



Idaho Black History Museum
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Idaho Black History Museum announces Black History Month Events

Extended Hours

The Idaho Black History Museum will be open Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by request for tours and special events. Call 208/433-0017 to schedule. There is no charge for admission.

A Brief History of Jazz - Part II
John Wilkins - Presenter
February 24, 2011
Idaho Black History Museum
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Interactive presentation including a recap of Part I: the roots of jazz, what makes "it" jazz, highlighting jazz pioneers and their contributions to the "new" music form of the era. Part II will cover the Modern Jazz Era, commencing in 1950. John will present a look at 60+ years of jazz: the music, the influences, and personalities at the center of the jazz scene. Will investigate the staggering number of new jazz forms that continue to evolve through musical and video clips and lots of conversation.

John Wilkins, born and raised in New York City, was introduced to jazz at an early age by his parents. Jazz was literally in the air in NY: on numerous radio stations, on TV and on movie sound tracks. In the 1960s he was introduced to live jazz by a cousin and has been hooked ever since. He had the opportunity to experience the evolution of jazz and many of the all time greats: Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dave Brubeck, Hendricks and Ross, Morgana King, Clifford Brown and so many others. John is a jazz historian and collector who eagerly shares his love of the genre.

New Exhibit Debut and Reception
Strength in Heritage, Perseverance and Voice
February 27, 2011
Idaho Black History Museum
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit in honor of Cherie Buckner-Webb, the first African American elected to serve in the Idaho Legislature. The exhibit celebrates Representative Buckner-Webb's election and pays tribute to her parents, grandparents, great-grandparents. It highlights this remarkable family whose lives have enriched Idaho in many ways. View the exhibit, enjoy some refreshments and meet Rep. Buckner-Webb.

A fifth generation Idahoan, Cherie Buckner-Webb is proud of her Idaho roots and a family tradition of community service and involvement. Her Great-grandfather, Rev. William Riley Hardy was the founder and pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in 1908. Grandparents, Claude and Mary Buckner and Luther and Pearl Johnson were active members St. Paul. Her father, Aurelius Buckner was a well-known athlete and referee and her mother, Dorothy Buckner, a civil rights activist.

About the Idaho Black History Museum

The Idaho Black History Museum was founded in 1995 and was the first African American history museum in the Pacific Northwest. The museum's purpose is to build bridges between cultures to explore issues that affect Americans of all cultures and ethnicities. More information is available at www.ibhm.org.