



BLACK HISTORY MONTH WEEK 1

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The City of Detroit is launching a **year-long celebration of Detroit arts and artists**. The initiative, called **Undeclared: A Celebration of Detroit's Contributions to American Excellence**, kicks off on February 1.

The Office of Arts Culture and Entrepreneurship (Detroit ACE) will ask creators to submit programming and performances for a monthly showcase highlighting the breadth and depth of exceptional talent in our city in fine arts, music, spoken word, theatre, film, culinary arts, fashion and more. We also will plan a variety of other projects to give our artists a chance to shine. Mayor Mike Duggan will kick off the UNDEFEATED celebration when he interviews Detroit native and N.Y. Times best-selling author ALICE RANDALL about her novel "Black Bottom Saints" at 7 p.m. on February 1.

FEB. 1

7 P.M.

Mayor Mike Duggan will kick off Black History Month – and our Undeclared celebration by interviewing Detroit native and NY Times bestselling author **Alice Randall** about "Black Bottom Saints."

FEB. 2

NOON

The celebration continues with an intimate look at the history of African American dance in Detroit with Debra White-Hunt and a special performance by the 35-year-old Detroit-Windsor Dance Academy that she runs.

7 P.M.

Detroit ACE will spotlight Detroit's rich history in theatre with a special performance at 7 p.m.

FEB. 3

NOON

On Wednesday, ACE will honor African-American culinary traditions as Chef Godwin, Chef Phil Jones, Chef Omar and cannabis expert Chef Nikki prepare African and African-American cuisine.

6:30 P.M.

We will honor Detroit's historic sites and treasures by screening a film featuring local historian and tour guide Jamon Jordan.

7 P.M.

In the evening, we will celebrate spoken word, poetry and rap – and celebrate late Detroit Poet Laureate Naomi Long Madgett – with a special performance.

FEB. 4

We will salute the African American origins of jazz and celebrate fine and digital arts and film with a **VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT** of paintings, sculptures, photographs and mural commissions, accompanied musically by some of Detroit's best sound artists. All day, culminating with a **7 p.m. jazz concert**.

FEB. 5

Noon

We will honor Detroit's excellence in architecture and design.

7 p.m.

We will celebrate fashion and the best of Detroit blues, Neo-soul and R&B.

FEB. 6

The music celebration will continue with a set featuring Detroit's best hip-hop, techno and rock in a day-long virtual concert featuring African-American artists, culminating in a comedy show featuring local comics.

FEB. 7

3 P.M.

The City will host a tribute to Detroit's African-American classical and operatic genius followed by a gospel concert, featuring Detroit choirs.

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