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## **Museum Sets Plans to Mark Black History Month 2016**

Little Rock, AR (Feb. 1, 2016) --- February at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center will feature numerous activities to celebrate Black History month. Events are free and open to the public unless noted.

The schedule of activities includes:

- ***It's in the Bag: Lunch 'n Learn* – Tues., Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
The next installment of this lunch program focus on African Americans in the arts featuring poet Chris James, founder and executive director, House of Art; filmmaker Brian Lee; and Theresa Timmons-Shamberger, executive director, Timmons Arts Foundation. Visitors are encouraged to bring their lunch and MTCC will provide beverages.
- **Little Rock School Desegregation from Then to Now – Sat., Feb. 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
The Black History Commission of Arkansas and The Arkansas History Commission will sponsor a free seminar on the history of Little Rock's school desegregation. Teachers may earn up to four professional development hours for attendance. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact The History Commission at [history.commission@arkansas.gov](mailto:history.commission@arkansas.gov) or call 501-682-6900.
- **"I Walked on Water to My Homeland" Opening Reception – Fri., Feb. 12 | 6-8 p.m.**  
Featuring works by Delita Martin, "I Walked on Water to My Homeland" highlights the images and narratives of African American women using layers of various printmaking, drawing, sewing, collage and printing techniques. The opening will include live entertainment by Acoustix with Rod P. featuring Bijoux. Refreshments will be served.
- **MTCC After Dark – Sat., Feb. 13 | 6 p.m.**  
Join MTCC after dark for a Valentine's Day affair with a special screening of the 1997 New Line Cinema film Love Jones starring Larenz Tate and Nia Long. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Brian Rodgers at 501.683.3636 or [brian.rodgers@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:brian.rodgers@arkansasheritage.org).

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- **Gloryland in Concert – Sat., Feb. 20 | 6 p.m.**  
Gloryland Pastor’s Choir is headed to America’s Got Talent! Don’t miss your chance to see this dynamic children’s choir before they hit the big time. For more information, contact Cedric Hayes at 501.551.0603 or chayes2244@yahoo.com.
- **Black History Quiz Bowl - Sat., Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
The Black History Quiz Bowl returns to MTCC. Impressive teams of 6-12 graders from across the state will test their knowledge of African American history in this annual competition. For more information contact Kendall Marr, Director of Education at 501-683-3592.
- **Voices without Borders – Thurs., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**  
MTCC presents Dr. Irma Routen and Little Rock area children’s choir, Voices Without Borders, live in concert! For group reservations, please contact Kendall Marr at 501-683-3592.
- **2016 Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Distinguished Laureate Series – Two Sessions:**  
**Thursday, Feb. 25 | 6 p.m. — Lecture**  
**Friday, Feb. 26 | 9:30 a.m. — Master Class for Students**  
MTCC partners with the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame to host Timothy C. Evans, chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in Illinois. For more information, contact Tameka Lee at 501.683.3620 (lecture) or Kendall Marr at 501.683.3592 (student session).
- **Foreign Tongues – Sat., Feb. 27, 6 p.m.**  
Foreign Tongues is an artistic organization that travels, conducts workshops, and performs poetry in Arkansas and throughout the United States. The group is composed of authors, educators, entertainers, actors, visual artist, playwrights, award-winning slam poets, hip-hop artist, and entrepreneurs.

To stay up to date on MTCC’s events throughout Black History Month and the rest of the year, sign up for e-news at [MosaicTemplarsCenter.com](http://MosaicTemplarsCenter.com).

*The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, a museum of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, is dedicated to telling the history of African Americans in Arkansas from 1870 to the present, especially in the areas of politics, business and the arts. Other agencies of the Department of Arkansas Heritage include Arkansas Arts Council, Arkansas Historic Preservation, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Delta Cultural Center, Historic Arkansas Museum and Old State House Museum.*

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