AKWAABA

February, a time most recognize as 'Black History Month, was celebrated to the fullest extent at Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center (CHACC). CHACC, located at 3200 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, hosted a fundraising art exhibition with NationHouse, one of the oldest independent Afrikan centered schools.

Celebrating the school's 44th year, an event series titled 'Akwaaba,' meaning welcome in the Ghanaian language of Twi, was a month-long exhibit featuring an opening reception, jazz concert, and brunch at which the beautiful art work created by NationHouse students and educators served as the backdrop. The event series provided a chance for the students and teachers to not only showcase their art for a wider community, but to simultaneously raise awareness about NationHouse while collecting funds to support the school's programs and growth.

NationHouse was founded in July 1974 in Washington, D. C., a product of student activism at Howard University in the late 1960s.

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FLASHBACK
Baba Akili, Mama Akua, Mama Kehembe and Baba Agyei.

NationHouse prides itself on serving the specific needs of children of Afrikan heritage from pre-school to twelfth grade. Today, the school continues to serve families in the development and enculturation of responsible youth who are committed to their families, their community and their Afrikan culture/heritage.

CHACC is proud to have such a dynamic partnership with NationHouse.

For more information on NationHouse and their programs visit http://www.nationhouse.org/
BRAND STAMP
LOGO DESIGN + HEAT PRESSING

Since the start of the new year, CHACC has been very active in assisting local entrepreneurs with building a strong visual presence with their brand.

Soufside Creative presents: BRAND STAMP, challenges ARTrepreneurs to invest a full day in their brands and businesses. In the workshop you learn how to brand yourself through promotional gear you create:

* Make brand logo using Adobe illustrator
* Operate Expert 24 cutter + Cricut Silhouette Cameo
* Heat press to apply vinyl transfer to garments
* Learn to shoot photos for social media + marketing.

The every Saturday workshop is taking a break for the month of February to highlight the students and brands that have participated so far. For more information and details on the returning schedule visit our website at www.chacc.org/classes.

ART BATTLE: ROUND 1
ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ms. Ryann Kelly (@msryannkelly), Round 1’s Winner of DC’s first ‘Art Battle of Survival’!

To take the title of “Artist” one must be able to create at the drop of a hat with whatever tools are available and under any condition.

Art of Survival is a live art battle series meant to challenge and promote different artists of various visual mediums. Stay tuned for Round 2 scheduled for March 24th. For more information visit www.chacc.org/events.
Upcoming Events + Classes

SENSUAL TEASE
WITH EVA MYSTIQUE

Join us for an introductory course, led by Eva Mystique, featuring belly dance, floor work and tease every Sunday and every 2nd and Fourth Thursday at Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center (CHACC).

Walk away having learned a sassy choreographed routine, that will surely have you feeling energized and empowered!

DARK MATTER LIT
KEMETIC YOGA

Join us for our evening Kemetic yoga sessions at CHACC! Pulling from Ancient Egyptian history, this practice of yoga is highly meditative and focuses intensely on breathing.

Every Wednesday starting at 7pm! Doors close at 7:15pm

STRETCH SATURDAYS
WITH YOGI TINA

Our multi-level general practice yoga class will return in the Spring. StretchSaturdays will be back starting April 14th until May 19th. Class will be every Saturday starting at 11am, doors closing at 11:15.

CHACC Classes

If you’re interested in more class + workshop information, please visit our website www.chacc.org/classes.

If you have a class you’d like to offer in collaboration with CHACC, please visit www.chacc.org/collab.
Upcoming Events + Classes

COLOR ME WOMYN
HOSTED BY WHITMAN-WALKER HEALTH’S REAL TALK DC

Whitman-Walker Health’s Real Talk DC is having an event in observation of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day at CHACC on Friday, March 9th.

Doors open at 5:45pm, program starts at 6:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
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3200 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20032

COLOR ME WOMYN
AN EVENING OF ALL-WOMXN ART, POETRY, MUSIC AND AWARENESS!

Painta’ Day, a free, small art festival, will not only celebrate and provide a retrospective look of Shawn Lindsay’s work and evolution as an artist thus far, but it will also highlight and provide a platform for local thriving artists just like Painta.

The day-long event, scheduled for April 14th, has a purpose to promote the notion of, “living with purpose on purpose,” which Painta strives to live and work by daily.

- Several series of work will be incorporated to include: The Wild Style, The Greyscale, The Red Room, The Mirror Selfie series and more. Each series will be accompanied by an interactive activity or installation for guests to enjoy. Snap photos of yourself with ‘The Mirror Selfie Series,’ or create quick art pieces to take as a souvenir.

Enjoy original music produced and performed by local artists, bands and DJs. Of course, original artwork, prints and Painta’s Apparel will be available for purchase.

For more information visit www.chacc.org/paintaday18
Spring Break 2018, Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center is teaming up with Soul & Ink: A Live, Mobile, Screen Printing Experience led by husband and wife design team, Frankie and Sherry Meneses. We’re working together to provide a fun and educational pop-up screen printing camp during spring break!

Spring Break Pop Up Camp in collaboration with Soul & Ink’ will be a 2-day workshop teaching participants (6th grade and up) the basics of design and screen printing on a t-shirt and posters. Participants will get hands-on, creating their own design and pulling their own prints. Camp will be two days of 3-hour instruction plus lunch on Monday, March 26th and Wednesday, March 28th from 1-4pm.

For more information, pricing and registration, please visit: [www.chacc.orgpopupcamp](http://www.chacc.orgpopupcamp)
CHACC Reminders

CHACC RENTAL SPACE
Don't forget CHACC is space for the community, too! We have great rental space for your next book launch, birthday party, bridal shower, paint-n-sip + more...
Our first floor is our main event and gallery space. The second floor serves as our workshop and studio space. Above our third floor business space, we have an amazing rooftop with an unbelievable view. Please visit www.chacc.org/rent for all rental inquiries.
Send us an email at info@chacc.org or give us a phone call at (202) 506-9805 to schedule a walk through.
Along with our BRAND STAMP Heat Pressing Workshop, we also offer custom vinyl printing services.
Does your team need a few shirts for your vending event? Do you have a few garments you'd like to have your logo? We're here to help. Visit www.chacc.org/print for more information on our services, prices and bulk discounts.

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