

London Black History Coordinating Committee

2024 Theme: Building Bridges to a Brighter Future: furthering the collective role of the Black community.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	Description
BHM Opening Celebration	Sat, Feb 3	1:00 – 4:00pm	Museum London 421 Ridout St N	Please join us as we celebrate the formal launch of the Black History Month Tour while enjoying cultural groups showcasing their roots, arts and crafts as well as services providers that African, Caribbean and Black communities can benefit from. Free to attend.
Family Celebration 2024	Sat, Feb 10	10:00am-1pm	Byron Library 1295 Commissioners Rd W	Join us for a celebration of Black history and culture through stories, music, art and more! Enjoy live performances and light refreshments. Presented by the London Black History Coordinating Committee in partnership with London Public Library. Free to attend.
Film Screening: Just Mercy	Sat. Feb 10	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Western Film, McKellar Room, Room 340, University Community Centre Building	Commemorate Black History Month with a special film screening of <i>Just Mercy</i> presented by The Black at Western Alumni Chapter. Sign up at: https://www.westernconnect.ca/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=146891
Dancing into the Wood: Joey Hollingsworth, Tap & Black History	Mon, Feb 12	5:00pm-6:30pm	Huron University College in the Great Hall 1349 Western Road, London, ON	Join legendary tap dancer Joey Hollingsworth in conversation with public historian Zahra McDoom. Born in London, ON during the 1930s, Hollingsworth tapped in medicine shows and would go on to The Ed Sullivan show, benefit shows for civil rights, and numerous television shows including Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. Enjoy local Black history. Free to attend.
Screening of The London Chapel Project	Sun, Feb 18	2:00pm	Museum London	Over the last year, we have continued to collaborate with the good people at Fanshawe Pioneer Village in the restoration of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (The Fugitive Slave Chapel) . We will be presenting the completed documentary by filmmaker Anthony Sherwood

Essence & Culture Awards Show	Sun, Feb 18	5-9:30pm	Aeolian Hall, 795 Dundas St E.	Doors open 5pm, Cocktail hour 5-6pm, Show 6-9:30pm. Tickets \$40 (+taxes & fees). Purchase tickets at https://aeolianhall.ca/events/ , infor@ecawards.ca or call (519)694-3429
Hidden Histories of Hamilton Rd. The 1920's London Elite Black Women's Baseball team	Thurs, Feb 22	7:00pm-8:30pm	Crouch Library 550 Hamilton Rd	Hear about the 1920s London Elite Black Women's Baseball Team with public historian Zahra McDoom and guests Gerry Anderson and Barry Howson whose family played with the team. Celebrate local Black history. Free to attend.
Black History Now: Our People, our Stories, our Perspective	Fri, Feb 23	5:30-7pm	Innovation Works London, 201 King St,	A panel discussion on the state of Black History, with a multi-generational panel
Closing Ceremony & Black Community Achievement Awards	Sat, Feb 24	2-4:30pm	Central Library Wolf Performance Hall 251 Dundas St	Join us for an entertaining line up of dance, song, spoken word, history and more. Presentation of the Black Community Achievement Awards. Reception to follow.
Lewis Coray Trailblazer Awards	Wed, Feb 21	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	RBC Place 300 York St	with keynote speaker Judge Rochelle Ivri, who is 1 of 9 Citizenship Judges in Canada and is currently assigned to the Greater Ontario Area. The presentation to the winner of the Lewis Coray Trailblazer Award. She is a professor at Mohawk College and an adjunct professor at Queen's Law School. Hosted by the London Police Services
African Food Festival	Sat, Feb 24	5:00-8:00pm	<i>Carrefour Communautaire Francophone de London</i> , 920 rue Huron, London.	Come and enjoy delicious food from across the continent of Africa.

Symphonia london	Sat, Feb 24	7:30pm	Metropolitan United Church, 468 Wellington Street	This year we are excited to be working with London Symphonia to promote the concert, https://www.londonsymphonia.ca/events-calendar/2023/8/23/freedom-the-spirit-and-legacy-of-black-music Tickets available at www.londonsymphonia.ca
Black Business Opportunities Open House	March 6		Western University	