

ARISE 5

SAVE
THE
DATE

**WILL BE
LIVE for**

5

**Days in
the DMV**

**DC
MD
VA**

5TH ANNUAL
PUPIL OF
THE EYE
CONFERENCE
JUNE 15-19, 2023

June 15-19, 2023

**Dozens of
Powerful
Presenters
and Artists**

**A POTE Family
Reunion focused
on people of
African Descent!**

*Programs for
children, youth,
young adults, and
everyone else!*

**ARISE 2023
WILL BE BOTH
IN-PERSON.
Some portions
will be virtual**

**The POTE train
will also make
stops in a few
cities, perhaps
yours!**



**A BLACK FAMILY
REUNION:
A HEALING,
NURTURING AND
ENCOURAGING
SPACE TO CONNECT,
CELEBRATE, AND
COLLABORATE!**



YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNERS



BARBARA TALLEY

CONFERENCE CHAIR



OLETHA DEVANE

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR



GERI PEAK

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
JR. YOUTH PROGRAM
COORDINATOR



NIKKIA JONTE'

LEAD CONTACT FOR THE
COMMITTEE ORGANIZING
THE GALA AT THE
VIRGINIA BAHAI SCHOOL

**THURSDAY TO
MONDAY,
JUNE 15-19, 2023**

PREP-REGISTRATION OPEN

QUESTIONS

BAHAIPOTE2019@GMAIL.COM

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**REGISTER
NOW**

2023 PUPIL OF THE EYE

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June Conference Highlights



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EXCURSIONS IN DC AND MD

REGISTRATION IN MARYLAND
MEET AND GREET EVENING RECEPTIONS
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, BLACKS IN
WAX, AND REGINALD LEWIS MUSEUMS

16

(FRI)

17

(SAT)

GETTING DOWN TO POTE BUSINESS IN MARYLAND

STUDYING SHOGHI EFFENDI'S CHARGE TO SADIE OGLESBY
OWNING & FULFILLING OUR PUPIL OF THE EYE MISSION
REFLECTING AND CLARITY ON CREATING VITAL "CENTRES"
PARTICIPATING IN AN APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SESSION
SAFE, NURTURING, AND HEALING CONVERSATION SPACES
DISCUSSING ISSUES (HEALTH, WEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH),
PERTINENT GUIDANCE, AFRO-FURTURISM AND EPISTEMICIDE

EVENING

"Black Girls as Quazars' Stage Play Reading

18

(SUN)

WE AROSE! SHARING FROM THOSE WHO ARE:

BUILDING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES
OFFERING POTE PRAYER CIRCLES & FIRESIDES
CREATING SOCIAL DISCOURSE SPACES AROUND RACE
POTE TRAIN CHECK-IN AT A FEW CITIES
OFFERING SPECIAL POTE CENTERED GATHERINGS
DEDICATED TO POTE EDUCATION & IDENTITY



Juneteenth Eve (18th) Gala Celebration in VA

19

(MON)

JUNETEENTH

SPECIAL JUNETEENTH PROGRAM MODELS
OF UNITY AWARDS CEREMONY IN
MARYLAND WHERE WE WILL HONOR
THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS
THAT ARE PROMOTING BAHÁ'Í IDEALS
AROUND RACIAL JUSTICE AND HEALING



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“Afro futurism tells us about how the past thought about the future; and how African Americans dreamt of worlds they wished to occupy and soon brought into being.”

KEVIN YOUNG, ANDREW W. MELLON
DIRECTOR OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN
HISTORY AND CULTURE

Pre-Conference Events

June 15 THURSDAY

REMEMBERING HIS OUR STORY



MORNING REGISTRATION
IN MARYLAND AT HOST HOTEL
MEET AND GREET
AFTERNOON TRIP TO DC
**VISIT AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY MUSEUM**

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It was established ...to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. To date, the Museum has collected more than 40,000 artifacts and opened to the public in 2016.

“This Museum will tell the American story through the lens of African American history and culture. This is America’s Story and this museum is for all Americans.”

Lonnie G. Bunch, III Founding Director, NMAAHC

EVENING

**WELCOME RECEPTION
BY SPONSORING LSA: THE BAHA’IS
OF HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND
HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Pre-Conference Events
June 16 FRIDAY

REMEMBERING HIS OUR STORY



REGISTRATION
EXCURSIONS IN BALTIMORE
REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM

"..objects and art dating from 1784 to the present day, you'll learn about the incredible accomplishments and struggles of African American Marylanders. ...the Museum is the largest African American museum in Maryland and features more than 11,000 square feet of permanent and temporary exhibition space, a two-story theater, classrooms, an outdoor terrace, and more."

The **Reginald F. Lewis Museum** is excited to partner with Galerie Myrtis and the James E. Lewis Museum of Art at Morgan State University to present the groundbreaking exhibition "**Afro-Futurist Manifesto: Blackness Reimagined**" for the first time in the United States. Curated by Myrtis Bedolla for the 2022 Venice Biennale, "Afro-Futurist Manifesto" brings together a stellar assemblage of African-American Artists who construct a future forged in transatlantic links and Afrofuturism's ideology to expand the notion of Blackness at the intersection of technology and liberation. This existence has been conceived, as asserted by author Kevin Young, in "Elsewhere ... the remapping of what's here," forming an alternative reality where one's freedom and humanity is found.

6PM

EVENING RECEPTION

HARRIET TUBMAN CENTER

**SPONSORING LSA: THE BAHA'IS
OF HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND**

HONORING MARYLAND ANCESTOR BAHAI'S

(ALBERT JAMES, FRED MYERS, DR. AUSTIN, LECILE WEBSTER, AND OTHERS)



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REGISTRATION
EXCURSIONS IN BALTIMORE
BLACKS IN WAX

The Blacks in Wax Museum houses approximately 150 figures of people from the past, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, and from the present, like President Barack Obama.. **The Museum's mission is to stimulate an interest in African American history by revealing the little-known, often neglected facts of history;** use great leaders as role models for youth; improve race relations by dispelling myths of racial inferiority and superiority; support and work with community groups, schools, and other organizations to provide opportunities for youth to pursue careers in the museum industry; and promote economic development in the East North Avenue corridor.

6PM

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June Saturday Program

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**GETTING DOWN TO POTE
BUSINESS IN MARYLAND**

ARRIVAL AT MCDONOGH SCHOOL VENUE (9:00 AM)

- REGISTRATION
- OFFICIAL WELCOME
- PRAYERS, ANCESTOR CALL
- MORNING MUSIC
- MORNING SPEAKER
- MEMORIAL TO THE ENSLAVED (OLETHA DEVANE)
- RECITAL OF GUARDIAN'S CHARGE TO SADIE OGLESBY
- FULFILLING OUR PUPIL OF THE EYE STATION
- MISSION: CREATING VITAL "CENTRES" OF UNITY
- PARTICIPATING IN AN APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SESSION

CATERED LUNCH ON-SITE (1PM-2:30)

- COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNION WITH FRIENDS
- HEALING CONVERSATION SPACES TO REFLECT
- COOPERATIVE GAMES, WALKS, MEDITATION TIME
- DISCUSSING PERTINENT LETTERS AND GUIDANCE
- SHARING OUR EXCURSION EXPERIENCES

CATERED DINNER ON-SITE (5:00-6:30 PM)

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON BUS TOUR
WITH LEX MUSTA (1PM-6PM)

6:30-9:30) EVENING STAGE PERFORMANCE
'Black Girls as Quazars' Stage Play Reading
and discussion with Dr. Toya Mary Okonkwo



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June 18 Sunday Program

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WORKING ON MENTAL HEALTH
CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
WORKING ON FOOD SECURITY/CLIMATE/HEALTH

POTE TRAIN CHECK-IN AT A FEW CITIES

Elegant Evening Gala

**Juneteenth Eve (18th) Gala
Celebration at the Virginia
Baha'i Center by the Baha'is
of Northern Virginia**

7PM



SPECIAL JUNETEENTH PROGRAM
FOOD, FUN, TALENT SHOW, CONCERT
MODELS OF UNITY AWARDS
CEREMONY IN VIRGINIA WHERE WE
WILL HONOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS
AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
PROMOTING BAHAI IDEALS AROUND
RACIAL JUSTICE AND HEALING



CELEBRATING
BLACK CULTURE,
FAITH & FREEDOM

taking time out for fun!

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GALA



SUNDAY
JUNE

18th

Hosted by

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
BAHA'I CENTER

MUSIC - FOOD - AWARDS

An ARISE 5 Pupil of the Eye
Conference Participant Event

Dress to Impress

A Juneteenth-Eve Celebration

Doors open at: 7:00pm

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June

Monday Program

19TH

10:00
TO 3PM

CELEBRATING

Juneteenth

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. JOY DEGRUY
PRESENTATIONS BY YOUTH
ARTISTIC OFFERINGS
MUSICAL OFFERINGS
GOSPEL CHOIR

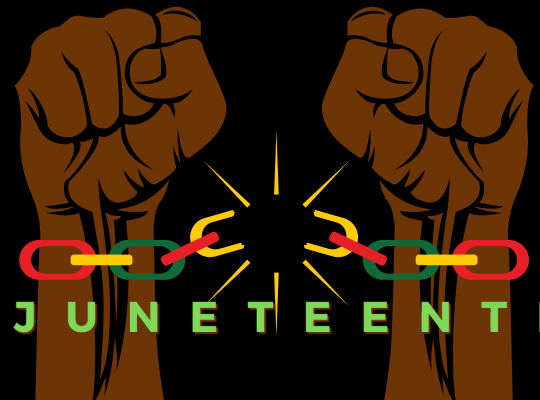
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5PM: OPTIONAL AFTER PROGRAM EVENT
FOR THOSE WHO WISH, A SPECIAL
VISITATION TO THE GRAVESITE FOR
POCAHONTAS POPE ORGANIZED
BY THE LSA OF THE BAHÁ'IS OF
WASHINGTON DC!



DR. JOY DEGRUY
DE THE HEALING
**POST
TRAUMATIC
SLAVE
SYNDROME**

America's Legacy Of
Enduring Injury and Hope



JUNETEENTH