JANUARY

A Haitian Celebration
January 11 - March 17
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette
East McDonald Galleries
Gold Sponsor: IU Health

Despite their nation’s history of poverty and political upheaval, the artist of Haiti flourish and create vibrant works of art. This exhibit, selected from the extensive collection of the Waterloo Center for the Arts, presents highly stylized, visually stimulating, and thought provoking works depicting scenes of Haiti labor, life, celebrations, mythology, beliefs and practices. The exhibit includes paintings, pierced steel or wooden sculptures and sequined flags.

Opening Reception: January 11, 6-8pm at Art Museum of Greater Lafayette 102 South 10th Street, Lafayette, IN.

Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry, Scholar, Author, Journalist and Television Host
Thursday, January 24

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Lecture
7:00pm - Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center

Melissa Harris-Perry is host of MSNBC’s “Melissa Harris-Perry” show. She is also a professor of Political Science at Tulane University, where she is founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Project on Gender, Race and Politics in the South. Dr. Harris-Perry is the author of Sister Citizen: Shame Stereotypes and Black Women in America.

FEBRUARY

The Art of Resistance: An Inter-Generational Dialogue between the Civil Rights & Hip Hop Generations
Wednesday, February 6
7:00pm - Fowler Hall, Stewart Center

The Art Of Resistance places premier contemporary artists in dialogue with major artists/activists of the 1960s Black Arts Movement, the pioneers of hip-hop culture, and today’s student leaders. This forum focuses on empowering youth to consider best practices for moving a political agenda around issues that affect their daily lives, particularly the contemporary challenges facing young Americans in aftermath of the country’s worst economic decline since The Great Depression. A panel of scholars, activists, and artists from across generations will lead participants in an interactive town hall style discussion that explores the major civil rights issues of our time: unemployment, criminal justice, education, the decline of national infrastructure and more.

MARCH

Discovering African American St. Louis Tour
Fri/Sat., March 1-2
Join the BCC for a fascinating, exciting and informative tour of St. Louis African American history. Visit the home of legendary ragtime composer Scott Joplin, the Katherine Dunham Museum and the Old Courthouse site of the historic Dred Scott decision. A soul food lunch will be served at Sweetie Pie’s Kitchen, which was featured on the Oprah Show.

Registration Deadline: February 15
$110.00 general public, $40.00 Purdue Students (Includes transportation, hotel accommodations and entrance fees).

Dr. Reiland Rabaka
Wednesday, March 20
Co-sponsored with the Butler Center for Leadership Excellence
7:00pm - Stewart Center, Room 214

“The Hip Hop Women’s Movement: From R&B Divas and the Sisters of the Civil Rights Movement to Female Rappers in the Hip Hop Movement.”

Black Voices of Inspiration Spring Concert
Saturday, March 23
40th Anniversary Concert featuring BVOI Alumni
Directed by: Dr. Twana A. Harris
7:00pm - Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center
Admission: $5.00 Purdue Students $7.00 General Public

Black Thought Collective Spring Symposium
Wednesday, March 27
Scholar in Residence: Casarae Gibson
2:00pm - BCC Multipurpose Room 1

APRIL

Haraka Fest
Friday & Saturday, April 5-6
Artist in Residence: Khari Bowden
7:00pm - BCC Multipurpose Room 1

New Directional Players Spring Production
Friday & Saturday, April 12-13
Directed by: Kecha Nickson
7:00pm - BCC Multipurpose Room 1

Jahari Dance Troupe Spring Revue
Saturday, April 20
Choreography by: K. lega Jeff and Josh Ishmon
7:00pm - Loeb Playhouse
Admission: $5.00 Purdue Students $7.00 General Public

The Purdue Black Cultural Center is a department within the Division of Diversity and Inclusion.
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