



# BLACK MARRIAGE DAY



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

**Opening, General Motors Theater, 11 am**

- WELCOME (RANDI MYLES, MIDDAY HOST AND ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR, PRAISE 102.7 FM)
- PERFORMANCE (TOGETHER AS ONE, UNDER THE CHOREOGRAPHY OF SONDRA JACKSON, DIRECTOR, SPIRIT OF THE MOMENT)
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS (REV. GARTH A. WISDOM SR., PRESIDENT/CEO, THE WISDOM FINANCIAL GROUP; AND DR. KIMBERLYDAWN WISDOM, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY HEALTH & EQUITY, AND CHIEF WELLNESS & DIVERSITY OFFICER, HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM)



**Intermission, 1 pm**

- ENJOY ALL THE MUSEUM EXHIBITS, COMPLIMENTS OF THE MUSEUM, AND SHOP THE MUSEUM STORE FOR GREAT FINDS AND DEALS
- DINE ON REFRESHMENTS IN THE LATIMER CAFÉ
- PHOTO/ESSAY CONTEST. HAVE YOU AND YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S PHOTO TAKEN TO SUBMIT, ALONG WITH A WRITTEN ESSAY ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP, TO A TEAM OF EXPERTS WHO WILL JUDGE A WINNING COUPLE IN EACH CATEGORY:

**Most Enduring** - For a couple married at least 15 years and still passionate about one another

**Overcomers** - For a couple that has, or is, facing great hardship yet still staying together

**Most Bountiful** - For a couple that, together, has four (4) or more children (not to include blended marriages)

**Most Romantic Proposal** - For an officially engaged couple (marriage date must be set; ceremony location should be booked)

**Sexiest Couple** - For that committed, eye-catching couple that, despite kids and careers and all else, still manages to keep the spark in their marriage

**Couple of the Year** - Taking into account such factors as how this couple met, how long they have been married, what they have overcome to be together; their enduring passion and the well-being/success of their children

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**Power Sessions, Classrooms, 3 pm**

- “MARRIAGE: LIVING WITH THE UNEXPLAINABLE” (ARTHUR NOWLIN, CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE ADDICTION COUNSELOR AND CEO, A.E. NOWLIN & ASSOCIATES; AND KIM LOGAN-NOWLIN, PHD, PRESIDENT/CEO, KIM LOGAN COMMUNICATIONS INC.)
- “CONTRACTUAL VS. COVENANT MARRIAGE” (REV. JOHN DENSON, PHD, PRESIDENT, SHALOM MINISTRY)

**Panel Discussion: The State of the Black Family, Classrooms, 4 pm**

- “What’s Love (and Marriage) Got to Do with It?” (Chaired by Councilman James Tate, District 1, City of Detroit; and Nutrena Watts Tate, PhD, clinical assistant professor, nursing, Wayne State University)

**Finale, Multipurpose Room, 5 pm**

*\*Hosted by the Marriage Resource Center*

- VOW RENEWAL CEREMONY
- AWARDS - ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF PHOTO/ESSAY CONTEST
- DINNER *\*(DESSERT COURTESY OF CAKE LUV)*
- TALES OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE, PRESENTED BY THE DETROIT ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STORYTELLERS
- DANCE OF LONGEVITY - ALL MARRIED COUPLES WILL START ON THE DANCE FLOOR AND, PERIODICALLY BEING ASKED FROM THOSE MARRIED THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TIME TO THOSE MARRIED LONGEST, WILL LEAVE THE FLOOR UNTIL THE LONGEST-MARRIED COUPLES ARE THE LAST DANCING

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