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YOUNG LOVE!!!



Congregations to Newlyweds Amir and Mariah Coleman who had their Reception on Sun day, June 6, 2021. The couple was married earlier in the year in a private cerem

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BLACK MUSIC SPECIAL EDITION



Pictured right to left Tim Cunningham and Prince

American music. And the nation needs to right the record

President Joe Biden's proclamation on June as Black Music Appreciation Month, issued just a few weeks ago, succinctly summarized the richness and strength of our cultural contribution, and its need to be recognized. He also set out an agenda that pushes the nation to accomplish that: "We must rededicate ourselves to rooting out systemic racism from every part of our society, and work together to advance racial justice and equity." But what does rededication entail? Recorded music is one of America's most re-

markable intellectual global contributions, and at its core, American music is Black music. From blues, gospel, jazz, country and rhythm and blues, to house, rock-and-roll and hip-hop, Black artists are the frequent inventors, cornerstone and backbone of musical genres and the recording industry. Despite this objective fact, Black people in the recording industry artists, producers, songwriters, managers and executives – are more likely to receive less, ask for less, be remembered less and be credited far less than their white counterparts.

The slavery mindset is alive and well in the profession. Black artists have historically been cheated and denied ownership of their masters, voices, copyrights and trademarks, often through bad contracts that took advantage of a lack of financial literacy.

The recording industry has thrived using harmful racial tropes and lopsided contracts to maximize profits, as was the case with legal enslavement and sharecropping. In the wake of George Floyd's murder, the Black Music Action Coalition has powerfully agitated for change across the industry. Recently, the collective of more than 250 of the industry's most prominent music executives, managers and artists, released a report exposing the systemic racism that has been integral to the music industry and the truth that racial equity is the

frontier for a fairer and more inclusive recording industry. The group's efforts further demonstrate that reparations extend beyond money. Reparative justice also entails reclaiming and recognizing lost and stolen Black intellectual property.

George Washington Johnson, the first African American recording artist most known for his multiphonic 1896 tune "The Laughing Song," died in obscurity with little wealth and recognition. By the early 20th century, African Americans had transmuted voice, instrumentation and sound from spirituals into gospel and the blues, and later into jazz. Charles "Buddy" Bolden, considered by many to be the father of jazz, undersold his recordings only for the wax cylinders to be lost and forgotten before his 1931 death. Like Johnson before him, Bolden has in many ways been lost to history, left to Black collective memory, no proper

Born a year after Bolden's death, Little Richard would fuse the musical genres into a new invention, rock-and-roll, for which he too would die without receiving full recognition. "I really feel from the bottom of my heart that I am the inventor (of rock-and-roll)," an adamant Little Richard reflected in a 1990 Rolling

flowers given.

Stone interview. Throughout the 1990s, Prince's public campaign to retrieve ownership of his mas-

ters from Warner Bros. is reminiscent of the struggle of his predecessors. A determined Prince inscribed the word "slave" on his face until he successfully took back ownership of his intellectual property, emphasizing the ordeal as a product of America's history of en-

Shortly after the conclusion of Prince's battle, Lauryn Hill embarked upon a multidecade fight to retain and reclaim her intellectual ownership of her likeness and sonic autobiographical Grammy-winning masterpiece "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill.

At the top of 2021, Anita Baker, legendary and recently retired rhythm-and-blues artist, called for fans to boycott streaming her music until executives honored their contractual obligation to transfer her complete ownership of the masters of her award-winning musical catalog. Slavery's imprint – the racist idea that a Black person's intelligence, invention and creativity should not belong to them – is all over these individual struggles and myriad Black recording artists' struggles to seek ownership of their intellectual property.

To be denied ownership and credit over your intellectual creation and invention is to have your emotional, psychological and financial well-being teetering at a razor's edge. The repair this nation desperately needs and deserves must extend beyond economic reparations and be inclusive of intellectual reparations – the purposeful and public recognition and acknowledgment of the creations, inventions and ideas of formerly enslaved people and their descendants. Intellectual reparations would help dismantle the insidious lie that Black people are not as smart, creative and inventive as everyone else. The United States has an unfulfilled obligation to credit Black people properly for their intellectual property and contributions to the development and wealth of this nation. The Biden-Harris administration must lead a

racial healing, and transformation process called for by so many in Congress. Slavery endures as a deadly mind trick. If the president and Vice President Kamala Harris take these vital reparative steps, Juneteenth would not just mark a past we have survived to overcome, but also a future where racism and the slavery mindset from which it was born are vanquished. In its place, a renewed nation and world would emerge where our shared humanity is the source of our collective power and foundational to our

comprehensive approach hinged on the truth

mutual prosperity and creativity. Marcus Anthony Hunter, <u>a sociology and African</u> American studies professor at UCLA, is the author of

WHAT IS BLACK MUSIC MONTH?

Black Music Month began in 1979 when Kenny Gamble, Ed Wright, and Dyana Williams developed the idea to set aside a month dedicated to celebrating the impact of black music. Created by music business insiders, the group successfully lobbied President Jimmy Carter to host a reception on June 7th, 1979 to formally recognize the cultural and financial contributions of black music. Since 1979, Black Music Month has grown from a small commemoration to national proportions with events held annually across the country.

In 2000, US-Representative Chaka Fattah sponsored House Resolution 509, which formally recognized the importance of Black music on culture and the economy during President Bill Clinton's administration. In 2009, President Barack Obama further defined June as African American Music Appreciation Month declaring the start of summer as a celebration for all the black "musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters [who] have made enormous contributions to our culture."

"The music of our Nation has always spoken to the condition of our people and reflected the diversity of our Union. African-American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters have made enormous contributions to our culture by capturing the hardships and aspirations of a community and reminding us of our shared values.



News, Views & Commentary

Introducing Linda Appling Candidate for City Council



My name is Linda Appling, and I am running for the at-large Council seat. I Currently live on the South Side of Lansing. I was born in the city of Detroit and attended Detroit public schools. I graduated from Central High school. Following graduation, I attended Michigan State University. Attendance at Michigan State University required me to leave my beloved home city of Detroit and relocate to East Lansing. I graduated from MSU with a Bachelor of Science degree. I met my husband, who is now deceased, Glennon while attending M.S.U.

Upon graduation, I was fortunate enough to land a job with the State in what is now called the Human Resource Division. I decided to go back to school and obtained a Master's Degree from M.S.U. During my career with the State, I worked for the Department of Social Services, Civil Service, and Department of Commerce. During this time Glen and I had one son whom we named Kyle.

I slowly evolved into an activist. Today I am concerned about the number of violent deaths we have in the City. Recently a murder occurred a short distance from me. Further, a woman was shot and killed by her brother's wife. We also have the unfortunate death of a man in jail. Other episodes of violence have occurred. Our City must address these issues. It should be safe for everyone to take a walk, stand in front of their house, and have their child outside. Other issues facing the City are homelessness.

Currently, I am active in the Zetas, President of LENO (Lansing Eaton Neighborhood Organization), Vice-Chair of the Eaton County Democratic Party. I am also a member of the Citizens Climate Lobby and previously served on the City's Memorable review board.

As your Council Person, I will serve as a trusted steward of the public's financial, environmental, social, and physical resources. My goal will be to provide affordable, high-quality city services and responsive accessible local government and ensure all persons can enjoy being a part of the Lansing community.

I ask that you vote for me on August 3, 2021.

Mayor Schor and City Clerk Swope applaud Federal Court's Election Grant Decision and oppose Michigan Legislature attempts to ban future election grants

(LANSING) - Mayor Andy Schor and Clerk Chris Swope applaud the decision of Federal District Judge Maloney to dismiss litigation against the City for accepting the Center for Tech and Civil Life (CTCL) funding to assist with secure, safe, and accurate elections during a pandemic.

Due to the critical support that foundation grants like CTCL provides to the City, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Schor and Clerk Swope are in strong opposition to the Michigan Legislature bills to ban communities from accepting election grants in the future.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the CTCL Grant saved lives and at the same time increased voter access, provided voter education and improved election accuracy" said City Clerk Swope. "For example, the Grant paid for a tent rental and staffing to provide drive-thru voting services for residents with or had a high risk of contracting COVID-19, a rental of air exchange unit for the South Washington Election Unit, which had hundreds of voters in proximity, an additional 13 drop boxes and security cameras, and 11 temporary employees to handle the timely review and processing of voter registration forms over 36.000 ballots.

"Foundation grants like CTCL are a critical funding source for cities to ensure that we can use all our options to allow voters to exercise their civic duty," said Mayor Schor. "Lansing and other local governments must be creative due to restrictions on revenue generation in state law, and public-private partnerships are a perfect way to generate dollars needed for necessary services. In light of the court's recent validation, I appreciate those that want to work with us to provide funding to ensure people have every opportunity to vote and oppose barriers being put up regarding public-private partnership funds.'

Examples for various departments of foundations who have provided funds to the City in the last three years are, but not limited to: JP Morgan Chase and Co., Target Corporation, National League of Cities, Project Safe Neighborhood Task Force Community Project, Capital Region Community Foundation, Cities for Financial Empowerment, PNC Foundation, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Fratcher Foundation, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Chris Swope, MMC/MiPMC

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MUSIC OF THE SOUL

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Music, music, it's the harmony of the soul Let it sink into your spirit, energizing and making you bold

Let it spew from your mouth, ooze from every

Let it tickle your ear drums, making you beg for

Let the pulsating rhythms of this music resonate,

Resound, bouncing off the page

Mimicking rushing blood as the beats audaciously

pound At every life stage

Soulful music makes limp bodies straighten right up and dance

A pulsating spirit: you can't be still, gotta move about, gotta prance

Let these sultry eargasms surge, bombarding the

Let them throb and audibly pound

Let all filtered notes, imbue authentic progression Let them encapsulate like melodic, pulsating surround sound

Let the rhythmic sounds explode, even detonate Let it move at will...and I reiterate...even peneChanneling memories and pumping love from its' infectious start

The churned music flows...enriches, fertilizes, and strengthens the mind

Gives rich life, sustenance, and gusto to heirs...Of

Jazzy and progressive movements will make your finger snap to the beat

Syncopated sound will have you moving, from head

These musical passages... so bold, so rich, and so

Uplift our heritage, keeping us aware and making us so proud

Ah, Sweet Music! the melodious syncopation of the past

This music of my ancestors emerges and evolves to

forever last This rhythmic flow keeps ancestral royalty in our

veins Let this cadence continue to throb; to beat; to uplift

Let these soulful beats keep giving us cause to cele-

Let it lift our voices in harmony, our souls to ele-

Let it flow, let it connect and let it bind us to our

past

And We will ensure it will forever last!

For in the deep recesses of our hearts, Our music...this rich spiritual and bodacious music Captivates even when allowed to blast

Music, Soul music; echoes bouncing in the chambers of the heart

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BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43 NIV



"Dear God, You are remarkable – all of You. As we continue our conversation around the subject of abuse, we know that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is a lie. The spoken words fueled my temper and settled in my spirit as anger. And, on a few occasions, it almost shortened my life, as was the case with our fellow veteran, Harvey Bernard Milk. He was a native of Long Island, New York, served in the U.S. Navy before working at a Wall Street investment firm.

After moving to San Francisco in the early 1970s, Milk established himself as a leading political activist for the gay community. Winning a seat on the city's Board of Supervisors, he emerged as one of the country's preeminent openly gay elected officials, spearheading an important anti-discrimination measure. Milk co-founded the Castro Village Association to unite gay business owners and launched the inaugural Castro Street Fair in 1974.

Additionally, Milk allied with the Teamsters Union by supporting a boycott of Coors beer. The union returned the favor by promising to hire more gay drivers. With his charisma, energy, and natural political skills, Milk gained the title "Mayor of Castro Street."

On November 27, 1978, the former Supervisor Dan White, angered that his hope of returning to the Board was denied, confronted and killed Milk with five gunshots.

In 2009, the activist's May 22 birthday was formally recognized in California as Harvey Milk Day. He was posthumously honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama. The United States Navy, in recognition of Milk's years on active duty and his civil-rights activism, announced that a naval fleet oiler would be christened the USNS Harvey Milk. Other ships in that class are to be named after Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, Robert F. Kennedy, and abolitionist Sojourner Truth.

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- City Hall, 124 W Michigan Ave, Open 8 am 5 pm Monday Friday



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than July 4, 2021 (virtual submissions may be uploaded no later than 11:59 PST)

Posters may include: Photography, collage, and mixed media. Language and all depictions shall be suitable for

All winning entrants will receive National social media and print recognition, inclusion in the 2022 NJOF CALENDAR, and cash prizes. The designs must include the NJOF Logo/Flag, or "All things Juneteenth," Juneteenth, on 11"x 17" poster board or canvas, or virtually submitted as a (PDF and JPEG

attachment).

THE THEME: THE THEME:
To create a poster that is symbolic of the historical journey African Americans have had to travel for rights, freedom, education, self-expression, heritage, liberation and equality. You may choose a single theme or multiple themes. However, only original designs will be accepted in this



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Birthdays in June 2021 II

Mr. Cornelius Robinson celebrates his 69th birthday on June 16th.

Ms. Alexis Dingman celebrates her 38th birthday on June 16th.

Ms. Christelena Alberez celebrates her 28th birthday on June 16th, with her loving family.

Ms. Tracy Woodrum celebrates her 51st birthday with family and friends.

Mr. Anton Love will celebrate his birthday on June 17th,

Ms. Renee Ostrander celebrates her 38th birthday on June 17th, saying, "Let's get crunked!"

Mr. Tim Antes celebrates his birthday on June 17th.

Ms. Nycole Williams celebrates her 51th birthday on June 18th.

Ms. Angell A. Steele celebrates her 49th birthday on June 18th, with family and

Ms. Naomi Steele celebrates her 38th birthday on June 18th. "Happy birthday"

Mr. Mario Gonzales celebrates his birthday on June 18th.

Ms. Ordella G. Henderson celebrates her birthday on June 18th.

Mr. Mitchell L. Brown will celebrate his birthday on June 18th.

Mr. Stuart N. Chavis celebrates his birthday on June 18th. Shauna and the children say, "We Love You,"

Ms. Dorothy McDourgal celebrates her 37th birthday on June 18th, with her sister, Ereka.

Miss Ray'chelle celebrates her birthday on June 18th, with family and friends.

Ms. Kelly Hopkins celebrates her 38th birthday June 19th. "I made it!"

Ms. Courtney M. Cole celebrates her birthday on June 19th.

Ms. Valerie Black celebrates her birthday on June 20th, "Happy birthday, GOD BLESS!!!"

Ms. Bobbie PerDita, who celebrates her birthday on June 20th, will be providing Exclusive Image Consulting and celebrating Life period!

Ms. Kim Trice celebrates her birthday on June 20th. "Thank GOD for another

Mr. Mike Hubbell celebrates his birthday on June 20th with family and friends.

Ms. Felicia Lawrence is celebrating her 55th birthday on June 21st, "still young". Mr. Alexander Cabule celebrates his birthday on June 21st.

Ms. Meghan Baty celebrates her 34th birthday on June 21st, with family and

friends.

Ms. Mary Lindsley celebrates her birthday on June 21st. Mr. Shain "Bubba" Shannon celebrates his birthday on June 21st with friends

Ms. Mildred Davis enjoys her birthday on June 21st, with family and friends.

Ms. Meghan Marriot enjoys her birthday on June 21st.

Mrs. Lady Rebecca Richardson, celebrates her birth on June 22nd; home with family and friends. "Mr. Party come on over, please".

Mr. Marcus McWilliams' celebrates his birthday on June 22nd.

Ms. Michelle Jackson will celebrate her 51th birthday on June 22nd, enjoying her four children.

Ms. Shakeva Suttles celebrates her birthday on June 22nd

Mr. Jordan Luther Brown will celebrate his 24th birthday on June 23rd, becoming a fine young gentleman: whose family loves him very much. Keep up the good work, Student (Olivet College).

Mr. Tamone Berry will celebrate his birthday on June 23rd, with his wife and

Mr. B.J. Berry celebrates his birthday on June 24th, with his dad and family.

Ms. Jessie May Jamison celebrates her 100th birthday with family and friends.

Ms. Quiana Flores will celebrate her 52nd birthday on June 24th.

Ms. Prossie Baby celebrates her birthday on June 24th. Mr. Earl Fowler celebrates his birthday on June 24.

Ms. Jennifer Maldonado enjoys her 40th birthday on June 25th

Ms. Glenda Robinson will celebrate her birthday on June 25th, with love from

Mr. Kirk A. Branson celebrates his birthday on June 25th, with wife April and

Mr. Kyle Jones celebrates his birthday on June 26th.

Pastor Nathan Dixon will celebrate his birthday on June 26th, with family and

Dr. Falyne Fry celebrates her birthday on June 26th, with family and friends,

praising the LORD!

Mr. Juan Sanchez Jr. will celebrate his 28th birthday on June 26th. Ms. Ella Couthen celebrates her birthday on June 26th.

Ms. Willa Dickens celebrates her birthday on June 29th.

Ms. Michelle R. Smith celebrates her birthday on June 29th.

Ms. Betty Plummer celebrates her birthday on June 30th.

Ms. Sherry E. Hawkins celebrates her 54th birthday on June 30th.

*Anniversaries

Rev. Nathan and Lady Rolanda Dixon celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on June 9th, blessed with their beautiful children, Miss. Makenzie Carrington and Master Josiah Nathaniel Dixon.

Mr. Larry L. and Mrs. Jayme A. King Jr. celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary on June 10th, enjoying their children, Mr. Larry L. III and Miss. Kay Lee King; Loving one another!

Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Sophie Flowers will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 24th.

Mr. Chris L. Young and Mrs. Amber C. Young celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on June 14th.

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