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## HONORING BLACK HISTORY IN THE LAND

*Destination Cleveland encourages locals to celebrate Black tradition with special events and commemorations*

**Cleveland** (Jan. 31, 2025) – As Black History Month gets underway, a variety of unique experiences will celebrate the diversity and culture of The Land while recognizing the contributions and history of Cleveland’s Black community. From vibrant performances to Black-owned businesses, locals and visitors have ample opportunities to learn and enrich their knowledge.

**Playhouse Square:** Programming at Playhouse Square will celebrate the creativity and resilience of the Black experience. Options for theater-goers include [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](#), [Black Boy](#), [Cleveland’s Valentine Love Jam](#), [Fat Ham](#) and many more. The [Marquee Moments](#) program will feature poet [Siaara Freeman](#) performing a specially written piece about the impact that Black Clevelanders have on the arts.

**Cleveland Museum of Art Black History Month Tours:** Clevelanders and visitors can celebrate with guided tours that highlight Black artists in the museum’s collection, held on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout February. [Tours](#) are free but do require advance reservations.

**A Celebration of Black Excellence at Maltz Performing Arts Center:** As part of the Silver Hall Concert Series, the [Maltz Performing Arts Center](#) will present a show featuring [Pastor Anthony T. Parker and the People for Your Life Choir](#). The Feb. 7 performance, which is designed to uplift and unite Cleveland, will spotlight the original gospel music of talented local artists.

**Baseball Heritage Museum:** Located in Cleveland’s Fairfax neighborhood, the Baseball Heritage Museum highlights the historic Negro and Women’s leagues that helped shape the tradition of this favorite American pastime. Throughout February, visitors can also attend the [Hot Stove Baseball Chat Series](#) to discuss the game with fellow baseball enthusiasts and explore the history of the game.

**Shop Local Black Businesses:** The third annual [Black Business Expo](#) on Feb. 12 at Case Western Reserve University’s campus will showcase local Black businesses and offer business owners the chance to network and learn from financial literacy experts. Residents who are unable to attend the event can also support Black-owned businesses and restaurants year-round, including [Pipe’N Hot Grill](#), [Black Box Fix](#), [Coco’s Selfie Space](#), [Framed Gallery](#) and Cleveland’s first Black-owned brewery, [Black Frog Brewery](#) (slated to open in the spring).

**Cleveland Cavaliers Black Heritage Celebrations:** The Cavs will honor Black History Month with two Black Heritage Celebrations in February. [Games](#) on Feb. 21 and 23 will celebrate and recognize those who have impacted the Black community in Northeast Ohio. The evenings will include Black business showcases, various tabling events and in-game activations for fans.

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ABOUT DESTINATION CLEVELAND: Destination Cleveland is Cleveland’s destination marketing and management organization. The private, non-profit organization’s mission is to stimulate economic growth by attracting people and connecting them to experiences that illustrate Cleveland’s diversity, creativity and contagious passion. In 2023, visitation increased for the third straight year to 18.34 million visits. For more information, visit [www.thisiscleveland.com](http://www.thisiscleveland.com).