

A Beautiful Struggle

The Black History Celebration at Oberlin College has been a mechanism by which many of its community members have become enlightened on history, politics, and economics. Black history has extended even further into art, literature, and performance aesthetics that make the “Oberlin Experience” much more enriched than many other colleges and universities. The African American Studies Department and the Multicultural Resource Center have worked together for years to make this celebration a reality for all of us. We want to cultivate the Oberlin community with academic, cultural, and social events that celebrate the history and legacy of the African Diaspora. We hope to stimulate dialogue about, and increase awareness of, issues facing Black people throughout the world. The Black History Celebration at Oberlin College has been widely attended by faculty, students, and staff throughout the years. We thank you for your participation in making Black History Month programs a reality at Oberlin College.

This year’s theme, **A Beautiful Struggle**, attempts to examine how we as a people balance struggle and triumph while reinvigorating our hope for humanity. By investigating our realities pertaining to family structures, transnational political awareness and gender dynamics, we hope to provide insight into personal and shared experiences from which we all can learn.

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Adinkra Symbol: **OWO FORO ADOBE**
(snake climbing the raffia tree)
Symbol of Steadfastness, Diligence, and Prudence

Oberlin College Black History Celebration 2008

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This celebration was made possible
by contributions from:

African American Studies Department
Afrikan Heritage House
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Ilu Aiye
La Alianza Latina
Sisters of the Yam
Students of Caribbean Ancestry



Be sure to explore **Oberlin Heritage Center’s (OHC)**
Black History Month Events:

- 2/12—Film Screening: Black Indians: An American Story
7:00 pm. Oberlin Public Library
- 2/19—How to Trace Your Native American Ancestry,
7:00 pm, Oberlin Public Library
- 2/22—William L. Katz, “Black Women and Men Pioneers:
The Real West,” 4:00 pm, Kendal at Oberlin’s
Heiser Auditorium, 600 Kendal Drive
- 2/23 –William L. Katz, *Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage*
Book signing and presentation, 1:30 pm,
Oberlin High School Auditorium, 281 N. Pleasant St

*All events are free and open to all.
For more info, please contact the OHC at (440) 774-1700

The African American Studies Department &
The Multicultural Resource Center
Present:

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Oberlin College
Black History Celebration
2008



February 6 through February 29, 2008

List of Events

February 6 - Opening Dinner,
5:30 p.m., Lord Saunders Dining
Afrikan Heritage House
**this meal is open to anyone with
campus dining options*

February 9 - Senior Recital
John Harper
Someday We'll All Understand...
8:30 pm, Kulas Recital Hall
Oberlin Conservatory

February 12 -
Yasmin Hernandez
Mural Unveiling
7:00 p.m., Edmonia Lewis Center

February 12 -
Blind Boys of Alabama
8:00 p.m., Finney Chapel
\$6 students \$10 staff/seniors,
\$15 general admission
Sponsored by the Assemblies Committee

**February 13 - MRC's Black
History
Celebration Social**
4:30 p.m., The Multicultural
Resource Center, Wilder 208

February 13 - Suzan-Lori Parks
8:00 p.m., Finney Chapel
**Part of Oberlin's 2007-2008
Convocation Speaker Series**

February 15 -
The Welfare Poets
8:00 p.m., Lord Lounge,
Afrikan Heritage House

February 16 -
James Millette
Freedom Road Book Release
2:00 p.m., Mindfair Bookstore

February 17 - Alumni Recital
Alyson Cambridge '02, Soprano
4:30 p.m. Kulas Recital Hall
*Sponsored by the
Oberlin Conservatory of Music*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 AHH Dining Hall Opens	4	5	6 Opening Ceremony (5:30pm, AHH Dining Hall)	7	8	9 John Harper Senior Recital (8:30pm, Kulas)
10	11	12 Unveiling of Mural Yasmin Hernandez (7pm, ELC) Blind Boys of Alabama (8pm, Finney)	13 BHC Social (4:30pm, MRC) Convocation Suzan-Lori Parks (8pm, Finney)	14	15 The Welfare Poets (8pm, Lord Lounge, AHH)	16 James Millette Book Release (2pm, Mindfair)
17 Alumni Recital: Alyson Cambridge '02, Soprano (4:30pm, Kulas)	18	19 Sisters of the Yam/ Brotherhood Dinner (5:30pm, TBA)	20 Film Screening— <i>Faat Kine</i> (7pm, AHH) BlackThought to Follow Film	21	22 Michael Datcher (4:30pm, AHH)	23 Soul Session (10pm, AHH)
24	25	26 Film Screening— <i>The Aggressives</i> (7pm, Lord Lounge, AHH)	27	28 Mignon Moore (7pm, AHH)	29 Closing Ceremony (5pm, Lord Lounge, AHH)	

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February 19 -
**Sisters of the Yam &
Brotherhood Dinner**
5:30 p.m.
** Invitation only*

February 20 -
Film Screening:
Faat Kine
7:00 p.m., Lord Lounge
Afrikan Heritage House
BlackThought Discussion
immediately following

February 22 -
Michael Datcher
"A Beautiful Struggle"
4:30 p.m., Lord Lounge
Afrikan Heritage House

February 23 - Soul Session
10:00 p.m., Lord Lounge
Afrikan Heritage House

February 26 - Film Screening:
The Aggressives
7:00 p.m., Lord Lounge,
Afrikan Heritage House

February 28 - Mignon Moore
**"The Politics of Respectability:
Sexuality & Inclusion in
Black Community Life"**
7:00 p.m., Lord Lounge
Afrikan Heritage House

February 28 - March 1 -
Artist Residency:
Michael Oludare
Sponsored by Ilu Aiye

**February 29 - Closing Dinner &
Ceremony**
5:00 p.m., Lord Lounge
Afrikan Heritage House
Featuring Dance Diaspora
**Dinner is by invitation only*

***All events are free
unless otherwise noted**