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"Being a part of this event was a beautiful experience for me. I'm thankful to be part of a community where I can witness other cultures enacted in such a meaningful way."
- Conrad

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

KIZABA & DJ EZO AFRO-FUTURIST MUSIC & DANCE PARTY

July 15, 2022

An evening showcasing the latest in African music and culture, featuring Congolese/Montreal performer KIZABA and his band, followed by DJ's spinning the best of today's Afro-based dance music late into the night!

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 July, the workshops are on Navigating the job market, personal branding, investment and Financial Planning

AUGUST AACCCS EVENTS

BLACK-IN-BC COVID CONVERSATION

AUGUST 15, 2022

We are looking for individuals or community leaders who can host a conversation on actions and attitudes within the community towards covid-19 vaccines between August 17 - September 20, 2022. The conversations should explore hesitations about COVID 19 vaccination and boosters; reasons why people went for the vaccination despite hesitations; feelings

about vaccination after taking them; and how the community can support each other amidst this current context of high vaccination levels, few restrictions and still, rising cases.

On August 15, we are holding a briefing session for health care stakeholders to provide relevant information to conversation leaders.

If interested in hosting a conversation, please email us at issambacentre@gmail.com

ISSAMBA at the Park in Review

Your Guide to Afrocentric Events in Victoria



In celebration of the Canadian Multiculturalism Day, AACCCS hosted Issamba at the Park. The event took place at Beckwith Park on June 25th from 1 pm to 6 pm. The family-oriented fest celebrated multiculturalism through its different community stalls and acts. Afro beats, exuberant dance moves and the beat of ancient african drums captured the vibe of this relaxing family event.

There was an amazing line up of musical talents from the jazzy numbers of Damasco Soul System to the upbeat sounds of the djembe performed by Michel Diallo to the exploration of popular Brazilian Music from Pedro Siqueira and his band. Another amazing performance by our community partner, Vancouver Island Brazilian Cultural Association (VIBRA) who along with their group members performed an acrobatic, fast and versatile traditional martial art style, Axe Capoeira! Finally, Vivianna closed the show with a spectacular belly-dancing piece.

Everyone was invited to work up some sweat with Oniel from Fitrev with a high energy socacizing session. Participants also got quick intro lessons to Axe Capoeira, djembe drumming and belly dancing sessions, all while munching on yummy snacks and cool drinks on a warm summer day. Can't think of a better way to spend a Saturday!

July 22

Dee Daniels: Great Ladies of Swing
Phenomenal Jazz Voclist
Organized by Victoria Symphony
<https://victoriasymphony.ca/concerts/dee-daniels-great-ladies-of-swing/>

July 24

Fort Langley Jazz & Arts Festival featuring Warren Dean Flandez & Junior Santos
www.fortlangleyjazzfest.com

August 20

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

September, 2022

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