

Feb 13th 6:00 p.m. at the First Church in Roxbury, 10 Putnam St., Rox.
THE HISTORY OF THE ROXBURY DEFENDERS

The History of the Roxbury Defenders will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the First Church in Roxbury, [10 Putnam St., Roxbury, MA](http://www.AboutBlackBostonOnline.com). Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. In 1971, a group of young attorneys founded the Roxbury Defenders Committee to provide legal services to Roxbury residents who could not afford legal fees and often were not adequately represented. Members of the Roxbury Defenders will share their experiences and reflect on criminal justice then and now.

Panelists include Honorable Roderick Ireland, Honorable Geraldine Hines, Honorable Milton Wright and Honorable Leslie Harris. The panel will be moderated by State Representative Byron Rushing. To RSVP, email roxburyhistory@gmail.com. This is a FREE event.

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Feb 14th - Celebrate Frederick Douglass's birthday with the MAAH
3:30pm - 6:00 p.m. John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse | 1 Courthouse Way | Boston, MA 02210

In commemoration of Frederick Douglass' 200th birthday and the Museum of African American History's acclaimed exhibit, Picturing Frederick Douglass: The Most Photographed American of the 19th Century, join us for a panel discussion and Q&A with some of the leading experts on Frederick Douglass's life and legacy. Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. [Click to RSVP](#)

Special Guests:

Jabari Asim Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director for Creative Writing, Emerson College,
Jeffrey Amestoy Former Vermont Attorney General and Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court,
John Stauffer Professor of English and African and African American Studies, Harvard University,
Marita Rivero Executive Director, The Museum of African American History, Boston, and Nantucket.

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Feb 14th 5:00 p.m. at MassArt's Bakalar & Paine Galleries
POETS! SPEAK!: IT'S A LOVE THING

Join MassArt's Bakalar & Paine Galleries for Poets! Speak! It's A Love Thing on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bakalar & Paine Galleries (South Hall), . Be inspired by the exhibition Legacy of The Cool: A Tribute to Barkley Hendrix featuring artists who portray themselves, their friends, families, communities and the complexities of their lives in captivating and thought-provoking images. Through varied media and diverse approaches, they chronicle the present moment and often question dominant cultural narratives. Featured artists include Askia M. Touré, Dzidzor, Iris Lapaix and VCR (Vernon C. Robinson). For more information, call [\(617\) 879-7330](tel:6178797330) or email gallerinfo@massart.edu. This is a FREE event.

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Feb 15th 5:30 p.m. at the Central Library in Copley Square
MLK BOSTON – MEETING FOR THE COMMUNITY building a memorial installment

MLK Boston – Meeting for the Community will be held Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Central Library in Copley Square (Commonwealth Salon), [700 Boylston St., Boston, MA](http://www.AboutBlackBostonOnline.com). MLK Boston is a new nonprofit, working closely with the City of Boston, to bring a world-class permanent installation commemorating the Kings' legacy to Boston. The memorial will be designed to inspire visitors with the Kings' words and will challenge us to think about how we can convert our words into action. Join MLK Boston co-chairs Paul English, Rev. Liz Walker and Robin Powell Mandjes to learn about the project and share your thoughts and questions. For more information, Click HERE: <http://www.mlkboston.org/> This is a FREE event.

Feb 16 and 17th- [Timeless Portraits and Dreams: A Festival/Symposium in Honor of Geri Allen](#)
Vijay Iyer, Ingrid Monson, Terri Lyne Carrington, and Esperanza Spalding, the Jazz Research Initiative of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, the Music Department and collaborators are holding FREE events all day long at Harvard University with a free 8 PM concert at Paine Hall. RSVP is required [Click to Register](#).

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Boston Public libraries

49 Books by Black Authors are on the Black Book List at the libraries
[Click to view the list](#), place a hold on any book.

Feb 21st Wed. at 5 p.m. - BabsonARTS will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Day with speaker, Bree Newsome on Wednesday in the Carling-Sorenson Theater at Babson College in Wellesley with reception to follow. FREE [click to order tickets](#)

About the event

About Bree Newsome. She is a contemporary civil rights activist who garnered national attention for a daring act of peaceful disobedience in June 2015. Following the brutal murder of nine black parishioners at a church in Charleston, S.C., Newsome climbed the flagpole at the South Carolina statehouse and pulled down the Confederate battle flag as a protest against racist symbolism. As a recognized and celebrated voice on the topics of injustice and racial discrimination.

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Feb 26th at 6:30 p.m, Federal Reserve Building, 600 Atlantic Ave, Boston
BECMA, The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts report
solutions to Address Race and Economic Inequality in the Commonwealth
[Register Here](#), free event.

In December 2017, the Boston Globe ran a weeklong series describing the racial and economic climate in the city. As a response to the series, BECMA is hosting an event that will include several interactive presentations from groups who are working to solve these age-old problems, followed by a robust question and answer period with audience members where all will learn how they can address the racial and economic inequality issues facing communities of color in their own fields of work.

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Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Boston Public Library Black History Month Art Explorers workshop or kids.
[Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116](#)
Open-ended art projects that encourage creativity in children ages 3-8. **This month's activities** are inspired by the art of Black American artists.

New Hampshire Black Heritage Trail events

Guided Tours are available all year. [Visit the web site](#) or call 603-380-1231

Sundays, February 4 - March 11 (2 pm)

The Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series: "Memory and Remembrance"

Saturday, May 5

Spring Symposium: "Mapping the Underground Railroad in Your Town"

Saturday, June 16

Juneteenth Celebration: "Law & Order"

Wednesday, July 3: Reading Frederick Douglass

October 12 - 13

12th Annual Black New England Conference: "EXPRESS YOUR SELF: Identity, Style and Adornment"

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[Detailed event list from the Harvard Jazz Festival/Symposium Feb 16th and 17th](#)

Friday, February 16, 2018

Thompson Room, Barker Center, 12 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | *Keynote Address (with Q+A)*

Delivered by Farah Griffin of Columbia University.

1:30 PM - 3:15 PM | *Geri Allen and the Piano*

Roundtable discussion on the topic of Geri Allen's legacy as a pianist.

Participants: Vijay Iyer (moderator), Kris Davis, Jason Moran, Craig Taborn

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM | *Carrie Mae Weems, Slow Fade to Black (2012)*

Photographer talks with Terri Lyne Carrington and Esperanza Spalding, *Slow Fade to Black*, a commission combining Weems' photographs and Allen's music

Friday, February 16, 2018, 8pm

Paine Hall, 3 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Pianos for Geri

A performance curated by Vijay Iyer and featuring composer-pianists Kris Davis, Craig Taborn, Jason Moran, and Iyer in solo and duo configurations.

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Thompson Room, Barker Center, 12 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | *Geri Allen as Scholar and Educator*

This panel features Allen's colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh, with whom she was building an innovative Jazz Studies program.

Participants: Ingrid Monson (moderator), Aaron Johnson, Michael Heller, Yoko Suzuki, and Mount Allen III

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM | *Working with Geri Allen: her music and vision*

Roundtable discussion on the topic of Geri Allen's legacy as a pianist.

Participants: Terri Lyne Carrington, Esperanza Spalding, Carmen Lundy, Kenny Davis

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | *Geri Allen's place in History*

Situating Allen in the musical history since the 1980s.

Participants: Ingrid Monson (moderator), Dwight Andrews, Don Byron, Ingrid Monson, Vijay Iyer

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM | *Geri Allen and the Experimental*

Presenters will talk about Allen's contributions to experimental music.

Participants: Vijay Iyer (moderator), Oliver Lake, Kris Davis

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | *Geri Allen & Friends: Celebrating the Great Jazz Women of the Apollo (Apollo Theater 2013) and A Conversation with Mary Lou Williams (Harlem Stage 2014 and The Kennedy Center 2016)*

Discussing Merkeson's and Allen's productions about Mary Lou Williams and the great jazz women of the Apollo.

Participants: Terri Lyne Carrington (moderator), S. Epatha Merkeson, Carmen Lundy, Tia Fuller, Ora Harris.

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM | *Closing Remarks & Conversation*

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 8pm

Paine Hall, 3 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Geri: Genius, Grace and Fire

A performance curated by Terri Lyne Carrington and features Carmen Lundy, Oliver Lake, Don Byron, Kris Davis, Tia Fuller, and Esperanza Spalding.

Tickets for the performances are free and will be available from the Harvard Box Office on February 7, 2018. Panel discussions are first come, first served.

Free parking will be available at Broadway Garage, corner of Broadway and Felton Streets in Cambridge, from 7-10pm on both Feb. 16 and Feb. 17.

John Knowles Paine Concert Hall is located at 3 Oxford Street, directly behind the Science Center on the Harvard University campus. It is wheelchair accessible. The Hall is a short walk from the Harvard Square Red Line T stop.

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