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Ohio History Connection’s Jubilee Day Festival Honors Juneteenth Ohio artists to illustrate historical narrative through dance, storytelling, reenactments

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio History Connection will honor Juneteenth by hosting Jubilee Day Festival, a celebration of emancipation, at Ohio Village from noon to 4 p.m. June 19. Ohio artists and speakers will represent the history of the holiday through various mediums such as storytelling, dance and theatrical reenactments and interpretations.

“The Jubilee Day Festival will share the important historical relevance of Juneteenth in an accessible way and through many different mediums,” said Lyn Logan Grimes, American History Experience Developer for the Ohio History Connection. “Juneteenth is extremely rich in history and because of that, it demands multiple forms of storytelling. That’s what we are bringing to Ohio Village this year. It will be an incredibly enlightening day.”

Programs will include:

- Storytelling from the [National Association of Black Storytellers](#), which perpetuates the art of Black storytelling by embodying history, heritage and culture.
- Storytelling from Watoto Storytellers Emily Bailey and Naki Akrobettoe. Bailey is a Linden resident, and Akrobettoe is a cultural ambassador born and raised in Columbus.
- Performances from the statewide dance education and advocacy organization [Ohio Black Dance](#).
- An interpretation and portrayal of community activist Rev. James P. Pointdexter by Tony Roseboro.
- An interpretation and portrayal of Underground Railroad conductor John T. Ward by Brian Ellis.
- And an interpretation of Black and Native sculptor Edmonia Lewis through spoken word by B. Arlene.

The Jubilee Day Festival is included with museum admission. Admission ranges from \$7 to \$13. Find more information at ohiohistory.org.

More Activities in Honor of Juneteenth

The Ohio History Connection and its Poindexter Village Museum will be a part of [Juneteenth on the AVE](#) from noon to 6 p.m. June 18 in collaboration with the Columbus Urban League; Maroon Arts Group; Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce; King Arts Complex; and Black, Out and Proud (BOP). The community celebration will take place on Columbus’s historic Mount Verton Avenue between 17th Street and St. Clair Avenue. The event will feature entertainment and vendors, and it will celebrate Black resilience and creativity by showcasing performing and visual artists while promoting support to Black-owned businesses.

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About the Ohio History Connection:

The Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state's history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office, the official state archives, and local history office and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, visit ohiohistory.org. Annual general operating support is provided by the [Greater Columbus Arts Council](#).

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