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The History of Juneteenth

Juneteenth in Savannah, Georgia, holds a significant place in the city's history, echoing the broader narrative of emancipation and African American freedom in the United States.

Dating back to June 19, 1865, Juneteenth marks the day when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of slavery, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Although the news of emancipation spread slowly across different regions, it eventually reached Savannah, including its vibrant African American community.

In Savannah, Juneteenth became a moment of jubilation and reflection, as newly freed people celebrated their liberation while also recognizing the long road ahead towards true equality. The city's rich African American heritage, dating back to its establishment in 1733, infused Juneteenth celebrations with cultural significance and pride.

Over the decades, Juneteenth gatherings in Savannah evolved into vibrant community events, featuring parades, music, dance, and communal meals, all serving as expressions of resilience and solidarity.



The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s infused new meaning into Savannah's Juneteenth celebrations, as African Americans continued to fight for equal rights and recognition. Juneteenth became a platform for activism and advocacy, with participants using the occasion to demand justice, equality, and an end to systemic racism. Savannah's Juneteenth observances mirrored the larger national movement, reflecting the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice.

In recent years, Juneteenth in Savannah has experienced a resurgence, fueled by a renewed interest in African American history and culture. The city's diverse population comes together each year to commemorate Juneteenth, honoring the struggles and triumphs of their ancestors while reaffirming their commitment to building a more equitable society.

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Office of the Mayor Savannah, Georgia

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

May 18, 2024

On behalf of the City of Savannah, it is my honor and privilege to extend a warm welcome and heartfelt greetings to all participants, organizers, and attendees of the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant.

As we come together to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and vibrant spirit of our community, the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant serves as a powerful platform for young women to showcase their talents, intelligence and leadership skills while honoring the legacy of Juneteenth.

This esteemed event not only highlights the exceptional achievements and talents of our youth but also underscores the importance of education, empowerment and unity. By providing scholarships and opportunities for personal and professional growth, the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant plays a vital role in supporting the aspirations and dream of our young women.

To the organizers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible I extend my deepest gratitude for your visions, passion and unwavering dedication. I commend all participants for your hard work and determination and I have no doubt that you will continue to achieve great things in the years to come.

Again, welcome to the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant and may this event be a celebration of talent and unity for our community.

Sincerely,


Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

Patricia Perry | Founder & Director



Dear Esteemed Guests,

As the Founder and Director of the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant and the Savannah Juneteenth Fine Arts Festival, it is my honor to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to the Dreams Fulfilled Scholarship Gala. Your presence here tonight is a testament to your unwavering support for contestants and our festival, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Juneteenth holds profound significance in the rich tapestry of Savannah's history. It was on June 19, 1865, when the news of emancipation reached our ancestors. This momentous occasion brought newfound freedom to thousands of enslaved individuals in Savannah and across the state of Georgia. Since then, Juneteenth has been celebrated, serving as a vibrant commemoration of liberation, resilience, and the enduring spirit of the African American community.

The inaugural Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant will be a landmark event, filled with moments of inspiration and empowerment. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who trust us with their daughters, allowing us the privilege to guide and support them on their journey. Through workshops, trips, and events, we aim not only to raise funds for scholarships but also to impart lasting lessons and experiences. It is our sincerest hope that each participant will take away something meaningful, a lesson or memory that will resonate with them forever. Together, we strive to send these young ladies in the right direction for a bright and promising future.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our Heritage sponsors, Eichholz Law Firm, Visit Savannah, Tourism Leadership Council, and the City of Savannah. Additionally, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our event sponsors, Resilient Magazine, Hannah's Helping Hands, Peavely's Catering, LJJ Events, Sweet Soirees by Nicole, and Visit Pooler. Your contributions have been invaluable in making our endeavors possible. A special appreciation is also extended to SCAD for their steadfast support, which has played a crucial role in enabling us to honor our heritage and uplift our community through this event, tonight.

I invite each of you to join us in commemorating Juneteenth at all of the Savannah Juneteenth Fine Arts Festival events, running from June 15th to June 22nd. This festival is not only a celebration of our past but also a commitment to our future.

As we gather tonight in celebration and gratitude, let us remember the importance of dreams fulfilled and the power of community support. Thank you once again for your generosity and commitment. Let us continue to journey forward, united in our pursuit of justice, equality, and freedom for all.

With warm regards,

2024 Pageant Assistant Directors



Ashle King



Tiffany Cutler Coleman



Quinyanna Miller

Who Is Chosen For The Arts?



CFTA, a 501(c)(3) organization, was founded with the mission of empowering individuals through the transformative power of Fine Arts. Dedicated to making arts and culture accessible to all, CFTA tirelessly works towards the goal of evolving into an educational institution. The aim is to enhance the community's exposure, understanding, and active participation in the arts. In 2023, under the banner of Chosen For the Arts 501(c)(3), the organization initiated the annual Savannah Juneteenth Fine Arts Festival as a fundraising endeavor, intending to reinvest in the community. The primary objective is to offer support to underprivileged youth, businesses, and community partners. Each event within the 2024 festival will serve as a means to give back to not only CFTA but to other local 501(c)(3) organizations throughout our community as well.

Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant features young African American women who will compete in various categories such as evening wear, talent, and interview. However, this pageant has a unique focus on celebrating and promoting the historical and cultural significance of Juneteenth and the achievements of African Americans and academic achievements of each young lady. The pageant serves as a platform to honor the legacy of Juneteenth and promote pride and awareness within African American communities. It also highlights the achievements and aspirations of young African American women. Each participant will receive a scholarship determined by their fundraising endeavors, to cover expenses for educational and/or cultural enrichment to include, but not limited to, the following: school supplies (i.e., books, laptop, and any other needs as indicated by the educational institution), school uniforms, etiquette classes, financial literacy workshops/seminars, foreign language programs, summer or enrichment camps (overnight included), SAT/ACT prep courses, etc. The 12-week pageant program is designed to help contestants reach their full potential, succeed in the competition and in their life despite the obstacles they may face.

The Gala

This gala promises an evening of sophistication as it embraces a black-tie dress code. Highlighted by a captivating live performance from Candice Glover and the Bee Sharps of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), it offers a blend of elegance, networking opportunities, and community involvement.

During the event, we will pay tribute to a remarkable group of African American women: Erica Backus (Visit Savannah and festival committee member), Sabriya Scott (Scott Reality Professional), Margaret Williams (City of Savannah), Taqwaa Salem (Polished Pearl Productions, LLC), and a surprise honoree. Each of these distinguished ladies exemplifies leadership and entrepreneurship, tirelessly contributing to the preservation and enhancement of our city's heritage and prosperity.

Your Support

Donations to the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant contestants play a vital role in fostering educational opportunities and empowerment within our community. Your generous contributions will directly support the advancement of young women through scholarships, enabling them to pursue higher education and achieve their academic goals. These funds will cover educational expenses, including tuition, books, and other related costs, ensuring that each participant has the resources needed to excel in their academic pursuits. By investing in the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant, you are making a meaningful impact on the lives of these talented and driven individuals, empowering them to reach their full potential and contribute positively to our society.

A portion of what each contestant raises is allocated back to them as a scholarship. Additionally, 10% of the funds are directed to a local nonprofit of their choosing.

*Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant
Contestants*



MISS KYRA BRADSHAW



MISS SINIYAH HARRIS



MISS KENNEDI HUNTER



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MISS AMIRANA LANG



Miss Teen Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant Contestants



MISS CAYLEE HARRIS



MISS JAYLIN JOHNSON



MISS SAIYA KING



MISS YTINU MCDONALD



MISS KHALIA WILLIAMS



Program

6pm

VIP Cocktail Hour

Tonight's Entertainment
Candice Glover & SCAD Bees

7pm

Main Event Begins

7:30pm

Opening Remarks | Dinner

8:15pm

Presentation of Awards | Closing Remark

Dance the Night Away!



Awardees



Miss Erica Backus
Visit Savannah

The Blossom

award celebrates the remarkable achievements and exemplary leadership as a African American woman excelling in her industry. The Blossom Award honors resilience, talent, and unwavering commitment to excellence, serving as a symbol of inspiration and empowerment for our community. Her dedication and success are a testament to the strength and brilliance of women everywhere.



Miss Sabrina Scott
Scott Realty

The Queen of Commerce

award stands as a beacon of empowerment and inspiration, bestowed upon an exemplary African American woman symbolizing her groundbreaking achievements in both entrepreneurship and community leadership. This prestigious honor recognizes her as a trailblazer, not only for her remarkable success in creating wealth but also for her unwavering commitment to breaking barriers and stereotypes.



Awardees



Lady Elegance Mentorship

award is a distinguished honor presented to an exceptional African American woman who epitomizes grace and sophistication in her daily endeavors. Recognized for her unwavering commitment to mentorship, she exemplifies the qualities of a true lady, guiding and empowering young women to cultivate poise, confidence, and leadership skills.

Miss Tagwaa F. Saleem
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Queenly Community Pillar

award is a prestigious accolade presented to an exceptional African American woman who embodies leadership, grace, and dedication to her community. Through her unwavering commitment to service, advocacy, and inspiring others, she stands as a beacon of strength and unity, symbolizing the essence of royalty. This recognition celebrates her remarkable achievements and serves as a testament to her enduring legacy as a true queen.

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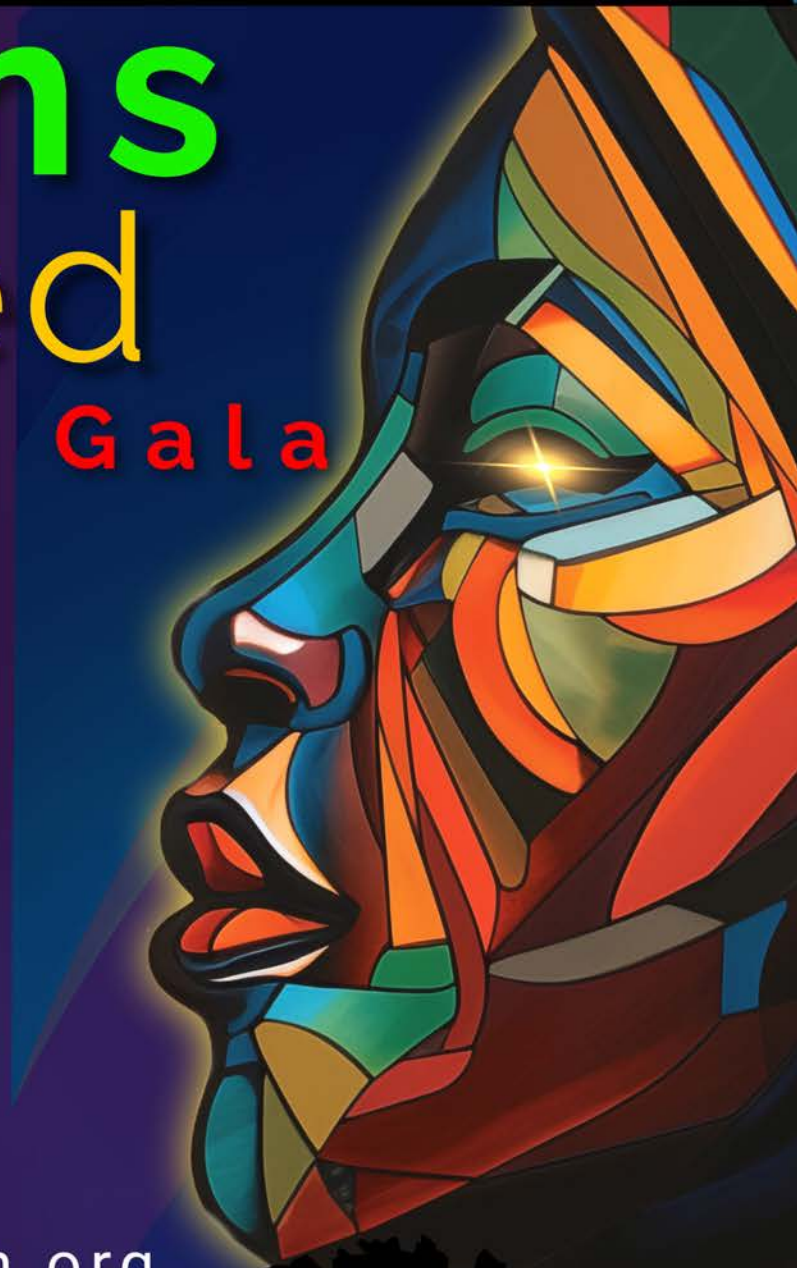
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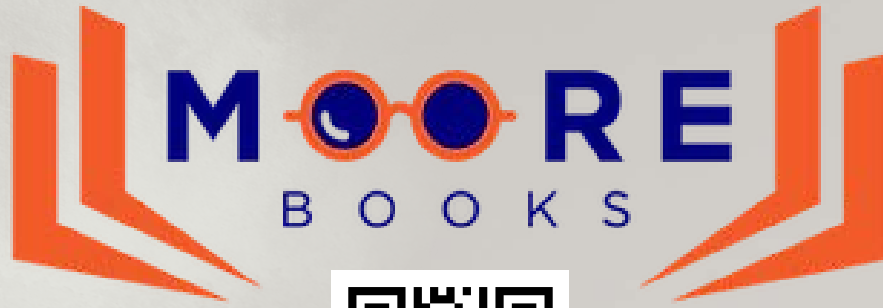
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