

PRESS RELEASE from SASKATCHEWAN AFRICAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM INC  
CANADA 150 Celebrations and  
BLACK HISTORY/ AFRICAN CANADIAN HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY, 2017  
January 30, 2017

To launch a series of Canada 150 events organized by the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum (SACHM), the Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport will recognize African Canadian History / Black History Month on February 1 at 7 pm at the MacKenzie Art Gallery. Mayor Michael Fougere will bring greetings as will others. Dr. Barbara McNeil, PhD professor of Education at the University of Regina will speak at the event and discuss *Opportunities, Triumphs, Challenges, and Optimistic Vision of people of African descent in Saskatchewan*.

African Canadian History / Black History Month is observed annually in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora (movement). It is celebrated annually in the United States (began 1976) and Canada (began 1995) in February and the United Kingdom in October (began 1987).

The Government of Canada has provided funds to SACHM for events throughout 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation. SACHM has also partnered with the Mackenzie Art Gallery, SaskCulture, the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan and collaborated and consulted with several other organizations.

SACHM events scheduled in Regina include (also, see attached):

February 1 – University of Regina – Dr. McNeil presentation to students - 12 noon  
- MacKenzie Art Gallery – Launch African Canadian History/ Black History – 7pm

**CONTACT IS Nicole Nugent, MacKenzie Art Gallery – 306 584 4250 ext. 4291 (Poster) and  
Carol LaFayette-Boyd – SACHM – 306 545 8824**

February 3 - French Institute – U of R - African Francophone Community of Saskatchewan,  
Launch African Canadian History/ Black History - 5 pm (Poster)

**CONTACT IS Ildephonse Bigirimana - 306-539-8670**

February 5 - MacKenzie Art Gallery, Book reading of Children's book Li'l Shadd

**CONTACT IS Nicole Nugent, MacKenzie Art Gallery – 306 584 4250 ext. 4291**

February 13 - Regina Public Library – History of Jazz – 7 pm

**CONTACT IS Blair Dixon – 306-522-9088**

February 18 - Royal Saskatchewan Museum – Trailer of “Played & Stayed” recognizing former Saskatchewan Roughriders who made a decision to make Saskatchewan their home over the last 50 years – 2 pm (Poster)

**CONTACT IS Ted Jaleta – 306-501-3154**

February 21 – Conexus Art Centre – Concert with Measha Brueggergosman, with local performers Sharon-Ann Brown, Matt Rapley, Emcee, Camille Munro, former Miss World Canada 2013. Will “Meet and Greet” on the Red Carpet with former Saskatchewan Roughriders who “Played and Stayed”. (Poster)

**CONTACT IS Ted Jaleta – 306-501-3154**

Also see <http://mcos.ca/bhm-events-activities/>

**Thank You from: Muna DeCiman, Chair, SACHM - abib.deciman@sasktel.net**

**African Canadian/Black History Month EVENTS 2017 of Interest to Groups  
from Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum (SACHM)**

- February 1 – **SACHM**, Dr. Barbara McNeil at University of Regina – Noon - Contact – (306) 545-8824
- February 1 – **SACHM**, Dr. Barbara McNeil at MacKenzie Art Gallery – 7 pm - Contact – (306) 545-8824
- February 3 – CAFS, Launch BHM at French Institute – U of R - 5 pm - Contact - Ildephonse Bigirimana (306) 539-8670
- February 4 – Shiloh Breakfast – Shiloh Assembly Church 1600 Broadway Ave
- February 5 – **SACHM** – MacKenzie Art Gallery - reading Li'l Shadd – 2 pm - Contact – (306) 545-8824
- February 6 – Regina Public Library, Ponziano Aluma - 7 pm - Contact – (306) 777-6000
- February 9 - Orr Center – 7 pm –Midnight Admission: \$10 Food and Drinks available
- February 13 – **SACHM** – Regina Public Library – History of Jazz – 7 pm - Contact – (306) 545-8824
- February 14 - FREEDOM SINGER, A Project: Humanity Production, The Artesian – Regina Folk Festival
- February 17 - U of R Gym 1 - U of R African Club - African Night 5-9pm Adults: \$20 Students: \$10
- February 18 - **SACHM** – Preview – Played & Stayed - Royal Saskatchewan Museum at 2 pm – Contact – (306) 545-8824
- February 18 – CAFS, Multicultural Dinner - Contact - Ildephonse Bigirimana (306) 539-8670
- February 19 – Shiloh Gospelfest 2017- Shiloh Assembly Church 1600 Broadway Ave – 6:30
- February 21 – **SACHM** - Conexus – Measha Brueggergosman performing “Songs of Freedom” – for Celebration of Canada 150 and Black History Month February 2017 with emcee former Miss World (2013) Camille Munro and former Canadian Idol contestant (2007) Matt Rapley. Red Carpet features former Saskatchewan Roughriders including George Reed & Richie Hall meeting and greeting – Contact – (306) 545-8824. Tickets - <https://www.conexusticket.com/ordertickets.asp?p=665&src=default>
- February 24 – African Food Festival – 3850 Hillisdale
- February 25 - Bethlehem Apostolic Church 8am-11am Jamaican Style Breakfast
- February 25 SCCA’s Black History Month Banquet - Performing Arts Center- 1077 Angus St - 5:30pm
- February 25 – CAFS, Closing BHM Events - Saskatoon
- February 27 – Regina Public Library, Africa Evening – Mary Chipanshi – 7 pm -- Contact – (306) 777-6000

NOTE: All **SACHM** events are open to the public at no cost except February 21 concert.