

ISSAMBA NEWS

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"I look forward to all ISSAMBA events, I love the spirit of community, I love the mix of cultures, the food. I learned to play the djembe at one of these events. Simply beautiful"
- Ashley Douglas

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

BLACK-IN-BC COVID CONVERSATION

AUGUST 15, 2022

We are collaborating with the Public Health Agency of Canada and community members to organize grassroots conversations about Covid-19.

A briefing session scheduled Aug 15 for health care stakeholders to provide relevant information and statistics to conversation leaders necessary to host such nuanced conversations.

EMANCIPATION DAY - THE PANEL

AUGUST 1, 2022

Jovonne Johnson, Dr. Devi Mucina and Kamika Williams discuss the importance of Emancipation Day which marks when Slavery was abolished across the British Empire. This conversation will raise awareness about the history of enslavement of Black and Indigenous people in Canada and the many actors of agency who fought enslavement, shaping the diversity we now celebrate in our society.

THE BUILD SERIES

The BUILD - Black Women Mentorship & Skills Advancement Programme was designed to create avenues for Black women to build intergenerational networks through mentorship from accomplished women of African descent in BC, as well as develop in-demand skills through workshops. For August, the workshops are on Grant and Proposal Writing, UX Research, Entrepreneurship and E-commerce

SEPTEMBER

AACCCS EVENTS

Event details
www.issambacentre.ca

CULTURE DAYS

series of events for all Canadians to partake in dynamic cultural experiences, celebrating history and heritage, and building creative communities.

PARTY FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Join us to celebrate as ISSAMBA Center turns 10

AFRO FIT PARTY

Work up some sweat while dancing to energetic afrobeats with Oniel of FIT REV

The BUILD Workshop in Review

The BUILD - Black Women Mentorship & Skills Advancement Program kicked off on July 2 with an introduction session between mentors, workshop facilitators and the 11 women that were shortlisted to participate in the pilot program. July workshop series topics included Career Pathways in Data Protection by Adekunle Adewumi, investments and financial planning by Andrew Kerr, Navigating the Job Market by Alexis Kathleen, Accessing Banking Opportunities by Beni Briggs and Introduction to Project Management by Michael Lachocki. Our line up of mentors include Agnes Nkundabagenzi, Annie Djiotsa, Dr. Dzifa Dordunoo, Wilma Clarke and Edith Kambere



August 6

Viva! Victoria Latin Fest
 a Latin American inspired cultural event that will feature live music, dance, food, cultural activities, and more
 Organized by Moises del Olmo and team
<http://www.vvlf.ca>

August 20

The Function
 Victoria's first BIPOC Music & Art Festival
 Organized by BC Black History Awareness Society
www.functionfestival.com

September 2- 4

Ahfomad Festival
 featuring arts, music, and dance from the African Canadian perspective
 Organized by African Heritage Festival of Music and Dance
<https://www.festivalafrica.org/>

September, 2022

aMAZEing SAFARI
 A 4,000 sqft ankara maze housing an edible miniature African highlight city, a cultural exhibit of one of Africa's oldest kingdoms and a phenomenal safari exhibit.
www.amazeingsafari.com

Kizaba in Concert



Kizaba & DJ Ezo's Afrofuturist Dance Party at the Victoria Event Centre on July 15 was a transcendent show! The headliner, Lionel Kizaba and his band comprising of rock rhythm guitarists and DJ Ezo, blended percussion, electronic sounds and enchanting vocals with the traditional sounds of The Congo to create an otherworldly experience.

Kizaba, born in Congo, calls Montreal home and sings in a mix of French, English, Kikongo and Lingala. This high-energy Afro-electro style of music had the audience waving arms in unison and dancing to the electrifying rock-beats late into the night!

Coined from Heather Tuff's post

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