

The 31st Annual Juneteenth Florida Arts and Film Festival Celebrates Freedom and Cultural Heritage

The Juneteenth Florida Arts and Film Festival returns for its 31st edition in Lakeland from June 17th to July 1st, 2023.

LAKELAND, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, May 19, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Juneteenth Committee Lakeland to host its Thirty-First Annual Observance beginning Saturday, June 17, culminating with its Inaugural Florida Arts and Film Festival in Lakeland on July 1st, 2023. This highly anticipated event commemorates Juneteenth, a significant milestone in African American history, marking the 158 years of emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.

The festival begins Saturday, June 17th, with the "Juneteenth Wave of Freedom" event, a benefit for Norris Riggs, in Jackson Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., adjacent to the Coleman-Bush Bldg. Attendees can enjoy a vibrant atmosphere filled with health stations, information for returning citizens, voter registration, life skills stations, food, music, and various vendors, including an eight year old delicious Lemonade stand. Vendor spaces are available for \$30.



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JUNE 17TH-JULY 1ST

**FOOD
MUSIC &
MORE**

31ST ANNUAL JUNETEENTH FLORIDA ARTS & FILM FESTIVAL 2023

June 17TH - JULY 1st, 2023
JUNETEENTH WAVE OF FREEDOM, Saturday, June 17, 2023
BENEFIT FOR NORRIS RIGGS
JUNE 17TH JACKSON PARK 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
FOOD, MUSIC, AND MORE - VENDORS \$30

JUNETEENTH CORVETTE CAR SHOW
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
All Food Trucks & Vendors Invited
Lake Mirror Promenade, Lakeland, FL - Free

JUNETEENTH: A SALUTE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLARS BRUNCH, SAT, JUNE 24, 2023 @ 10:00 P.M.
POLK STATE COLLEGE, LAKELAND CAMPUS
ADULTS \$20, YOUTH UNDER 12 - \$5

JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE, SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023, 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
S.A.M.'s Paint & Sip (NAB), Honoring AKAI; Charles "Tashin" Salton & Second 2 None Barbershop Hair Show
Performance by Crystal's World Of Dance @Coleman-Bush Building, 1104 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., LAK 33610/ DONATION: \$10

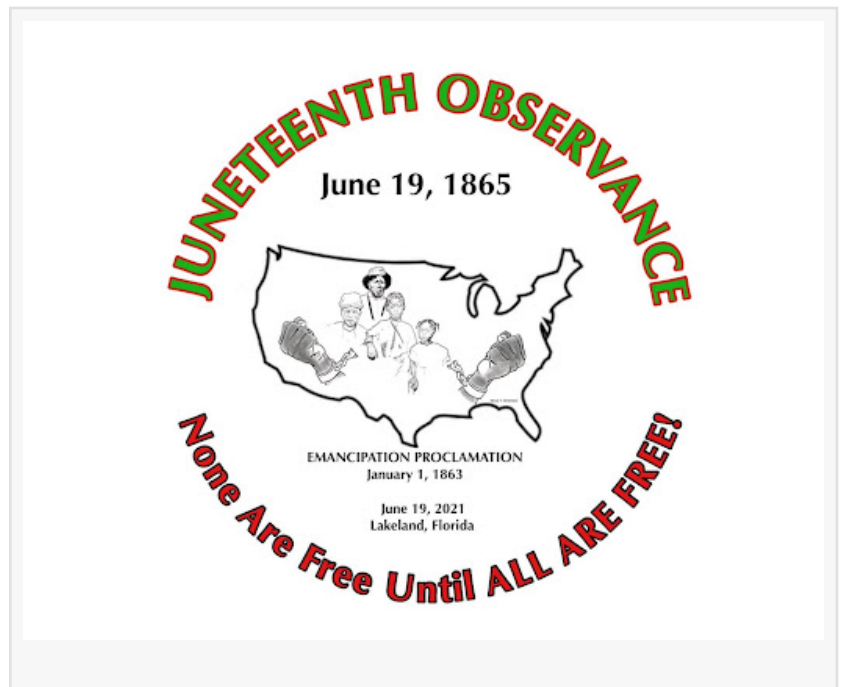
Juneteenth Talent Competition and Art Contest
Talent: 9th to 12th grades (Entry Fee: \$20)
Cash Prizes: 1st Place - \$500, 2nd Place - \$300, 3rd Place - \$100
Art Showcase Contest: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Awards
Friday, June 23, 2023, 9 pm @ Polk State College, LAK Campus
Talent Show admission is Adults \$20, Children under 12 - \$10.

JUNETEENTH POLK COUNTY INAUGURAL FILM FESTIVAL, JULY 1ST, 2023, 11 AM - 8 PM
CASA AND RECEPTION 7-8:00 PM @ POLK STATE COLLEGE, LAKELAND CAMPUS
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Continuing the day's celebrations, the "Juneteenth Community Observance" takes place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Coleman-Bush Building (1104 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave). The event includes a Juneteenth program, a special tribute to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Creative Touche' Salon & Second 2 None Barbershop Hair Show. Crystal's World Of Dance will deliver an exciting performance. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested for admission.



On June 23, 2023, the festival showcases the talents of 9th to 12th-grade students through the "Juneteenth Talent Competition and Art Contest." Participants can enter the talent competition for a fee of \$20, with cash prizes awarded to the top three performers: \$500 for the first place, \$300 for the second place, and \$150 for the third place. Admission to the talent show is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Additionally, an Art Showcase Contest with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be held on the same day at 6 pm at Polk State Lakeland Campus The Technology Building Auditorium (LTB 1100).

On June 24, 2023, the festival will host the "Juneteenth: Salute to African American Scholars & D Nine Brunch" at Polk State College, Lkld. The event begins at 1:00 p.m., and admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth under 12. This brunch serves as a tribute to African American scholars and their invaluable contributions. Also, Saturday, June 24, is the exclusive Juneteenth Corvette Car Show from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM at Lake Mirror Amphitheater, 121 Lake Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33801. There will be music, food, vendors, and raffles. The car show is open to the public. Closing the festival on July 1st, 2023, is the inaugural "Juneteenth Polk County Film Festival." From 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., attendees can enjoy a diverse selection of films from Polk State Lakeland Campus, The Technology Building Auditorium (LTB 1100).

The festival concludes with a Q&A session and a reception from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Juneteenth Florida Arts and Film Festival aims to promote cultural awareness, honor African American history, and provide a platform for artistic expression. We invite the community to join us in this celebration of freedom, diversity, and creativity.

For more information about the Thirty-First Annual Juneteenth Florida Arts and Film Festival, including film schedules and ticket availability, please visit <https://www.juneteenthflorida.org>

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