



FEBRUARY 24

Deadline for Be More Award Outstanding Volunteer Nominations

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FEBRUARY 25



A Conversation with George Taliaferro

12:30pm • Ivy Tech Community College
200 Daniels Way

George Taliaferro is a former professional football player. He was the first African American drafted by a National Football League team. As the leading rusher and an All-American at Indiana University, he led the Hoosiers to their only undefeated Big Ten Conference championship. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1981.

FEBRUARY 25 *

Black History Month Essay Contest Presentation/Reception

5:00pm • Showers City Hall Council Chambers

The Bloomington Black History Month Essay Contest was designed to encourage youth to learn more about the contributions African Americans have made to our country. By learning about and celebrating these achievement students learn more not only about African American History but American History. At this event winners from the elementary, middle and high school levels will be announced and the 1st Place essays will be read. Refreshments will be served.



FEBRUARY 25

Bill T. Jones Dance

8:00pm • IU Auditorium
1211 E. Seventh Street, Bloomington

Dancer. Choreographer. Director. The multitalented, Tony Award-winning Bill T. Jones brings his passionate, innovative dance-theatre to the heartland with *Fondly Do We Hope... Fervently Do We Pray*, a multimedia production commemorating the Abraham Lincoln bicentennial. The show honors Lincoln's memory by investigating what he meant to different people, celebrating his lasting contributions and envisioning the America that might have been if Lincoln had completed the Reconstruction. Tickets are \$25-33 for the general public, and \$13-23 for IU Bloomington students.



FEBRUARY 26-27

African American Dance Company Workshop/Dance Showcase

TBA • Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center • 275 N. Jordan Ave.,
Bloomington and Wilkie Auditorium
150 N. Rose Ave., Bloomington

The mission of the dance workshop is to expose participants to dance from the African American and African Diaspora perspectives through master dance classes, panel discussion and enlightening dialogue. For specific class times contact rosa@indiana.edu.



FEBRUARY 27 *

5th Annual Black History Month Gala

7:00pm • Hillton Garden Inn
245 N. College Blvd.

Celebrate in style at the Black History Month Gala. Dinner, dancing and fun are the main items on this agenda. A silent auction and special presentations to people who make our community unique will top off the evening. Music provided by Jay Majors and Hook-Up. Tickets are \$40 per person and will be available January 19th at Sunrise Box Office – www.buskirkchumley.org or (812) 323-3020. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting (812) 349-3560 or by email at safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov.

FEBRUARY 28

Gospel Brunch at FARMBloomington

11:00am-3:00pm • 108 East Kirkwood
Cost: \$19 per person

FARMBloomington Restaurant and the African American Arts Institute present Sunday's Gospel Brunch at Farm Bloomington from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Enjoy great food and Sunday's best Gospel music. It's sure to sizzle! Sunday's Gospel Brunch will feature Keith McCutchen and along with some other great talent. To explore the menu at FARMBloomington check them out at www.farm-bloomington.com. For more information please contact FARMBloomington Restaurant at 812-323-0002 or the African American Arts Institute at 812-855-5427.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2010 Community-wide Calendar of Events

Bloomington Style:
CONVERSATIONS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



All events are open to the public.
Events are free unless otherwise stated.
City sponsored events are indicated with*



FEBRUARY 3
African American Choral Ensemble
12:30pm • IU School of Education Atrium
201 N. Rose Avenue, Bloomington

The African American Choral Ensemble's repertoire resonates with the complexities of the black American experience. The larger ensemble offers the public three smaller contemporary gospel groups: SoulACE, Sojourner and God's Progress. These groups honor and preserve the vocal traditions of black gospel music.

FEBRUARY 4 *
City of Bloomington Black History Month Kick-off and Reception
6:00pm • Showers City Hall Council Chambers

Join the conversation. Black History Month-Bloomington Style! kicks off with a facilitated conversation about African American images in the media. It is anticipated that broader topics of such as self-images; how images shape success and the changing African American image will also be explored. Audience members will have an opportunity to join the discussion along with panelists. Followed by entertainment and a reception.



FEBRUARY 4-6
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire

8:00pm & 11:00pm • Whittenberger Auditorium, Indiana Memorial Union
900 E. Seventh Street, Bloomington

The Indiana University Union Board Films is presenting this critically acclaimed, inspiring film which focuses on the life of Harlem teen, Clareece "Precious" Jones. Precious is an overweight, illiterate African-American teen in Harlem. Just as she's about to give birth to her second child, Jones is accepted into an alternative school where a teacher helps her find a new path in her life. Free to Indiana University students with an I.D. Non-students: \$2.00.



FEBRUARY 5
Haiti Show
Wayne Manns Exhibit Opening
5:30pm – Gallery Group
109 E. Sixth Street, Bloomington

Celebrated local artist Wayne Manns is exhibiting many of his favorite recent works. Twenty-five percent (25%) of all sales will be donated directly to Haiti relief efforts.



FEBRUARY 5
First Fridays Happy Hour
6:00-9:00pm • Jake's
419 N. Walnut Street
Bloomington

A social and professional networking event bridging Bloomington's black community. First Fridays will take place during Jake's happy hour, offering drink specials and light hors d'oeuvres. Admission is free and open to the public. Must be 21 years of age.

FEBRUARY 7
African American Choral Ensemble "Celebration of Spirituals"
4:00pm • Auer Hall, Simon Music Center
1201 E. Third Street, Bloomington

The African American Choral Ensemble's repertoire resonates with the complexities of the black American experience. The larger ensemble offers the public three smaller contemporary gospel groups: SoulACE, Sojourner and God's Progress. These groups honor and preserve the vocal traditions of black gospel music.



FEBRUARY 10
FASE Mentoring Program Black History Month Art Fair
6:30-8:30pm • Grand Hall Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
275 N. Jordan Avenue, Bloomington

The Faculty and Staff for Student Excellence (FASE) Mentoring Program is sponsoring this annual Black History Month Art Fair. This year's theme is "Expressions of the Soul." Artists are encouraged to submit ideas that complement this Black history month theme. All forms of art are welcome. The event is free and open to all IU Bloomington faculty, staff, students, and community members who would like to participate. For more information, please contact the FASE Mentoring Program at 812-855-3540 or omsld@indiana.edu.

FEBRUARY 10
Dr. Marc Lamont Hill
7:00pm • Indiana University Alumni Hall

Dr. Marc Lamont Hill is one of the leading hip-hop generation intellectuals in the country. His work, which covers topics such as hip-hop culture, politics, sexuality, education and religion, has appeared in numerous journals, magazines, books, and anthologies.

Dr. Hill has lectured widely and provides regular commentary for media outlets like NPR, Washington Post, Essence Magazine, and New York Times. In Fall 2009, Dr. Hill joined the faculty of Columbia University as Associate Professor of Education at Teachers College. Presented by the Indiana Memorial Union Board, www.imu.indiana.edu/board/index.shtml.

FEBRUARY 12 *
The Birthday Show: 50 Joel Washington Exhibit Opening
5:00pm • Showers City Hall Atrium

In celebration of Bloomington artist Joel Washington's 50th birthday an exhibit of 50 original works will be on display through the end of February. Be the first to see this powerful exhibit and meet the artist.

FEBRUARY 16
A Conversation on Education
12:30pm • Ivy Tech Community College • 200 Daniels Way

Eric Love, Indiana University Director of Diversity will lead a conversation on the implications of transferring from a community college to a large university. Topics will include: academics, social and Greek life and time management.

FEBRUARY 20
Rise and Shine Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
7:30-10:15am • Longhorn Steakhouse
721 S. College Mall Road, Bloomington

Join in this pancake breakfast, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Bloomington Alumnae Chapter. A \$5.00 donation per adult and \$2.00 per child is the cost of admittance. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., or by calling (812) 320-2273 or (314) 680-4461 or email: dst_bac@yahoo.com. Tickets will be sold in advance ONLY.



FEBRUARY 20 *
"Becoming a Woman" – A conversation between ebony princesses and the women who care about them.
11:30am • Second Baptist Church
321 N. Rogers, Bloomington

Join the conversation. Middle and high school aged female students along with female



mentors will explore what it means to transition from being a little girl into young womanhood. Social skills, goal setting and self care are among the issues to be explored. Refreshments will be served. This

event is sponsored in collaboration with the City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women.

FEBRUARY 20 *
Saturday at the Barbershop
11:00am • College Town Cutters,
300 E. Third Street, Bloomington

The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Black Males presents this conversation designed for middle school aged males to discuss how our role models are identified; what positive attributes should role models exhibit; and the influence of celebrity in forming references for role modeling. This will be a moderated discussion. Refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY 21
College Goal Sunday
2:00pm • Ivy Tech Community College Student Commons • 200 Daniels Way

College Goal Sunday is a program that helps college-bound Indiana students, who qualify for undergraduate admission to a college or technical school in 2010, and their families complete the Free Application for

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal Sunday provides on-site help from financial aid experts, primarily from Indiana colleges and universities.

FEBRUARY 21
It Takes a Village to Raise a Child
3:00pm • Second Baptist Church
321 N. Rogers Street

This is the Second Baptist Church annual Black History Month Program. Rev. Bruce Rose, Pastor.

FEBRUARY 23
"Readings in Race" Series – Thelonius Monk Revisited
6:30-8:00pm • Neal Marshall Black Culture Center/Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center, Room A201
275 N. Jordan Avenue, Bloomington

Presented by Professor David Baker and Keith McCutchen, this event will offer an overview of Robin D.G. Kelly's Book entitled *Thelonius Monk: The Life and Times of an American Original*. Highlights will include new details about Monk's life, music and mental health problems, as well as a glimpse into the New York jazz scene of the mid-twentieth century. Professor David Baker will discuss Monk's stylistic traits as well as the contribution his compositions have made to the jazz tradition. Presentation will also include live performances.



by Joel Washington