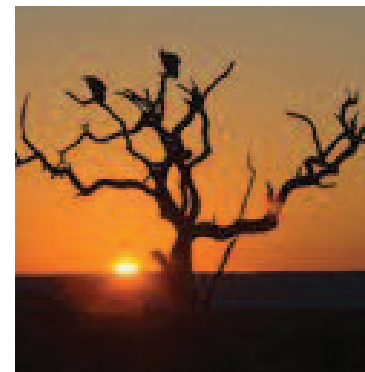
Across the country on the same night they struck; The Children of Salt. For thirty days they shot, hacked or beat anyone they could find. Now, years later, Kgosi and Abena have found new life in each other. But when son Ogun returns and starts to question Kgosi's motives, doubt and paranoia begin to poison their relationship.

When you have witnessed genocide, can you ever truly find peace?

Website: www.almataverntheatre.co.uk



St Paul's Carnival 2010





Concert with Fidelis Mherembi - master of Mbira & Marimba

2nd October 2010 | 7.30pm | Pierian Centre
| 27 Portland Square, St. Paul's, Bristol
BS2 8SA |

Music For All empowers the children of Zimbabwe by making music part of their lives. A night of music, film, poetry and dance - proceeds go to Matirige school to buy instruments for the children.

There will be a charge please contact Pierian on 0117 924 4512

Call 07814 294509 or
mbiramusic@yahoo.co.uk



AFRifest – Festival of Culture & Heritage of Africa

2nd October 2010 | 10am until late |
Malcolm X Centre | 141 City Road, Bristol
BS2 8YH | 0117 955 4497 | Free

African Voices Forum in collaboration with Malcolm X ,The Black Development Agency,



African and African-Caribbean Community Organisations and their partners are organising "Afrifest 2010"- an event that aims to portray the African Culture, recognising and displaying the diverse heritage of Africa and its achievement of Black History.

Black & Minority Ethnic Voluntary & Community Service Fair

4th October 2010 | 3pm until 9pm | Council
House | College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR

The event is specifically aimed at agencies that have a specific remit to work with and advocate on behalf of Black and minority ethnic individuals. The event is an opportunity for agencies both statutory and non-statutory voluntary and private to share their wealth of knowledge on issues that impact on Black and minority ethnic communities in Bristol. Stall holders from a range of providers of services will be in attendance all of whom will be offered an opportunity to talk about their

current and future plans. The evening offers an opportunity to meet some local performers playing music that has inspired the world.

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0117 922 2358

10 week free IT Course

7th October 2010 | 1pm – 3.30pm | Then every Thursday for 10 weeks | St Paul's Learning Centre | 94 Grosvenor Road, Bristol BS2 8XJ | Free |

Supporting individuals to research & document their family and the varied communities for whom St Paul's is home, using different IT techniques. Why not make a calendar for example and learn some research skills along the way! The event is supported by the Family Learning Centre in the heart of St Paul's.

Vandana Sharma on 0117 914 5477

Bristol & South Glos People First - Black History month celebration/ information day.

13th October 2010 | 10am - 2pm | Vassall Centre | Gill Avenue, Bristol BS16 2QQ | Free – please bring own food.

An information day for adults with learning difficulties and their carers. People will have a chance to find out about other cultures through art, food, music, talks and workshops. **The Bristol & South Gloucestershire People First on 0117 941 5842 leave a message for Valerie Mower or Fred Miller**

Verbalized – An evening of exceptional poetry

14th October 2010 | 8pm | Bristol Old Vic | King Street, Bristol BS1 4ED | £10/£7 concessions

To celebrate Black History Month, the inaugural event for Word of Mouth at the





Bristol Old Vic is Verbalized, an evening of performance by an astounding 13 poets from the UK and South Africa taking to the studio stage for the first time together.

Verbalized brings together some of the most renowned and electrifying poets that the UK and Africa has to offer and plants them firmly in the heart of Bristol. Hosted by Bristol's very own Byron Vincent ("A consummate performer; achingly funny, he's the brightest new star on the block"), Verbalized also includes two other acclaimed poets from Bristol, Miles Chambers and Edson Burton.

Bertel Martin 0117 376 3174
www.citychameleon.co.uk

TEACHINGS IN DUB

15th October 2010 | 10pm - 6am | Trinity Centre | Trinity Road Bristol BS2 0NW | £12 - Tickets

Teachings in Dub is a Bristol-based roots and culture promotion. The unification of its'

primary carriers came to life in early 2007 when roots radio presenter, DJ Stryda, met a group of youths from Bristol's Universities who were members of The Bristol Reggae Society. A common levitation to the strength that resides in roots music and sound-system culture, and a shared view that roots music should consistently have the platform that it deserves to empower the people, destined that the hopes of both groups were materialised and hence, 'Teachings in Dub' came forth.

Call 0117 907 4372

Film - Fair Play – Sporting Isolation

17th October 2010 | 7.30pm | Pierian Centre, 27 Portland Square, St. Paul's Bristol BS2 8SA | Tickets cost £5 (concessions available)

This summer's World Cup held in South Africa was in stark contrast to the years of sporting isolation faced by that country as

millions of people around the world opposed sporting links with the apartheid regime. Connie Field's film details the history of the sporting boycott against South Africa and how that was linked to the wider anti-racist struggle. Fair Play is put on jointly by the Pierian Centre and Bristol ACTSA (Action for Southern Africa), the successor organisation to the Anti-Apartheid Movement. The evening will feature music from Southern Africa and personal observations from this year's World Cup.

Booking strongly recommended on 0117 924 4512 or info@pieriancentre.com

Meal for Mozambique

17th October 2010 | 12noon - 3pm | Rose Green Centre | 65 Gordon Road, Bristol BS5 7DR | Adult £12, Children £6

The Meal for Mozambique is celebrating 20 years of twinning between Bristol and Beira and a fundraiser to support the work of the

Bristol Link with Beira and projects in Mozambique that include school linking, work with women, on disability, with children, and environmental projects. The event is a 2 course sit down meal plus entertainment from Celso Paco the Mozambican musician and storyteller. The lunch is open to all.

Dave Spurgeon on 0117 935 0404 or davespurgeon@blueyonder.co.uk

Textiles Workshop – African Batiks

19th & 21st October 2010 | 9.30am – 12.30pm | St Paul's Learning Centre | 94 Grosvenor Road, Bristol BS2 8XJ

Two free workshops that will give you the skills to create your textile designs using the Batik cloth that has been important in Africa for nearly two thousand years. Batik is a method of applying pattern to fabric. A resist-dyeing technique, batik involves coating fabric with a dye-resistant substance and submerging the fabric in colored dye. The sessions are





led by Barbara Disney who has been instrumental in providing these sessions as part of St Paul's Carnival.

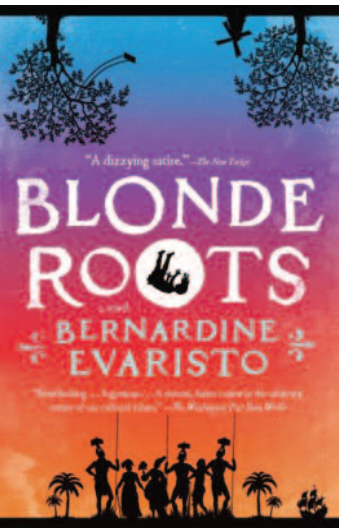
Contact Learning Centre on 0117 914 5470

Blonde Roots – by Bernardine Evaristo - Book launch

20th October 2010 | 6.30pm | Bristol
Central Library | College Green, Bristol BS1
5TR | Tickets are £3 (£2 Reading
Group Members)

Imagine if the Transatlantic Slave Trade was reversed. Imagine Africans the master and Europeans their slaves.... Now meet young Doris, Living in a sleepy English cottage and one day she is kidnapped and put aboard a slave ship bound for the New World. Then as personal assistant to Bwana, Chief Kaga Konata Katamba I, she sees the horrors of the sugarcane fields.

Enquiry Desk at Central Library on
0117 903 7250



Breathing Fire – Bristol's Black Women's Playback Theatre Company

23rd October 2010 | 2.30pm – 4pm |
Gasworks Studio | 27 Narrowways Road, St
Werburghs, Bristol BS2 9XB |
£6/£3 concessions – Free for Children

Breathing Fire are a group of Black women of Afrikan / Caribbean descent who are committed to the empowerment of those who have historically been denied a voice. They use a unique form of interactive theatre enabling audiences to tell their stories. "For our communities this is significant; by sharing our individual and collective stories we tap into the griot (Afrikan story telling) that is grounded in our ancestral heritage".

Breathingfire@hotmail.com or 07795 091269

Afrika Eye Film Festival – 28th-31st October, Watershed

28th - 31st October 2010 | Watershed, Harbourside | I Canon's Road, Bristol BS1 5TX | Various times/prices

Opening night of festival, Afrika Eye Film Festival showcases films that tell stories told by African and diaspora voices. Bringing together local African and Afro-Caribbean communities with international figures in film, music, and dance, Afrika Eye aims to offer an insight into African culture both on and beyond the screen.

Afrika Eye 2010, focus South Africa:

What happens in between the teeming townships and the swanky suburbs we see on TV? Celebration and critique, inspirations and warnings – this year we're showing you a South Africa you don't yet know.

Contact the booking office - 0117 927 5100

Peeping Through the Reeds. Author talk with June Bam-Hutchison

28th October 2010 | 6 -7pm | Bristol Central Library | College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR | 6 -7 pm | £3 (£2 Reading Group Members)

Peeping Through the Reeds is a fictionalised historical novel about growing up classed as 'Cape Coloured' under South Africa's apartheid regime. The story recounts the experiences of the author and others in trying to survive mentally and in terms of human relations under oppression and the campaign battles for liberty. The author also reflects on her current identity as a minority person in Britain.

June Bam-Hutchison was born in Cape Town in the early 1960s. Like millions of South Africans, she dedicated her life as an anti apartheid activist. In 2008 June received a prestigious Women and Leadership High





Achievement in Diversity Award, from Sarah Brown. June writes under the Khoisan pen name of Musuva, which ironically means, “forget”. She has published several books in South Africa.

Bristol Central Library, Enquiries
0117 9037250

Oxjam Bristol

**30th October 2010 | 6.30pm | St James Hall
| Cannon Street, Bristol BS1 3LP | £5 Adults
£2.50 under 18s**

Gospel artists are hitting up the city of Bristol for Oxjam’s premiere gospel event ‘TOTAL PRAISE’. The night will include music performances from some of the UK’s finest gospel artists such as New Direction Crew, TRF, Ejiro, Shekinah Gospel Choir and a live 8 piece reggae band with Mr. Conscious.

Ticket purchase visit
www.bristolticketshop.co.uk
Call 07792 925316 or 07792 690739



Jamaica Night

**30th October 2010 | 9pm til late |
Malcolm X Centre | 141 City Road Bristol
BS2 8YH | £3 children, £4 O.A.P, £7 adults
(available on the door).**

Come celebrate music that has influenced the world and taste the delights of Caribbean cuisine. The night is a musical feast provided by Bristol’s own Invasion Sound who regular feature as part of the music line-up at St Paul’s annual Carnival.

Malcolm X Centre on 0117 955 4497

Film – Beyond Labels – Being Black and Gay in the UK

**31st October 2010 | 7pm – 9.30pm |
Pierian Centre | 27 Portland Square, St.
Paul's. Bristol BS2 8SA | 7pm – 9.30pm | Free**

What does it mean to be Black and gay in the UK? Jaime Sylla’s new film explores the life experiences of a group of men who all too

often have been rendered invisible in history and stigmatised by their own communities because of their sexuality and race. Focusing on a range of Black gay men of different ages and cultural backgrounds, Beyond labels looks at how racism and homophobia can impact upon the construction of a healthy Black and gay identity.

The 60min documentary will be followed by a Q/A session.

Jaime Sylla on 020 7738 6872

Getting that Interview – Getting that Job – Skills Training Workshop

8th & 10th November | 10am - 2pm | St Pauls Learning Centre | 94 Grosvenor Rd, Bristol BS2 8XJ

The University of West of England & Bristol City Council are hosting this 2 day training event to assist members of Black and minority ethnic communities in Bristol who are often under-represented at similar events on how

to complete and improve on a job application forms and how to prepare for an interview & interviewing techniques.

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