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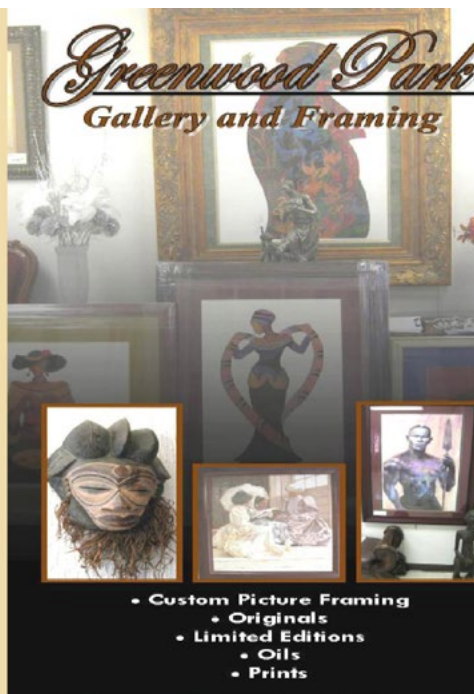
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Welcome to the 2026 Community Arts & Funk Festival!

Thank you for joining us on the near westside for a day of art, music, food and fun in partnership with the Harley - Davidson Foundation, at the beautiful Davidson Park outdoor event space. As we are celebrating the nation's 250th Anniversary we reflect on the word 'REVOLUTION', and what that means. Freedom, Dignity, and Democracy are all fragile ideals that are in constant threat and the arts, in all its forms, are a catalyst for implementing positive change through creative means. We are proud to be a part of the 'city of festivals' and create opportunities for visual and performing artists to showcase original artwork and music. We thank our distinguished sponsors **I.P.A.M.A.**, (Institute for the Preservation of African American Music & Arts), **Brewers Community Foundation**, **Educators Credit Union**, and 'In Kind' partners **Greenwood Park Gallery**, **DigiCopy** and **AllStar Screenprinters**. We would also like to thank our loyal media sponsors, **HYFIN**, **88Nine Radio Milwaukee**, **WMSE 91.7**, and **Blue Jade Branding** for their participation and support.

This year's music line up will have you on your feet non-stop until the street lights come on. **D'aych & The Next Level Band**, **Songbird**, and **Peace Love Hope** all put a whole new twist on genre blends of Gospel, Reggae, Rock, Soul, Hip Hop, and straight FUNK! Each bringing their own original songs of inspiration, insight, and shameless high volume faith. DJ 'A-Biz and DJ 'Shuga' will tag team on the turntables providing a groovin' backdrop of non stop jams in between bands. We welcome Influencer, and co-founder of ExPosed Inc. Domestic Violence Advocate, Natalie Hayden as special guest host of the live stage performances. And also welcoming our respected 'Judge of Distinction', Graeme Reid of the **Museum of Wisconsin Art (MOWA)**, for the 'Fine Art and Illustration' art competition. He will be joined by Tina Johnson, President of the African American Art Alliance at the **Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM)**, and Jody Alexander Director of **BLK ART History & Culture**.

Contributing to the arts can heal the wounds of a community, while providing an opportunity for many to enjoy and express creativity in its most vibrant forms. It has been through the partnership with the Harley-Davidson Foundation participation of artists, musicians, partnering arts organizations, supporting sponsors, the many volunteers and you, the Milwaukee community, that has produced the Community Arts & Funk Festival again this year. Enjoy a great place to look, listen, watch, taste, and create all in one place! Showing 'Unity in The Community' as 'One City Under A Groove', having a 'Funky Good Time'.

Stay artful,

Brad Anthony Bernard

CAFF Founder and Promoter

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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10:00 - 10:45 AM

FESTIVAL OPENING / WELCOME

Libation Ceremony Drums Up - Guns Down, youth drummers

11:00 AM - 12:15

WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor Steven Robertson

12:15 - 1:55 PM

DJ 'A - BIZ' - 'DEEP FUNK' SET

2:05 - 2:55 PM

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES



- Author & Poet, Pastor Yolanda Radford-Sartin
- National Poetry Slam Winner, Onyx Rose
- Teen Poetry / Spoken Word
- International Recording Artist, **KING KAMONZI**

3:00 - 3:10 PM

ART COMPETITION & POETRY AWARDS

3:25 - 4:10 PM

D'AYCH & THE NEXT LEVEL BAND

4:30 - 4:50 PM

SONGBIRD

4:55-5:30 PM

DJ 'SHUGA ZK' - FUNK MUSIC TOUR

5:30 - 6:45 PM

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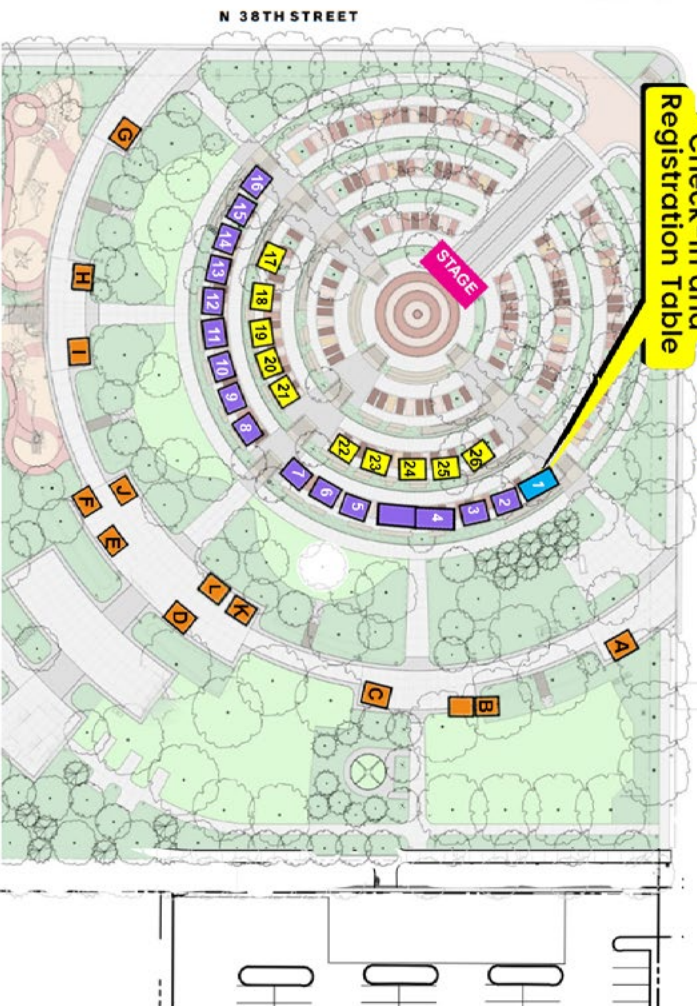
Community Arts & Funk Festival Booth Map

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Check-In and
Registration Table



WHIGHLAND BLVD (FREE STREET PARKING)

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1. CAFF Tent
2. Momentum Gallery
3. DigiCopy
4. Greenwood Park Gallery
5. Conny L. Ausencio
6. Kay Productions
7. Kate Eternick
8. CaBeatrice & Tayla Hart
9. Rozalia Hernandez-Singh
10. Bernie Higgins
11. Willie Lamar
12. Maurice Marshall
13. Zelodius Morton
14. Jennifer Wiegelman
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22. Cha Cha Giftshop
23. Connect Chiropractic
24. Phax by Pixion
25. PNC Bank
26. Hands By Henna

FOOD VENDORS

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| A. Main Squeez | J. Fresh & Safe |
| B. Savory Chicken | K. Sals Soul Cafe |
| C. Fusion and Spice | L. Chef Let Em Eat |
| D. Vegan Soul | |
| E. Jushun's Snacks | |
| F. Dear Florence Sweets | |
| G. Encore | |
| H. Elevated Essentials | |
| I. Chef Kreyol | |

The Performers

D'aych & The Next Level Band

D'AYCH (DH) and The Next Level Band offer an electrifying musical experience that seamlessly blends the sounds of gospel, rap, rock, jazz and inspirational vibes. This dynamic band brings a contagious energy to the stage, captivating audiences with their versatile musical styles. Their ability to switch styles and genres makes them a favor



Songbird

Introducing Songbird – Born and raised in Milwaukee, Songbird is a powerhouse vocalist and songwriter whose sound blends gospel, R&B, soul, and jazz into something timeless and transformative. From Lollapalooza to worship stages, she's known for creating healing spaces with her voice—Pull up, post up, and praise in 'Songbird' style!



Meet the people, enter the places and follow the ideas shaping the city's creative culture.

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The Performers



Peace Love Hope

Reunited and ready to rock, "Peace Love Hope" is a funk-rock-reggae fusion trio that's been around the block and back. Formed in Racine, Wisconsin (1989) under the name "Fruit Salad", the group's roots date back to their high school days, where they first started grooving to the sounds of funk and reggae. The band had much success performing in the Midwest. After a three-decade hiatus, the band has reconvened, bringing with them a renewed passion for music and a fresh perspective.

In 2024 with newfound energy and creativity, Peace Love Hope is revamping their classic hits and crafting new ones that blend the best of their past with the present. Their music is a testament to the power of good vibes, infectious beats, and inspiring lyrics. Get ready to groove with this revitalized trio as they bring their unique sound to the stage and share their message of peace, love, and hope with a whole new audience.



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The Judges

Jody Alexander



Arts advocate, Jody Alexander is founder of Blk-Art, History & Culture. She has volunteered, promoted, advocated and implemented arts/educational programming for more than 20 years. Alexander has also hosted a number of renowned artists, lecturers and art historians during their visits to Milwaukee. As a special events assistant for the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM), she enjoyed incorporating MAM's art collection into every event. She continued to work with local artists as a senior sales associate at the Morning Glory Gallery (at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts) and was the program coordinator for 5 years for MARN's (Milwaukee Artists Resource Network) Mentor/Mentee Program. Alexander is also an enthusiastic art maker, art collector, researcher of African American history and a recipient of a 2019 Black Excellence Award.

Tina Johnson



Tina Johnson, retired researcher at the Medical College of Wisconsin, has always used art as an emotional vehicle that allows her to feel a range of sentiments and experience humanity. She considers art a social connector that can transcend class and culture, therefore it can be used as a conversation starter to discuss complex issues.

In her "repurposed" life, she hopes to use her role as president of the Milwaukee Art Museum's African American Art Alliance and art museum docent to bridge to gap in the MKE community by starting conversations about our common human connections and to help foster a greater understanding of each other.

Graeme Reid



Currently Senior Curator at the Museum of Wisconsin Art, where he has worked since 2003, Graeme Reid has worked in museums for thirty-five years with positions at the Swope Art Museum (Terre Haute, IN), the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette (Lafayette, IN) and the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan, WI). With degrees from the University of Glasgow and Indiana State University, Reid has taught humanities and art history at Indiana State and Purdue Universities. A very experienced curator of historic and contemporary exhibitions, Reid has extensive judging experience locally, regionally and nationally, is an award-winning writer, and has lectured extensively in the Midwest.

Festival Emcee



Natalie Charmaine is a dynamic community leader, event host, and engagement strategist dedicated to creating memorable experiences that bring people together. As the Co-Founder and Executive Director of ExPOSED Inc., she leads initiatives focused on empowering youth, preventing relationship violence, and strengthening communities through education and advocacy.

Known for her energetic stage presence and ability to connect with audiences of all ages, Natalie has hosted and emceed numerous community events, races, festivals, and nonprofit programs throughout Milwaukee. Her passion for crowd engagement, storytelling, and keeping audiences energized makes her a natural fit to guide today's celebration.

As the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Community Arts & Funk Festival, Natalie is excited to help keep the energy high, celebrate local talent, and ensure an unforgettable experience for everyone in attendance.

Special Guest



Aichelle S. White is a Music Administrator and social media influencer committed to empowering independent music creatives with the tools and knowledge needed to protect their intellectual property and build sustainable careers. As the founder of MuSample, a music tech company focused on catalog management, royalties, education, and contract oversight, Aichelle blends industry expertise with accessible education.

She reaches a global audience through engaging content and livestreams on Twitch, TikTok, YouTube, and Kick, where she shares bite-sized music business courses, real-time insights, and career-building strategies. Aichelle's mission is to bridge the gap between creativity and business—making sure music creatives thrive both on and off the stage, and on every platform where music lives.

Supporting Staff

Alea McHatten, Maxwell McKissick, Nateya Taylor, and Derek Jacobs

Key Volunteers

Julie Elvord, Angela Marshall

Teen Poetry

Onyx Rose - Moderator

Shelly Conley - Judge #1

Kimmie Oooh - Judge #2

My Poetry Speaks - Judge #3

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