



THE NATIONAL
GREAT BLACKS
IN WAX MUSEUM Inc

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The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum—February Events!

The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum will kick off its year-long programming with events and traveling exhibits centered around the theme, *Civil Wrongs To Civil Rights And Back Again—The Struggle Continues*.

For February, the Museum will be hosting and participating in the following events and traveling exhibits:

Events

The Thirteenth Amendment Tour

Join Renaissance Productions and Tours, Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park and Museum, and The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum for The Thirteenth Amendment Tour, a 4 hour learning experience on Monday, February 13, 2017. *Listen and Learn as we answer the question, “Has slavery ever ended in America,* and explore the past and present day ramifications of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

About the 13th Amendment Tour

- starts at 10:00 a.m. at The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, here participants go on a one hour guided tour to learn why this amendment was necessary to fix the shortcomings of Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation and how these shortcomings relate today to the criminalization of African Americans, the need for criminal justice reform, and the rise of movements such as Black Lives Matter.
- proceeds by motorcoach to the Douglass-Myers Maritime Park. Along with a guided tour of the cultural facility, patrons meet Frederick Douglass played by character actor Artartus Jenkins and witness firsthand Douglass’ role in the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment.
- culminates with the screening of *13th*, the thought-provoking documentary which analyzes the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom. Director Ava DuVernay, is credited with a Golden Globe nomination.
- includes lunch consisting of movie fare (hot dog, popcorn, beverage)

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For more information about the tour, please contact Thomas Saunders, Renaissance Productions and Tours: renaissance2222@cs.com or 410.728.3837

The Black Panthers: Vanguard of The Revolution

Screening of the documentary *The Black Panthers: Vanguard of The Revolution* followed by a discussion with a guest speaker.

When: Friday, February 17, 2017 5PM - 9PM

Where: The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, 1601 E. North Ave, Baltimore, MD

Cost: FREE (Museum Admission Not Included); RSVP via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-black-panthers-vanguard-of-the-revolution-tickets-31499296243>

Legends & Legacies Jubilee

In Honor of Black History Month, join many of the city's top cultural attractions under one roof for an afternoon of FREE interactive and family-friendly activities. Baltimore's Legends & Legacies Jubilee invites everyone to embrace the city's rich African American heritage and culture while encouraging inclusivity and community engagement.

When: Saturday, February 18, 2017 12PM - 4PM

Where: Baltimore Visitor Center, Inner Harbor

Cost: FREE

Living History Characterizations

Youth, ages ten to eighteen, from our Growing Griots Literacy Learning Program (GGLLP) will offer living history presentations. Donning period costumes, they will assume the character of historical personalities such as Ida B. Wells and Henry "Box" Brown. Storytelling, dance, drumming, and singing will also be featured.

When: Saturday, February 25, 2017 9AM - 5PM (Performances will occur throughout the day)

Where: The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, 1601 E. North Ave, Baltimore, MD

Cost: FREE with museum admission

Traveling Exhibits

The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum hits the road again with its National Traveling Exhibit. James Weldon Johnson, Mahalia Jackson, Eubie Blake, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and other wax figures are heading to Savannah and Darien Georgia; Fernandina Beach and Panama City Florida. In February alone, over 10,000 school children and community residents will learn about the history and contributions of African Americans to Arts and Entertainment through this year's *Saying It Loud: African Americans in Arts and Entertainment*.

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In past years, exhibit themes have included *Civil Wrongs to Civil Rights and Back Again*; *STEMming the Tide of History*; *And Still We Rise*; and *The Black Inventive Mind*.

A partnership with Southwest Airlines as “The Official Sponsor of The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum National Traveling Exhibit” has made this opportunity possible. Southwest Airlines provides complimentary airfare via “green tickets”, which allow staff to mount the National Traveling Exhibit in venues across the United States, to mount and present exhibits before global leaders, celebrities, business executives and community representatives. Another key benefit is complimentary shipment of the wax figures to be displayed nationwide via SWA Air Cargo.

Over the thirteen year collaboration with Southwest Airlines, the Museum’s exhibits have traveled to many cities across the U.S. These have included Detroit, Chicago, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Miami, and San Francisco. This corporate sponsorship has also taken the Museum to high profile conventions held by the NAACP, National Urban League, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the 100 Black Men of America, and many more organizations. Conference attendance at these conventions has ranged from 2,000 to 25,000 attendees per conference.

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