



Celebrating our **45TH ANNUAL AKRON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE FESTIVAL** Lock 3 on 200 S MAIN ST., July 18,19,20 2025, Lock 3 is an outdoor amphitheater that plays host to a variety of events in the summer months is a favorite among artist and visitors alike. Our well-attended festival fills the main street with fine selection of art, crafts, food, music and other entertainment, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You are invited to a part of this annual special event.

As always, we are looking for high quality product and creativity to effort to make our activities meaningful, educational, and enlightening, either handmade or unique and beautiful. Artisans and crafters, food vendors are highly encourage applying, based on affordable and creative menus.

Akron African Festival supports local Artists, Makers and Artisans by providing opportunities to learn and refine and expand their creative businesses through education and markets.

THE YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL will feature visual artists' booths where children can participate in creative activities making their own masterpieces. There will also be performing-based activities including puppet making, storytelling, music, and theater interactive activities. **The Youth Expressions Talent Show** will be open for ages 5-18. We want to encourage you to be a part of the Youth Arts Talent

One of the long-term goals of the **AAACA** is to create the infrastructure which will result in a permanent office, meeting space for the community organizations, and a research division that would facilitate greater study of the impact of **AKRON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE** communities.

For more information, please write to us at:

AAACA
P O Box 22213
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ALL VENDORS 2025 will be located Lock 3

SET UP: Friday 7:00-9:30am, Saturday, Sunday (Vehicles must be out of festival load in area by 9:00am.)

HOURS OF OPERATION: 10:00am-9:00pm food vendor

BREAKDOWN: Begins at 8:30pm (Vehicles may not enter the festival load-in area until 8:15pm.)

APPLICATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE: May 1-31, 2025

BOOTH SPACES

Lock 3

- Vendors cannot guarantee your spaces without payment
- A section of this one-day outdoor festival takes place on a paved surface which prohibits anchoring any supports into the ground.
- Please plan to have appropriate weights for your display, in the event of wind.
- Water sources are available, if noted on application, to vendor booths. Water sources could be up to 100-200 feet away.
- **ELECTRICITY IS NOT AVAILABLE**
- Vendors will be asked to keep all noise (including radios, background music, played instruments, etc.) at an absolute minimum in consideration of other artists and patrons.
- Please take note that this is an outdoor street festival.
- Set-up must be professional in appearance. Participants must stay in place until the end of the festival. All units must be of sound construction and must not obstruct others.
- Set up and break down at their assigned times and stay open the entire length of the show.

EQUIPMENT

- Booth fees: be responsible of your own tents, tables, chairs and hand sanitizer. Please, plan to bring your own.
- Quiet generators are encouraged.
- Plan to have appropriate weights for your display, in the event of wind.

\$ EARLY PRICE \$

Application must be - post mark by

MAY 1-31, 2025

\$ 100.00 (10 x 10) _____ \$ 175.00 (10 x 15) _____ \$ 250.00 (10 x 20) _____

\$ 150.00 (PUSHCART) _____ \$ 35.00 (NON-PROFIT/INFORMATION BOOTH) _____

\$ 50.00 (HEALTHCARE PAVILIONS) _____ Healthcare pavilion will get 1(one) table, 2 (two) chairs indoor spaces if you are doing screening of testing. please note it on the application.

Pop-up canopy/tent required.

Food vendors MUST serve from a truck or trailer set up.

Tent set up/service is prohibited.

\$ REGULAR PRICE \$

Application must be - postmark by

JUNE 14, 2025

\$ 250.00 (10 x 10) _____

\$ 375.00 (10 x 15) _____

\$ 450.00 (10 x 20) _____

\$ 250.00 (PUSHCART) _____

\$75.00 NON-PROFIT/INFORMATION BOOTH _____

\$100.00 HEALTHCARE PAVILIONS _____

Healthcare pavilion will get 1(one) table, 2 (two) chairs indoor spaces if you are doing screening of testing, please note it on the application.

Pop-up canopy/tent required.

Food vendors MUST serve from a truck or trailer set up.

Tent set up/service is prohibited.

INDICATE VENDOR SET UP:

Indicate exact size of set up:

Food Truck____ Tent ____ Trailer____ Pushcart____
Length_____ Depth_____ Water_____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print.

First and Last Name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Business Name: (As it will appear on your booth) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Mobile Phone: _____

PLEASE IF YOU ARE PAYING IN CASH APP YOUR NAME _____

ALSO, YOUR CASH APPNAME _____

PUBLICITY INFORMATION

© To have the ability to best describe our vendors in printed media and publicity, we request that you write two or more sentences about yourself and your business. Also, please provide a brief description (six words or less) of the items to be sold at your booth.

GENERAL RELEASE LIABILITY & WAIVER:

Youth Arts Festival & Akron African American Festival assume no responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen items. The undersigned hereby discharges the of all claims and suits from damages or loss to the undersigned's property during the event. The undersigned agrees to abide by the rules established by the **Youth Arts Festival/Akron African American Festival**. Anyone not in compliance will be suspended from future participation and are subject to removal with no refund or fee. I authorize the use of digital images, slides, and information herein submitted to **Youth Arts Festival/Akron African American Festival** for publicity (both electronic and print usage) and documentation. I have read and understand all information in this application, and I agree to comply with all **Youth Arts Festival/Akron African American Festival** rules and regulations.

Signature _____

Date _____ BOOTH FEES (Please note – All checks will be deposited upon submission.) (Booth size is based on the needs of each vendor.)

TOTAL BOOTH FEES **Cash app: \$Akronafrican**

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION & Check out with **CASH APP: \$ Akronafrican** or



CHECK/MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: AKRON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (AAACA)

SERVICE CHARGE FOR ALL RETURN CHECKS \$35.00

You will be contacted by email or postal mail concerning acceptance.

45th Akron African American Cultural Festival

Application will not be processed without all requirements being met. This application is also available on our **for more information, please call/email:**

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