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REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM HONORS CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thursday, January 20– (Baltimore, MD) This year's national Black History Month theme "African Americans in the Civil War" honors African American men and women who courageously fought for freedom and equality in the United States during the 1860s. The museum offers several programs and events in conjunction with this theme (indicated by the Black History Month logo).

EXHIBITIONS

Third Annual High School Juried Art Show

On View until February 27, 2011

A showcase of the talent of Maryland high school students that complements the museum's past special exhibition *Freedom's Sisters* (closed January 17, 2011). In partnership with the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA).

Material Girls: Contemporary Black Women Artists

On View February 12, 2011 – October 17, 2011

Curated by Dr. Michelle Joan Wilkinson, director of collections and exhibitions at the museum, this exhibition features eight contemporary female artists who create thought-provoking, three-dimensional art using unexpected materials.

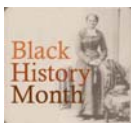
PROGRAMS

Friday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Mycah Chevalier

Blessed with an irresistible and soulful voice, Mycah's music is in a class of its own.

Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members. Drinks and light fare included.



Sunday, February 6, 3 p.m.

Historical Portrait Concert: The Civil War, Abraham Lincoln and the African-American Soldier, Oh Freedom, Oh Glory!

Enjoy a musical concert with vocal artist Charles K. Sullivan as he creatively examines the Civil War through the eyes of Abraham Lincoln and the African American soldier.

Museum admission required.

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Friday, February 11, 8 p.m.

FLOETIC FRIDAYS: E the Poet-Emcee (featured poet)

Enjoy an evening of poetry and music with the Black Diamond Band, an open mic session and a guest featured poet. Patrons can also view the creative works of young emerging artists.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Hosted by the museum youth volunteers, "The Travelers." For more information, call 443-263-1875.

Saturday, February 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SATURDAY'S CHILD

Art Workshop: Paper Bead Bangles (Ages 6 –12)

Create handmade paper bead bangles using recyclable material such as wrapping paper and glossy magazine pictures. In conjunction with the special exhibition

Material Girls: Contemporary Black Women Artists.

Museum admission required.



Saturday, February 19, 1 p.m.

LINES CONNECT BOOK CLUB

***More Than a Slave: The Life of Katherine Ferguson* by Margaret Pagan**

This narrative chronicles Katherine Ferguson's pioneering work as a former enslaved woman who worked closely with abolitionist and Christian communities in the 1800s.

Author Appearance and Book Signing. Free program.

Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m.

A Legacy in the Visual Arts: The Scott-Caldwell Tradition

Baltimore-based artist Joyce J. Scott discusses current works exhibited in the special exhibition *Material Girls: Contemporary Black Women Artists.*

Museum admission required.



Saturday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. (Snow date: March 12)

Brothers in Blue: Uncovering Civil War Ancestors with Leslie Anderson

Genealogist Leslie Anderson discusses methodology for identifying and researching her maternal and paternal ancestors.

To register call 443-263-1816. Museum admission required.



Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m. – Noon

SATURDAY'S CHILD

***Li'L Dan the Drummer Boy, A Civil War Story* by Romare Bearden
(Ages 9 –12)**

Listen to the story of a young drummer who participated in the Civil War and saved his friends in battle and create a drum!

Museum admission required.

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Saturday, February 26, 1 p.m.

Living History Presentation: Civil War and the Maryland U.S. Colored Troops

Experience reenactments and spoken word selections that honor African American soldiers buried at the Auburn Cemetery in Baltimore, MD.

Museum admission required.

Reginald F. Lewis Museum is Baltimore's premier facility highlighting the history and accomplishments of African Americans with a special focus on Maryland's African American community. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum is the East Coast's largest African American museum occupying an 82,000 square-foot facility with ample permanent and special exhibition space, interactive learning environments, auditorium, resource center, oral history recording studio, museum shop, café, classrooms, meeting rooms, outside terrace and reception areas. The museum is located near Baltimore's Inner Harbor at the corner of Pratt and President Streets. The museum is also accessible on Baltimore's Charm City Circulator Orange and Green Routes. For more information, please call 443-263-1800 or visit the museum's website at www.AfricanAmericanCulture.org.

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