



# 35th Annual African World Festival Detroit

**Friday - Sunday, August 18 - 20, 2017**  
**from 11 AM - 11 PM Daily**



# 2017 SCHEDULE

## KEY:

Friday



Saturday



Sunday



Fri, Sat & Sun



**FORD MAIN STAGE - FRIDAY**

presented by Ford Motor Co.

**11 am**  
LIBATIONS**3:45 pm**LEVEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MARCHING BAND  
JEFFREY SMITH, Band Director**4 pm - 5:30 pm**

OPENING CEREMONY

*Drum Call - Heritage Works**Libations - QueenMother OsunDara Nefertiti El*  
*"Black National Anthem"-Isis Damil VOCALIST,*  
*Zion Yisreal PIANIST**Welcome - LaNesha DeBardelaben**Sr.VP, Education & Exhibitions THE WRIGHT MUSEUM**Brief Remarks - Invited Guests**Official Festival Opening - LaNesha DeBardelaben**Closing Performances - Heritage Works,*  
*Nanou Djiapo***6 pm - 10:30 pm**

MIX 92.3FM FESTIVAL AFFAIR

Hosted By GERALD MCBRIDE

**6:30 pm - 7 pm**

HERITAGE WORKS

Hosted by iHeart Radio Detroit

**7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

ERIC BENÉT

4-time Grammy-nominated R&amp;B/Soul Vocalist

**9 pm - 10:30 pm**

INDIKA REGGAE

Chicago's award-winning reggae band

**FORD MAIN STAGE - SATURDAY**

presented by Ford Motor Co.

**11 am**  
LIBATIONS  
REV. MAYOWA REYNOLDS**1 pm - 4 pm**

POSITIVE JOURNEY

Live Reggae Jazz Mix by DAH JAH

**4 pm - 5:30 pm**GREATER EMMANEL  
INSTITUTIONAL C.O.G.I.C.

Grammy-Award Winning Gospel Singers

THE CLARK SISTERS

Performing #1 Billboard Gospel Single "Hang On"

MASS CHOIR with KIERRA SHEARD

+ Dance Team +

+ Bishop J. Drew Sheard +

**6 pm - 6:30 pm**

RHYTHMS OF KALAHARI

Dance Ensemble from Botswana

**8:15 pm - 9 pm**

NANOUDJIPO

Detroit Afrikan Drum &amp; Dance Ensemble

**9 pm - 10:30 pm**

DETROIT ROCKS THE RUNWAY!

~ Where Fashion Gets Cultured ~

Special Guest Designer: JIMI KING

Musical Guests: DJ INVISIBLE / VIDEO7

**FORD MAIN STAGE - SUNDAY**

presented by Ford Motor Co.

**11 am**  
LIBATIONS**11:30 am -12:30 pm**

DETROIT LITURGICAL DANCE NETWORK

**"Soul Revolution!"**

Praise Dancers from five Detroit-area Churches

**3 pm - 4 pm**

WMXD MIX 92.3 FM

FESTIVAL BLOCK PARTY!

Hosted by DONAFAY &amp; DJ HI LITE

The AWF audience takes the "stage" and turns the  
festival grounds into the world's biggest old school  
dance party!**4:30 pm - 5 pm**

DETROIT LEGACY DRUMMERS

Collective of seasoned Detroit drummers  
performing a variety of rhythms from  
the Diaspora.**5 pm - 7 pm**

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS &amp; ELDERS

Live Tributes + Video and Music

\* Including Performances in Tribute to:

6 pm DEREK WALCOTT, 6:15 pm GERI ALLEN,

6:30 pm MICHELE MENDY

**7:30 pm - 9 pm**

SPOTLIGHT: The Quarterly Series

Showcasing Detroit's Emerging Musical Talent

**9:30 pm - 10:30 pm**

LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE

## GENERATION NEXT KINGDOM - FRIDAY

**11 am**  
MUFUNDISHI Tai Chi

**2 pm**  
KEVIN BOLDEN Martial Arts

**3 pm**  
BRUCE RICHARDSON Martial Arts

**4 pm**  
EFE BES Drums

**5 pm**  
SEYCON NADIA Dance

**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
VIBES UPLIFTED  
Detroit-area Musicians, Rappers, Neo-Soul Singers,  
Spoken Word Performers & Jerk X Jollof DJ

### WATOTO VILLAGE

presented by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

**11 am - 7 pm**  
WATOTO (CHILDREN'S) VILLAGE  
**Fri/Sat/Sun**  
Featuring the  
KNIGHT DETROIT CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR  
All Weekend \* Youth Arts Showcase,  
Stage Performances, Make & Take, Games & FUN!

## GENERATION NEXT KINGDOM - SATURDAY

**11 am - 1 pm**  
PATTI DUKES Exercise

**1 pm - 3 pm**  
DJ SPIN SESSION

**3 pm**  
MUFUNDISHI Tai Chi

**4 pm - 5 pm**  
PRODUCERS SESSION

**5:15 pm - 5:45 pm**  
SECOND GRACE DRUMMERS

**5:45 pm - 6 pm**  
RHYTHMS OF KALAHARI  
Dance Ensemble from Botswana

**6 pm - 6:10 pm**  
ABDUL KIZITO  
From Uganda, East Africa with remarks on Culture

**6 pm - 8 pm**  
RANDI ROSSARIO  
Detroit-based Vocalist & Band

**10 pm - 3 am**  
JERK X JOLLOF  
Official AWF After-Party @ El Club on Vernor Hwy

### ELDER VILLAGE

**11 am - 8 pm**  
ELDER VILLAGE  
**Fri/Sat/Sun**  
Respite & Hospitality for our Elders!

## GENERATION NEXT KINGDOM - SUNDAY

**11 am**  
MUFUNDISHI Tai Chi

**12 pm**  
DARCIA CHEEKS Yoga

**1:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
"BLUES IN THE PARK"  
Detroit's Official Sunday Blues Party  
joins the African World Festival  
FEATURING THE BEST  
LOCAL BLUES ENTERTAINMENT!  
LADY CHAMPAGNE + MORE!  
In Peck Park / Frederick at Brush

Bring your Lawn Chairs.  
Festival food & beverages on sale.  
\* Admission Free

### AFRICAN FOLKLIFE VILLAGE sponsored by Heritage Works

**11 am - 8 pm**  
AFRICAN FOLKLIFE VILLAGE  
sponsored by HERITAGE WORKS  
**Fri/Sat/Sun**

DRUM AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION, INSTALLATIONS, STORYTELLERS,  
AND HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS  
featuring GREAT LAKES AFRICAN  
AMERICAN QUILTING NEWORK  
All are encouraged to  
participate! No experience required.

## GM THEATER - FRIDAY

**2 pm - 4 pm**

### “RACISM & HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY”

Panel Discussion

Moderator: KENNETH KABAKA REYNOLDS

Panelists: MICHAEL IMHOTEP,  
CARMEN JOHNSON, KT THE ARCH DEGREE

\* Admission Free

**6 pm - 7:30 pm**

### “BaddDDD SONIA SANCHEZ”

Film Screening presented by  
BROADSIDE/LOTUS PRESS “POET TO POETS”

Admission Free

## FESTIVAL FRIDAY BIKE RIDE

**5 pm - 6:15 pm**

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w/ MoGo & Live Cycle Delight

5pm Meet-up at TBD

5:30pm Ride Starts

6:15pm Arrive at Festival

John R @ Farnsworth MoGo Station or

Bike Valet @Scarab Club

## GM THEATER - SATURDAY

**11 am - 2 pm**

### ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF CLASSICAL AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS

Special to the African World Festival!

Visual Presentations, Lecture and Q&A by renowned  
scholars from the Howard University Dept. of  
Afro-African Studies:

*DR. GREG CARR Chair & Associate Professor  
“Detroit ‘67 Rebellion Kindling the Roots of Hip Hop”*

*DR. VALETHIA WATKINS*

*Assistant Professor “Womanist, Not Feminist”*

*\* Admission Free*

**2 pm - 10 pm**

### AFRICAN WORLD FILM FEST presented by LIGHTS UP ENTERTAINMENT

Showcasing emerging filmmakers

from across the African World

\* Ticketed Event

## HEALTH IS WEALTH PAVILION

**11 am - 8:30 pm**

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**Fri/Sat/Sun**

“Making Diseases Simple”

DEMONSTRATIONS \* HEALTH SCREENINGS  
SERVICE & PRODUCT SAMPLING

With the support of:

*BLACK NURSES ROCK | BLUE CROSS BLUE  
SHIELD-MI | CHI ETA PHI SORORITY, INC.-LAMBDA  
CHI CHAPTER | DETROIT BLACK NURSES | DETROIT  
CENTRAL CITY | EVEREST INSTITUTE | MARY  
MAHONEY PROFESSIONAL NURSES ORG. |  
MINORITY ASSOC. OF ADVANCED PRACTICE  
NURSES | MOORE MEDICAL | TEAM MENTAL HEALTH  
WSU PHYSICIAN’S GROUP/CITY OF DETROIT*

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## INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE & FOOD VILLAGE

**11 am - 11 pm**

### AFRICAN WORLD MARKETPLACE & FOOD VILLAGE

**Fri/Sat/Sun**

More than 150 Booth Merchants  
from all around the African World!

***On Brush and Farnsworth Streets***

## KUUMBA ARTIST VILLAGE

**11 am - 11 pm**

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**Fri/Sat/Sun**

Demonstrating Visual Artists & Handcrafters  
Donald Calloway \* Fatima Dawson  
Jason Phillips David Philpot \* Charlese Uresy

**11 am - 6 pm**

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS DROP-IN WORKSHOP

Hands-on Public Art Activities

**LATIMER CAFÉ - FRIDAY**

**5 pm - 7:30 pm**  
AFRICAN WORLD FILM FEST  
Invitation-only Reception

**LATIMER CAFÉ PATIO - FRIDAY**

**7 pm - 9 pm**  
PATTI DUKES Exercise  
Work It Out at AWF!

**MUSEUM CLASSROOM - FRIDAY**

**7:30 pm - 8:15 pm**  
BROADSIDE/LOTUS  
PRESS "POET TO POETS"  
Post-Film Screening Dialogue & Poetry Readings  
\* Admission Free

**MUSEUM ROTUNDA**

**11 am - 8 pm**  
GREAT LAKES AFRICAN AMERICAN  
QUILTING NETWORK  
**Fri/Sat/Sun**  
Award-winning Quilts, Indoor Exhibition

**LATIMER CAFÉ - SATURDAY**

**5 pm - 7 pm**  
BEAUTE ANTHOLOGIE  
facilitated by NIANI BANDELE  
Workshop/Demo

**2 pm - 4 pm**  
WHAT'S FOR DINNER?  
Detroit Black Community Food Security Network

**LATIMER CAFÉ PATIO - SATURDAY**

**7 pm - 9 pm**  
HUSTLE FOR HISTORY  
Dance Lessons with THOMASEINA JOHNSON  
Work It Out at AWF!

**LACTATION STATION  
LATIMER CAFÉ PATIO**

**11 am - 8 pm**  
LACTATION STATION  
**Fri/Sat/Sun**  
A comfortable space for baby & mom

**MUSEUM CLASSROOM - SATURDAY**

**5 pm - 6 pm**  
MICHAEL IMHOTEP  
"African American Resistance in the Era  
of Donald Trump"  
Lecture/Presentation

**LATIMER CAFÉ - SUNDAY**

**2 pm - 4 pm**  
BEAUTE ANTHOLOGIE  
facilitated by NIANI BANDELE  
Panel Discussion

**LATIMER CAFÉ PATIO - SUNDAY**

**10 am - 4 pm**  
YOUTH TENNIS INTRO  
with COACH LEE  
People For Palmer Park Tennis Academy

**7 pm - 9 pm**  
HUSTLE FOR HISTORY  
Dance Lessons with THOMASEINA JOHNSON  
Work It Out at AWF!

**MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM - SUNDAY**

**12 pm - 2 pm**  
CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
Baba Michel Mendy  
Prayers, Libations, Remarks  
Dance Tribute

**3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**  
"IT SPEAKS TO ME"  
Youth presentation featuring the  
poetry and short stories of Dudley Randall,  
poet, publisher, former Detroit Poet Laureate.  
Stage Play \* Free Admission

**5 pm - 7 pm**  
SOLAR POWERED SUNDAYS  
facilitated by ASA BEY  
Workshop/Lecture \* Free Admission

## THE "QUADRANGLE"

coordinated by MSU Detroit Center - Government Affairs

**11 am - 11 pm**  
COLLEGE INFO AREA

**Fri/Sat/Sun**

Meet representatives from six state universities:

- \* Central Michigan University \*
  - Eastern Michigan University
  - \* Michigan State University \*
  - Oakland University
  - \* University of Michigan \*
  - Wayne State University
- and a selection of

Historically Black Colleges & Universities!

## FESTIVAL "GREEN" PROJECTS

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY**

**BIKE VALET**

Scarab Club Parking Lot

**RECYCLING BINS**

Festival Beverage Booth

**SOLAR POWERED LIGHTS & MIC**

Solar Party Detroit

**SOLAR POWERED CHARGING STATION**

presented by RYTER COOPERATIVE INDUSTRIES

## FESTIVAL EXTRAS! - SATURDAY

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS - FREE**

Led by Detroit Historian JAMON JORDAN  
Solar-powered mobile microphone provided  
by SOLAR PARTY DETROIT

**Saturday / 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**

**TOUR "DETROIT '67" EXHIBIT**  
"Say It Loud: Art, History, Rebellion"  
@ WRIGHT MUSEUM

**Saturday / 2 pm - 3 pm**

**TOUR "DETROIT '67" EXHIBIT**  
"Art of Rebellion: Black Art of the  
Civil Rights Movement"  
@ DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Saturday / 4 pm - 5 pm**

**MUSEUM DISTRICT HISTORY WALK**  
"Black History in the Cultural Center"

## INSPIRING MINDS - SATURDAY

**5 pm - 6 pm**

**NUBIA KAI SALAAM**  
"I SPREAD MY WINGS AND I FLY"  
Book Talk & Signing

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**Sunday / 3 pm - 4 pm**

**MUSEUM DISTRICT HISTORY WALK**  
"Black History in Midtown"

**Sunday / 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

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"Black History in the Cultural Center"

## WARREN AVE. ENTRANCE - SUNDAY

**Sunday / 11 am - 3 pm**

**CRUISIN' THE D'**

Classic Car Show Trophy Award-Winning Vehicles  
on display