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# DECEMBER in G

On behalf of the Ghana Tourism Authority, it is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to another December in GH, a season of vibrant and captivating experiences. Since its inception in 2019 as part of the Year of Return, December in GH has emerged as a truly transformative phenomenon, revolutionizing Ghana's tourism landscape.

December holds profound significance in Ghana's cultural fabric, with various celebrations and festivals taking place across the country. This period serves as an extraordinary opportunity for visitors and locals alike to immerse themselves in the rich heritage, engaging traditions, and warm hospitality that Ghana has to offer. From the bustling markets of Accra to the serene beaches of Cape Coast, December in GH has become a thriving platform for visitors and locals to create lasting memories, forge connections, celebrate African heritage, and promote a thriving tourism industry in Ghana.

The impact of December in GH on Ghana's tourism and local economy cannot be understated. Each year, an increasing number of visitors flock to Ghana to partake in a wide range of activities, including concerts, cultural performances, art exhibitions, historical tours, and culinary experiences. This surge in tourists not only stimulates economic growth but also fosters a sense of pride and unity throughout the nation.

Moreover, December in GH showcases the remarkable progress that Ghana has made in positioning itself as a premier destination for travel and exploration. The Ghana Tourism Authority, in collaboration with various stakeholders, has diligently worked to create a safe, inclusive, and sustainable environment for visitors to enjoy. Through strategic partnerships, Ghana has established itself as a beacon of tourism excellence.

As you peruse this document, we implore you to embark on a journey of discovery, awakening, and celebration. Immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythm of the festivals, delve into the captivating history of our nation, and savor the flavors of our traditional cuisines. Let December in GH be your gateway to an extraordinary confluence of cultures, a tapestry of stories, and an unforgettable experience. May your journey during December in GH be filled with joy, enlightenment, and cherished memories.

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Warm regards, CEO/ Ghana Tourism Authority







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# **ACTIVITIES**

#### **November 1st**

#### **XCLUSIVE CONNECT @ CLOUD9INE, OSU, ACCRA**

Do you want to mingle with the finest in the business and creativity industries? If so then Xclusive Connect is the place to be. Curated by Lapel Eventz, exclusive gatherings are held around the world but this time, in Accra. Encompassing many forms, Xclusive Connect is always a refreshing experience where great minds seize the occasion for innovation, inspiration and connection. It's not just about fine music and indulgence but a time to truly get together and make a difference in your respective industries amongst top tier visionaries. This event is open to the public so seize the opportunity, visionary.

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#### November 1st - 3rd

# AFRICA FORUM ON DISPLACEMENT: PRIVATE SECTOR SOLUTIONS @ KEMPINSKI HOTEL, ACCRA

Building upon the achievements accomplished in the inaugural Forum in Kigali, Rwanda in 2021, the Amahoro Coalition, UNHCR, and Inkomoko will co-host the second edition of the Africa Forum on Displacement (AFD). The Forum is supported by IKEA Foundation and the Mastercard Foundation. AFD 2023 is expected to facilitate the announcement of impactful pledges and contributions, explore private sector opportunities, highlight challenges, and offer recommendations that will promote forcibly displaced persons' inclusivity for durable and sustainable solutions in line with the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees. Throughout the Forum, private sector stakeholders will take stock of the pledges made in the previous edition and the implementation status while making renewed pledges. The pledges and contributions announced at the 2023 Forum in Accra, Ghana, will serve as a precursor of Africa's private sector engagement ahead of the Global Refugee Forum, which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, in December 2023.

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# November 2nd - 5th

#### **XETOTO ARTS FESTIVAL @ KETA ABORIGINES BEACH RESORT, KETA**

This event is aimed at promoting tourism, arts and culture in the Keta municipality. Its an annual event that has was established since 2019. This year's event is themed celebration black history 2023 with focus on the effects of climate change in Keta.

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#### November 3rd & Dec. 8th

#### ART AFTER DARK GHANA @ THE MIX DESIGN HUB, OSU, ACCRA

Art After Dark is an event that enables artists to showcase their pieces, and allow for attendees to simultaneously enjoy performances, talks, music and other cultural activities in a relaxed & festive atmosphere. This event is designed to attract a diverse audience who are interested in art events that feature interactive installations & activities.

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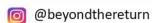
#### November 6th - 26th

# **AFRO COMMUNITY TRADE EXHIBITION @ KOALA SHOPPING CENTER,** OXFORD STREETS, KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL PARK, ACCRA

The Afro Community Trade Exhibition is a premium African Market by She Community Ghana, projecting the beauty, values and culture of the Ghanaian people translated into product offerings. Not only is it a premium market, it is also a safe place to create lasting memories. You get to enjoy great traditional music and dance performances and taste some amazing local drinks. You don't want to miss the experience. Whether for yourself or family, there is something for evervone.

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#### November 14th - 17th

#### **ACCRA REPARATION CONFERENCE @ KEMPINSKI HOTEL, ACCRA**

The Accra Reparation Conference 2023, hosted by President Akufo-Addo from November 14th to 17th, is a landmark event uniting Heads of State, government officials, academics, legal experts and civil society representatives. Themed "Building a United Front for Justice and Reparations," the four-day conference addresses historical injustices spanning slavery, colonialism, apartheid and beyond. Leaders like H.E. Azali Assoumani and President Faure Essozimna Gnassigbe will to facilitate dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and actionable strategies. the pivotal gathering symbolizes a critical step toward rectifying past injustices and fostering unity among nations committed to justice and reparation.

#### **November 18th**

#### **AMAZING CONCERT @ ALHAJI ALIU MAHAMA SPORTS**

#### **STADIUM-TAMALE**

The Amazing Concert By Fad Lan is a musical concert organized by Fad Lan and his team and it is set to attract tens of thousands of attendees. The event also features other prominent Northern based artists including, Fancy Gadam, and Maccasio.

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#### November 18th and Dec. 30th

# DIASPORA IN GHANA BRUNCH & LEARN: LIVING, LOVING & THRIVING IN **GHANA** @ BELLA AFRIK, AFRIKIKO, ACCRA

Meet new friends, build your network, and fellowship with other diaspora in various stages of moving to Ghana. Enjoy a tasty 3-course brunch, fun icebreaker activities, and obtain key insights on the diaspora experience in Ghana, beyond the return. An experienced panel of diaspora returnees will touch on a range of topics from transitioning to life in Ghana, finding community & love, and positioning yourself to thrive in Ghana through strong networks and finding success in business.

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#### **November 19th**

#### **ANWAMOO FESTIVAL @ ATOMIC PARK, ACCRA**

Anwamoo Festival is a fun-filled social event that brings people together to cook and eat our indigenous rice delicacy, anwamoo. The event also promotes social interaction, cultivates a sense of unity and amplifies the 'Eat Ghana' campaign by showcasing our rich local cuisine. It's also a platform for networking to share business ideas while promoting local brands. Email: afuaforiwaahboafoh@gmal.com Tel: +233 249382845

# November 20th - 26TH

#### BENKADI KRUBI FESTIVAL @ KINTAMPO, PRESBY SCHOOL PARK

Benkadi Kurubi Festival is an annual colourful festival of the Wangara community in Ghana. It is celebrated in Kintampo which is regarded as the center of Ghana when it comes to trade between the country's north and the south.

#### November 23rd - 25th

#### **GOLD STATEMENT @ LANCASTER HOTEL, ACCRA**

This event is a Conference, workshop, exhibition of the unique craftsmanship in Ghanaian handmade jewellery, climaxes with Gala Night and a jewellery catwalk/runway show. Email: yaw.duaosei@gmail.com Tel: +233 242378044

# **November 24th**

# MENTAL PICTURES VII: BAGYINA (THE CHILD WHO WILL STAY) @ LA PALM ROYAL BEACH HOTEL

"Mental Pictures VII: BAGYINA (The Child Who will Stay)" is an event of Poetry, Acoustic music, Ghanaian Traditional music and dance, as well as a colourful cocktail of Ghanaian drinks, spearheaded by Nana Asaase, and would feature other artistes and public figures. The evening promises to be filled with pure Pan-African energy, informative, educative, and entertaining with timeless performances, speaking to different issues, as well as providing authentic and insightful traditional entertainment with a youthful and contemporary touch. As has been typical of the series, our set up, structure and line up, would make for effective networking. Email: asaaseinscriptionsgh@gmail.com Tel: +233 544848724 / 026 458 8865

# November 24th - 25th

# **EARLYFEST-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FESTIVAL @ CATHOLIC** INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CIBT AUDITORIUM, ACCRA

This event brings together voices from Africa and the Diaspora to discuss the impact of education on a global scale in the early years of a child's life. The festival will bring early childhood education educators and stakeholders to socialize, network and formulate solutions to challenges in the sector. The festival will also celebrate hard-working personalities who have made an impact in the sector. Earlyfest is expected to bring together teachers, parents, school owners, managers, NGOs, associations, government agencies, publishers and other key stakeholders in the industry.

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#### **November 25th**

#### **YOUTUBE CREATORS FESTIVAL GHANA @ ACCRA MALL**

The YouTube Creators Festival is a 3-day long convention that brings all content creators across the region to engage, educate and inspire in the global YT community. This is the 3rd edition of the festival. The main event is on 25th of November at Accra Mall and features a series of presentations, panel discussions, performances, and many other engaging activities. Prior to the main event is the creators tour and all female master class. The conference will be climaxed with the Creators Awards Night & Concert, which will recognize hard working and influential content creators in Ghana. The festival is powered by Entamoty, with several local & international partners.

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#### **November 25th**

#### I CRY ACCRA @ FOLKS PLACE, NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

"I Cry Accra" is a theatrical performance. A story that takes place in contemporary Accra, to both high-light and reveal general impressions and reflections while giving rhetorical commentaries of a capital city we claim to know. Through the eye of an insider and presented by the voices of Ehalakasa. These voices have lived through and seen Accra in its worst times and words times—and are currently on the mountain top of our nation's capital screaming. "I Cry Accra," that someone within the sound of our voice will hear us and come. The night will undoubt-edly be an experience to remember.

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#### **November 25th**

# AFRICAN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FORUM & EXPO @ COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS, ACCRA

African business opportunities forum and expo is a yearly event focused on gathering thousands of business stakeholders on the African continent and beyond to discuss, discover, network and be empowered to take advantage of the business opportunities within the African continent and the opportunities that AfCFTA offers. Come and learn, network, get inspired and discover new business opportunities from exhibition stands mounted by Ghanaian government agencies, embassies of African countries that are signatories to the African Continental Free Trade Area, business exhibitors and seasoned speakers.

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#### November 25th and Dec. 16th

#### MAYEKOO - LABADI BEACH CLEANUP @ LABADI BEACH, ACCRA

Mayekoo is social impact crowdfunding platform dedicated to driving positive social change by crowdfunding to improve education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability to help reduce poverty and make a difference in Ghana and Africa. The restoration of Labadi Beach is a pivotal initiative for Mayekoo to address beach and ocean pollution. This initiative has a broader goal of fostering positive impacts on the local economy. By revitalizing Labadi Beach, it aims to attract tourism & increase fishing catches for locals. The project's multi-phase approach includes beach cleanups with Mayekoo's tractor and beach rake, installation of trash receptacles, education on waste management, and installation of public amenities.

#### November 26th - Dec. 10th

#### **VOLTA TRADE AND INVESTMENT FAIR @ HO SPORTS STADIUM**

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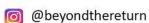
It is a two-week trade and investment fair that includes seminars, intended to expose patrons to the investment potentials of the Volta Region. On display will be indigeous products from the Volta Region and other parts of Ghana. Also on display will be products from other African countries. Alongside the exhibition will be seminars. Key among them are the Women Summit, Youth Summit, Sports Development Summit, Horticulture Workshop and Kente Festival. There will be tours and a beer festival during the weekends. There will be a foodcourt for indigenous meals and entertainment such as musical concerts each night. Visit www.voltafair.org Email: frederickavor@gmail.com Tel: +233 245000000

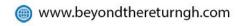
#### November 28th - 30th

# THE MATRIARCH'S VERSE EXPERIENCE @ BRITISH COUNCIL - ACCRA AND THE MOVENPICK AMBASSADOR HOTEL, ACCRA

As we take bold steps towards our much-needed African Renaissance, we cannot attain "Brain Gain", without encouraging our Writers to write. We cannot achieve healing, without allowing our poetry to become therapy for us. And we cannot entrench economic growth, intellect and innovation, without the touch of creativity. Whether you're a professional Poet/Artist, a student, an arts lover or a passionate global citizen, join immersive poetry workshops, panel discussions, keynote addresses, poetivism showcases, open mic sessions and a captivating night of the Poetess Apiorkor in concert, weaving together poetry, music and interdisciplinary art for social justice and unorthodox relaxation.

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#### November 29th - 30th

#### REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE (REACO 23')

#### @ UCC CREDIT UNION CONFERENCE ROOM, OPPOSITE KFC CAPE COAST

The Real Estate and Construction Conference (REACO 23') is a conference for all the stakeholders in the building industry such as contractors, engineers, surveyors, architects, estate developers, brokers, facility managers, artisans etc. It's meant to learn new things, ideas and technologies and create opportunities for networking and investment; hence finding solutions to problems. The Theme is Driving Innovation and Harnessing Prospects in the building industry. Email: heritageduncan@yahoo.com Tel: +233 241927521

#### **November 30th**

#### **NUBIAN NOEL 2023 @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA**

Your favourite festive concert is back for its third edition! Nubian Noel 2023, the much-anticipated genre-fusing 'Afropopera' concert, features thrilling performances by The Band Kokui and special guest artistes, with spine-tingling arrangements of popular festive songs. You don't want to miss this unforgettable blend of art music and charity, as the concert also serves as a fundraiser for MusicBox, the music education outreach initiative spearheaded by The Band Kokui Foundation. Nubian Noel 2023 will take place on 30 November, 2023 at 6pm at the National Theatre. To purchase tickets, please dial \*713\*33\*25# or call / WhatsApp 0553313102.

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#### December 1st

# ABLEKUMA WONDERLAND 2023 @ GREAT NICOBETH ACADEMY, ABLEKU-MA CURVE, CLOSE TO THE ST.JUSTIN ANGLICAN PARK

Ablekuma Wonderland organized by Luz Verde Entertainment is the ultimate fusion of fun and education. This event offers an array of captivating activities, including Spelling Bee competitions, bouncy castle, engaging virtual games, thrilling rap and dance battles and much more. Join us for a day of excitement, learning and community spirit at Ablekuma Wonderland 2023! Email: ednaasare@luzverdeentertainment.com Tel: +233 534410825

#### December 1st

# KIDS TOURISM FESTIVAL @ ST ANTHONY ANGLICAN CHURCH, **ABELEMKPE**

Annual Kids Tourism Festival. A festival that brings our younger ones together to showcase our rich Ghanaian culture through cultural dances, recitals, songs, wear Ghana fashion shows, and drama, amidst fun and games.

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#### December 1st & 2nd

#### AFRICAN FOOD FESTIVAL @ BUNSO ECO PARK, BUNSO

The event is to celebrate our farmers and to promote the diversity of African Food beyond the African continent.

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#### December 1st - 31st

# AFRO COMMUNITY TRADE EXHIBITION @ KOALA SHOPPING CENTER, OXFORD STREET, KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL PARK, ACCRA

The Afro Community Trade Exhibition is a premium African Market by She Community Ghana, projecting the beauty, values and culture of the Ghanaian people translated into product offerings. Not only is it a premium market, it is also a safe place to create lasting memories. You get to enjoy great traditional music and dance performances and taste some amazing local drinks. You don't want to miss the experience. Whether for yourself or family, there is something for everyone.

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# December 1st **December 2nd**

# **CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL @ KUMASI SPORTS STADIUM, KUMASI CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL @ BUKOM BOXING ARENA, ACCRA**

The biggest kid's arts festival focuses on encouraging innovative ideas among children in Ghana. As part of projecting and promoting creativity, which serves as a springboard for entrepreneurial revolution among kids and youth. The Creative Arts Festival aims to contribute to and promote the rich cultural values of Ghana and project the Ghanaian creative arts industry to the world at

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#### December 2nd

# "INTRO.DUES.IN.US" - "AN.ORDER.WAY" III @ GOETHE INSTITUT, CANTONMENTS, ACCRA

Whether spoken by word, acted by movement or delivered in silence, a performance is never misleading. Even if it's misleading, it leads to something that was, something that is, and or something that is to come. "We" see a performance and "we" start guessing meanings, "we" embroider stories or supposed narratives that may and or may not, but who says "we" can't? "Intro.Dues.In.US" is set to take us on an.order meticulous journey into the multidimensional idea of "US" metaphorically speaking to see, taste, smell, touch and feel what was, what is, what could be and or become.

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#### December 2nd & 3rd

# THE GODS ARE NOT TO BLAME - A STAGE PLAY @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

The Gods are Not to Blame is one of the most popular African stage plays. Originally created in 1968, this adaptation features a Ghanaian and Nigerian cast. It's a story that is so powerful and has been popular across generations. This theatrical masterpiece will be enjoyed by everyone and will pique the interest of the global African diaspora with a keen interest in African theatre. Email: g.quaye@imagebureaugh.com Tel: +233 244769434

#### December 2nd

#### **RHYTHMS ON DA RUNWAY @ OSU CASTLE, ACCRA**

Named the "Biggest cultural exposé in Africa" by The BBC., Rhythms On Da Runway is an annual music and fashion event that celebrates designers and music artists in Africa. This year the event celebrates its 11th edition. The theme for 2023 is the 'Aqua Edition' to put a spotlight on sustainability and preserving our water for the future.

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#### December 3,10,17 and 22

#### **GIFTED CRAFTED KIDS SHOW**

#### @ MAIN AUDITORIUM, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST

This is the 5th Season of the annual kids talent hunt show which seeks to unearth PERFORMING ARTS as well as STEM and TVET talent. The aim is use creative art as a tool for creating sanitation awareness among the children and the youth. Its an educational and entertaining event for all

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#### **December 3rd**

#### **FARMERS DAY FUFU PARTY @ GUVNOR GRILL & BAR, ACCRA**

Fufu Party is coming to East Legon! In support of Ghana Food and Ghana Farmers. The Fufu Party will be held at Guvnor Grill & Bar, American House, East Legon, (Adjacent to UBA Bank). Come support Ghana Farmers and enjoy your fufu with snails, Goat meat, fish, palmnut or light soup at good value for your money. There will also be fun moments as you will get to enjoy some musical dance performances and live music. Event starts on Sunday, 3rd December @ 12 Noon sharp. The 2023 edition promises to be the biggest yet!

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#### **December 4th**

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS | BRUNCH WITH US -ELEVATING YOUR BUSINESS | GHANA EDITION @ KEMPINSKI HOTEL, ACCRA

The International Women in Business and Real Estate Brunch is a special occasion that highlights the achievements and contributions of women in both the business and real estate industries. It serves as a platform to showcase the successes of women entrepreneurs, professionals, and leaders in these fields. The event will feature inspiring keynote speeches from prominent women leaders and panel discussions with industry experts that provide valuable insights and knowledge on various aspects of business and real estate in Ghana and abroad. Attendees can expect to learn about the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in both industries, as well as strategies for success and professional growth.

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#### **December 4th**

# **BRUNCH & BEYOND: EXCLUSIVE INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE NET-WORKING BRUNCH @ CLOUD9INE RESTAURANT LOUNGE, ACCRA**

A dynamic networking experience with real estate professionals from the diaspora. Enjoy delicious Ghanaian cuisine while international industry experts discuss investment opportunities, market trends, and resources beyond real estate in Ghana. Brunch will be at Cloud9ine located in the vibrant Osu, Oxford Street area of Accra.

#### **December 5th**

# **BLACK STAR POLO PRE-SEASON MATCHES @ SPLASH SOCIAL CENTER**

Have you ever seen a Water Polo Match before? Have you been following the story of Ghana's fastest growing sport? Come witness the third edition of PRE-SEASON Water Polo Matches hosted by the World Famous Awutu Winton Water Polo Club in Ghana. Come join and see members of the First Water Polo Club in Ghana from Accra, Kumasi, & Central Region all come together as they prepare themselves for their next upcoming season in 2024. Event Sponsored by BLACK STAR POLO. Don't miss out!

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#### **December 6th**

# **BLACK STAR POLO PRE-SEASON @ TRUST SPORTS EMPORIUM [BUKOM BOXING ARENA], ACCRA**

Join our debut Water Polo Match at the Bukom Boxing Arena as we showcase the most talented Youth Water Polo athletes in the country from the world famous Awutu Winton Water Polo Club. Cheer on some of the most committed aquatic athletes and wish them luck on all their future endeavors both locally and abroad in international competitions! Don't miss out on another event that will encourage the youth for years to come! Sponsored by BLACK STAR POLO.

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#### December 6th - 9th

#### **CULTURAL ONENESS FESTIVAL @ JUBILEE PARK AND TAMALE STADIUM**

The Cultural Oneness Festival organized by The Taste Of Afrika is a vibrant celebration of African cultures and creative arts, promotes local tourism and African heritage. It showcases Ghanaian cultures, offers investment opportunities, facilitates Diaspora pathways, celebrates Ghana's heritage, and encourages giving back to the community. Through music, dance, art, and dialogues, the festival creates a vibrant tapestry of cultural unity, economic growth, and shared values. Email: tengol@thetasteofafrika.com Tel: +233 266108852 / 0244349954

#### **December 7th**

#### FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS SEMINAR

#### @ E.WELLS REALTY & CONSULTANCY, EAST LEGON, ACCRA

The FTHB in Ghana seminar is an end-of-year event to educate and provide professional assistance to individuals from the diaspora who wish to own a home or are keen on real estate investment opportunities in Ghana. The First-Time Homebuyers in Ghana seminar holds great importance as it addresses the specific needs and challenges faced by diasporan individuals seeking to purchase their first homes. The diasporan community, comprised of individuals who have migrated or have ancestral ties to their home country, often encounter unique circumstances when navigating the real estate market in their host country. This seminar aims to provide them with essential guidance, information, and access to resources tailored to their circumstances, empowering them to make informed decisions and achieve their homeownership goals.

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#### **December 7th**

#### HOME COMING BASH (MUSIC) @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

A selection of Ghanaian popular and classical music. Performance by The National Symphony

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#### **December 7th**

#### THE MONEYHUB BUSINESS SUMMIT @ ACCRA CITY HOTEL, ACCRA

The MoneyHub business summit is a business networking event that brings together stakeholders in business and other individuals to tap knowledge and plan for the year ahead. We aim to establish stronger collaborations and partnerships with each other.

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# December 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Jan. 4th

#### **AMAPIANO RAVE @ CLOUD9INE RESTAURANT LOUNGE**

Amapiano Rave is a musical event which already takes place on every Thursdays at Cloud9ine restaurant and lounge and since Amapiano is one of the greatest music genres across the world and especially in Ghana, Amapiano Rave is to bring all together in terms of enjoyment and networking.

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#### December 8th - 10th

#### EMBRACING OUR ROOTS: UPPER EAST RENAISSANCE

#### @ TONGO, NAVRONGO AND SIRIGU

Join us on a captivating 3-day journey through the enchanting region of Upper East, Ghana. Experience an immersive blend of cultural heritage, thrilling hiking expeditions, and vibrant nightlife. Engage in guided tours of historic landmarks, indulge in authentic local cuisine, and witness mesmerizing traditional performances. This event celebrates the region's rich history, fosters economic empowerment, and promotes a new sense of unity and pride. Embrace your roots, shape the future, and be part of the remarkable "Embracing Our Roots: Upper East Renaissance. Email: Spotlesscaptain@gmail.com Tel: +233 247523109

#### December 8th - Jan. 3rd

#### **INSPIRATION WEEKEND 2023 @ BAYVIEW VILLAGE ACCRA, WORLD**

#### TRADE CENTER ACCRA AND TAMALE

Bicycle Distribution of donated bicycles shipped from the United States to help and support the transportation issues in selected areas or communities. Dec 8-12 (Bicycle Donation to communities in the Northern Region, Tamale), Dec 14-16: Ghana to the Moon Business and Technology Conference, with a career fair and pitch competition and investors at the World trade Center Accra. Dec 18-24: Art Exhibition, Accra. Dec 26-Jan 3: Sporting Event and Tournament at Bukom Boxing Arena, Accra

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#### **December 9th**

#### THE MODERN DAY MOM HOLIDAY BRUNCH

#### @ COCO VANILLA ADJINJORNOR, ACCRA

We are kicking off the holiday season on a high note with The Modern Day Mom Holiday Brunch. Join us as we celebrate the gift of motherhood at our exclusive bi-annual brunch. What to expect? Unlimited wine/champagne, a three-course delish meal, The 100% Mommyfied Podcast LIVE featuring four incredible speakers, a live makeup demo and so much more!

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#### **December 9th**

# A JOURNEY TO WOMB WEALTH AND WELLNESS PRESENTED BY TRAVEL **DEEPER INC.** @ SERENITY HOUSE GHANA, 29 SENCHI ST., ACCRA

A Journey to Womb Wealth and Wellness connects Black women across the global diaspora and raises awareness about women's health, including uterine fibroids. Join us for connection, networking and storytelling. Information from expert speakers and panel discussions. There will be restoration through breathwork and womb affirmations. Sharpen skills to care for your mind and body through holistic methods and develop the skills to advocate for yourself with healthcare professionals. Join our community for a day of exploration, self-care, and collective well-being! Tickets come with lunch and wellness gifts. RSVP at https://egotickets.com/events/travel-deeper-presents-a-journey-to-womb-wealth-and-wellness For more information, Email: info@traveldeeperinc.com Tel: +233 202061746 visit www.traveldeeeperinc.com.

#### **December 9th**

#### **ADINKRA CARNIVAL** @ LIBERATION SQUARE, WINNEBA

The Adinkra Carnival is back! Starting from the 18th of December, we'll be transforming the grounds into a vibrant event with an engaging play area, building up the excitement for the grand finale on the 23rd—a sensational parade followed by an amazing concert.

There's also a great lineup of workshops that will take you behind the scenes of carnival magic. Get ready to unleash your creativity as we dive into the art of carnival costume making, giving you a chance to be part of the creative process.

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#### **December 9th**

#### RHYTHMS OF AFRICA - SONNIE BADU LIVE @ GRAND ARENA, ACCRA

Dr. Sonnie Badu is one of Ghana's biggest gospel artists. He headlines the biggest gospel concert of the year.

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#### **December 9th**

#### HAIR'ITAGE AFRICA @ KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL PARK, ACCRA

Hair'itage Africa is a natural hair show on 9th December at Nkrumah Memorial Park. 12pm-2pm: Hair Talk among stylists, hair doctors and advocates. Bazaar for merchandising of hair products. 3pm-6pm: Catwalk/Music and fun. Objectives \* To project Natural Hair as a fashion statement by all categories of people and by men and women in a position to influence continental adoption \* To afford manufacturers and vendors the chance to showcase their products and usage \* To help reduce Africa's imported hair budget. Outreaches: There will be outreaches to schools and corporate organizations to advocate the adoption of natural hair.

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#### **December 9th**

#### **IGNITION HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL @ AVIATION SOCIAL CENTRE, ACCRA**

Ignition High School Festival is an event dedicated to providing an annual celebration of culture of the youth in high schools focusing on using arts and sports as the main tool of engagement. This platform brings together the best in arts (Music, Dance and Fashion) and Sports (Basketball, Soccer and Volley-ball) from the various high schools to compete for the number one spot. Representing the culture of high school, the program features fun activities in the form of games, picture taking, graffiti arts and more. The program features professional music and dance artistes, performing at different intervals to the delight of audience. This program is the ultimate high school event in December.

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#### December 9th - 10th

#### ICAD 2023 @ GA MANTSE PALACE, ACCRA

International Convention of Africans in Diaspora (ICAD) will host its inaugural conference in Accra, Ghana (9th-10th December, 2023) under the theme "Truth Need to be Told". The conference is expected to attract both Diasporans and Africans to the event as a way of fostering tourism and relations among the Diasporans, the African continent, and beyond. The ICAD Conference is organized by the International Clergy Association Inc (ICA)

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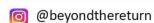
#### December 9th - 10th

# PLANT BASED VEGAN MARKET @ CENTRE FOR NATIONAL CULTURE (ARTS CENTRE, ACCRA)

Plant Based Vegan Market is an outdoor event where plantbased & vegan producers/vendors will be brought together to exhibit their products. Entry is free & activities will include: 1. Exhibition 2. Talks 3. Fitness & Wellbeing 4. Cooking Demo 5. Entertainment (Live music, Spoken word, Traditional Dance & Games) 6. Plantbased Treaty Education 7. Night Market. Time both days is 9am to 9pm.

Email: vvesog@gmail.com Contact number: +233(0)209046833 / +233(0)551714232





#### **December 10th**

# **LIGHTUP THE PARADE @ STREET OF AKO ADJEI TO RIDGE ROUNDABOUT), ACCRA**

Light Up The City is an annual Christmas project launched in 2019. This project is designed by Jandel limited and executed in collaboration with Mullen Lowe as well as Metropolitan & District Assemblies, Corporate organizations and endorsed by Beyond the Return. Since 2019, this project has consistently been awe-inspiring and improving the aesthetics and experience. Our aim has been to deliver Christmas lights with a Ghanaian touch. Our major participants include Ecobank, Standard Chartered, Armed Forces, Enterprise Group, MTN, Access Bank, Latter Day Saints, Melcom, Stanbic Bank FBN Bank, CH Group, just to mention a few. The exciting theme for this year is "Embrace the radiance of Ghana". This theme was carefully chosen to reflect the essence of our project and to further amplify our goal of fostering connections, conversations that transcend borders and unite people from the motherland and the diaspora. This year, we invite businesses, brands, creators to come along with family and friends to join in creating the longest Christmas Float parade dubbed "Light Up the Parade GH". Through this project we aim to create an inclusive platform that brings to-gether people of all backgrounds.

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#### **December 13th**

# THE POST PREGNANCY BOUJIE EXPRESS HOLIDAY GIVEBAC @ OGBOJO POLYCLINIC, ACCRA

The Post Pregnancy Boujie Express is a maternal health awareness initiative. Throughout the year, we provide assistance to low income families and communities. This holiday season, we are supporting Ogbojo Polyclinic by paying the discharge bills of detained mothers alongside their newborns, distributing care packages and educating mothers on the importance of pre/postnatal care.

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#### **December 13th**

## LOVE FOR AFRICA (MUSIC) @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

An all-African music performance with carefully selected songs for our audience performed by The National Symphony Orchestra.

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#### December 13th - 17th

# **DECEMBER GHANA GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW (GGFS)**

#### @ EFUA SUTHERLAND PARK, ACCRA

The December Ghana Garden and Flower Show (GGFS) was introduced in 2022 to mark the 10th anniversary of the movement. The show seeks to promote love for nature and the environment, and to create awareness about the need to protect our planet even during the Christmas season and holiday celebrations. The show, a five-day event, features an exhibition of flowers and plants, gardening workshops and masterclasses, a children's garden playground, and a variety of fun activities for everyone, and will be climaxed with Stratcomm Africa's annual end of year thanksgiving concert; Praise Jam.

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#### **December 14th**

#### **DIASPORA TO GHANA BUSINESS SUCCESS TOOLKIT + EXPO**

#### @ HOLIDAY INN. ACCRA

A Diasporan's guide to starting and running a successful business in Ghana. Learn about how to register a business, considerations for establishing a fully foreign-owned business or partnering with a Ghanaian, investment capital requirements, top investment opportunities and tax-saving incentives, obtaining legal residency in Ghana and obtaining a work permit under your company, bank accounts and financing available for your business, hiring and compensating employees, registering your company to pay taxes and social security, finding the perfect office or storefront, and more. Register now at bst.diasporainghana.com

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# **DILEMMA OF A GHOST (DRAMA) @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA**

Ato, a Ghanaian from the Odumna clan returns to Ghana from his studies in North America as a graduate and brings with him a black American wife. His family is confused because marriage is not between two individuals but the two families of the groom and the bride; more so, when Ato reveals that his wife has no tribe.

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#### **December 14th**

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# **GHANA TECH SUMMIT @ JUBILEE HOUSE**

The Ghana Tech Summit is a 12-year initiative that started in 2018 and aims to revitalize Ghana's entrepreneurial economy and reposition it as a global study of catalyzed innovation within an emerging market country. The 5th Annual Ghana Tech Summit brings together hundreds of entrepreneurs, investors, digital marketers and creatives under one roof together to address humanity's greatest challenges via technology and entrepreneurship. For the 2023 Edition we welcome the "Ghana@100" Edition - accelerating advance technology and innovation, where we look at the future of Ghana in a Post modern world.

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#### **December 14th**

#### DIASPORA TO GHANA FOR BUSINESS WORKSHOP @ ACCRA

Your complete business success toolkit for running a successful business in Ghana. Learn about business registration, stated capital requirements, investment sectors and incentives, residency & work permits, hiring and compensating employees, diaspora business banking opportunities, taxpayer registration and compliance, & more.

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#### December 14th - 16th

#### ASPAATERE INDIGENOUS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

#### @ MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Aspaatere is a symbol of resilience to the Ga people of Ghana. This name perfectly fits into the goal of the festival; to consolidate the resilience of our heritage! AICF2023 is a 3-day grand cultural festival (December 14 to 16) set to provide a single stage where the unique cultural heritage of all the 16 Regions of Ghana will be portrayed in detail to the world; our delicacies, clothing, artifacts, language, history, and tourism potentials at the heart of the capital, the Historic City of Accra! AICF2023 is your perfect heritage indulgence and December experience in Ghana. Email: ernestasante2001@gmail.com Tel: +233 542522268/ 0266109570

#### December 14th - 16th

#### ABILITY FAIR 2023 @ MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ability Fair 2023 is an innovative initiative that pro-vides persons with disability (PWDs) a unique tool to exhibit their products, services and talents to Ghanaians and internationally. The objective is to create opportunities to empower and improve PWDs in-come earning, food security and increase livelihood sufficiency. The venue is the Museum of Science and Technology. We expect over 300 exhibitors, visitors of Beyond The Return, the public, tourists and en-terpreneurs. Side attractions of fun and games, med-ical screenings and musical performances will spice up the exhibition.

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# December 14th - 16th

# KIDDAFEST (CHILDREN'S ARTS & CULTURAL FESTIVAL) @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

A 3 day event that will highlight childrens Arts and Culture Email: ashong.programs.ntg@gmail.com Tel: +233 501476357

#### December 15th

#### GAJIA DUNIA (DANCE) @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

A Dance piece that explores the journey called life and its complexities. Performed by The Ghana Dance Ensemble

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#### December 15th

# **COME DINE WITH CHEF AWO @ CRESCENDO FOODS 19 K.HAICK AV, 2ND STREET**

Come Dine with Chef Awo is an exclusive intimate dinner with a private female Chef from the diaspora. Based in the U.S., Chef Awo is bringing to Ghana her unique concept called Eh'vivi. Discover her cuisine and get a first-hand experience of her cuisine, rooted in Ghanaian heritage. Email: admin@crescendogh.com Tel: +233 503621935

# December 15th - 17th December 29th - 30th

#### THE SECOND COMING OF NKRUMAH

#### @ ACCRA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER

The African Festival is a social and behavioral change project, carried out via theatre, arts and culture. It is backboned by Africa's Biggest Theatrical Venture, THE SECOND COMING OF NKRU-MAH which will celebrate Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah W.E.B. Du Bois, Haille Selassie, Nelson Mandela, King Mohammed V among other iconic Pan-African Freedom Fighters. There will also be a celebration of African tourism and culture through exhibitions of miniature tourist sites across the continent including the Pyramids of Giza, Nelson Mandela Capture Site and the Museum of The Future which will reaffirms the role of museums in promoting culture. Email: naadedei@theafricanfestival.com Tel: +233 275027000

#### December 15th - 17th

# **RIVERFEST 23** @ PRAMPRAM, ACCRA

#RiverFest23, also themed "The Prapram Ocean Green Rave", is a 3-day fun-packed event scheduled from Friday, 15 to Sunday, 17 December 2023. The festival is designed to have an action-packed programme of activities with exciting exhibitions of talents and products from vendors. The event promises patrons an amazing experience of art and creativity from the local creative and art industry and a taste of the culture of the people of Prampram. Email: nanayawmanteaw@yahoo.com Tel: +233 246944145

#### December 15th - 17th

#### THE TRIAL @ AIRPORT CITY HOTEL, ACCRA

"Someone must have slandered Joseph K., for one morning, without having done anything wrong, he was arrested." In times of growing fears and resentments to all that is foreign, strange and alien, this fast and crazy theatre adaptation of the classic European novel "The Trial" is a fruitful encounter with the unknown. The Ghanaian version of THE TRIAL is now ready to tour venues, galleries and theatre spaces around the world. Already played at the Goethe Institut in Accra, School of performing Arts, University of Ghana, Nubuke Foundation and the National Theatre of Ghana. Directored by Simon Eifeler Email: de2idiotz@gmail.com Tel: +233 548179519

#### December 15th - 17th

#### AFRICA BASKETBALL FESTIVAL @ BUKOM BOXING ARENA, ACCRA

A lifestyle event that merges the game of basketball with music and fashion show. Email: RITESPORTSGH@GMAIL.COM Tel: +233 244683510

#### December 15th - 22nd

#### **GHANA CINEMA WEEK @ SILVERBIRD CINEMA, ACCRA**

Ghana Cinema Week Presents its second edition targeted at promoting and celebrating Ghanaian films. The week-long event sets to restore the interest of Ghanaians in Ghana-made films, promote and develop the cinema going culture in the country, establish a sustainable distribution for locally produced Ghanaian films and provide an avenue for business growth.

#### December 15th - 23rd

# THEATRE PRODUCTION OF CHILDREN'S BOOK 'GIZO-GIZO: A TALE FROM THE ZONGO LAGOON' @ SOS-HERMANN GMEINER INTERNATIONAL **COLLEGE, TEMA**

"Gizo-Gizo: A Tale from the Zongo Lagoon" is a theatrical adaptation of the beloved children's book. With captivating storytelling, enchanting dance, and a fusion of traditional and modern music, it immerses you in the world of a lazy, selfish spider who pollutes the Zongo Lagoon with a gold mine. When fish groan with upset stomachs and frogs wince from sore throats, Tortoise and Crab devise a clever plan to teach Spider a lesson and clean up the mess. A modern take on Kweku Ananse's antics, "Gizo-Gizo" is a delightful show for 3-15-year-olds and the young at

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# December 15th - Jan. 14th

# POLO BEACH CLUB DECEMBER SEASON @ POLO BEACH CLUB, LABADI **ACCRA**

Experience Polo Beach Club December with a series of mind blowing events. Experience the iconic opening party, Kidi & friends, The Christmas Day Party, New Years Eve fire Galore & the 5th Anniversary of Smallgods Fuego on the beach. It's a Detty December and #PBCRocks. Email: Ekowabbanwld@gmail.com Tel: +233 500000905





#### December 15th - 29TH

# "A DIVINATION OF ENJOYMENT: EXTENDED PLAY (EP)" - AN IMMERSIVE **EXHIBITION BY NII.A.K** @ THE MIX DESIGN HUB, OSU, ACCRA

The exhibition, "a divination of enjoyment: extended play (EP)," incorporates the Ghanaian folklore of Ananse the Spider and explores Black cosmologies of West African origin. The use of water and wood symbolizes the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and the gyli/balafon (xylophone) respectively. Through water divination, the exhibition features an immersive installation by nii.a.k and a group of collaborators. The installation explores the ocean as a reflection of the Earth and poses the question: What can we learn from the world's reflection during a season of crisis and celebration? By subverting the historical colonial meaning of Christian holidays in Ghana during December-January, the exhibition aims to raise public awareness about the significance of reparations for people of the Black diaspora.

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#### December 16th

# GREETINGS FROM ABROAD @ ACCRA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE **CENTRE ACCRA**

Greetings from Abroad" is a comedy special event aimed at exploring the side-splitting experiences, cultural clashes, and jaw-dropping mishaps that our comedians encountered while living and traveling abroad. Our comedians will share tales of navigating language barriers, cultural misunderstandings, and the challenges of being a foreigner. This comedy show promises to take its audience on a rollercoaster ride through the comedic adventures of our globe-trotting comedians and unite audiences of all backgrounds with the universal language of humor. Email: teamobamponsah@gmail.com Tel: +233 243344024

#### **December 16th**

# **CULTUREFEST GH @ ACCRA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER, ACCRA** Showcasing Ghana in a beautiful way. The maiden edition of Culturefest GH will be focusing primarily on indigenous Ghanaian dances, food/delicacies, fashion, education, businesses and a mini durbar to exhibit some of the very beautiful parts of our rich culture. Aims at providing an exclusive platform at an open and convenient location to observe and learn at first hand what

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Ghana has got to offer.

#### December 16th

# LADIES FIRST BRUNCH @ CRESCENDO FOODS 19 K.HAICK AV. 2ND STREET, WEST LANDCRA, ACCRA

The Ladies First Brunch is a Brunch celebrating 50 years of Hip Hop highlighting the invaluable contribution of women in the genre with a 4-course menu curated by 3 talented Ghanaian female Chefs. It promises to be a unique culinary journey to explore the Ghanaian food heritage whilst listening to the beats & rhythms that have defined Hip Hop over the past half century. Email: admin@crescendogh.com Tel: +233 0204982104/0503621935

#### **December 16th**

#### PLANNING AND PLOTTING EXPERIENCE

#### @ LA PLAM ROYAL BEACH, ACCRA

Planning and Plotting Experience will be an event art and music with a House full of recognition for the youth and grown age of Ghana and beyond with the world a combination of artistry, FASHION, and music from different backgrounds intended to inculcate confidence and lifestyle. We are putting together a fantastic production and visual experience planned along with a power- packed line up of professionals and best artists across Ghana. We will stream it in all virtual platforms with an aim to entertain, network with people, uplift their spirit in the comfort of their homes and encourage the social distancing rules.

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#### December 16th - 17th

# GHANA PROPERTY & LIFESTYLE EXPO @ ALISA HOTEL (RIDGE), ACCRA

The Ghana Property and Lifestyle Expo is a highly anticipated event that brings together industry experts, property developers, homebuyers, and enthusiasts in one vibrant platform. This prestigious expo showcases the best of Ghana's real estate sector, offering a comprehensive view of the country's property market and lifestyle opportunities. With a focus on promoting investment, homeownership, and sustainable living, the Ghana Property and Lifestyle Expo serves as a valuable resource for both local and international attendees. It provides a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of residential, commercial, and investment properties, all under one roof. This dynamic expo not only showcases the latest trends and developments in the real estate industry but also highlights Ghana's diverse lifestyle options. From luxury residences to affordable housing solutions, participants can discover an array of options that cater to different budgets and preferences. The Ghana Property and Lifestyle Expo is about property and enhancing the overall quality of life. Attendees can access valuable insights from industry experts through informative seminars and panel discussions, covering topics such as property financing, legal considerations, and sustainable living practices. Whether you are an aspiring homeowner, an investor seeking lucrative opportunities, or simply interested in exploring the vibrant Ghanaian property market, this expo is the perfect platform for networking, learning, and making informed decisions.

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#### December 16th - 17th

# AFROPARK 2023 @ NYANIBA MARKET (TREE HOUSE), ACCRA

AfroPark's mission is to provide a platform for African entrepreneurs, artists and designers to showcase their talent, skills and businesses. AfroPark events provide the African residents, returning diaspora and the wider globe a concentrated experience of the African culture and enterprise. This is all enabled by the talented Africans that form part of the AfroPark Community. Our flagship event, AfroPark 2023, provides the following offerings: • African Art • African Music African Food & Drink
 African Media Productions and Activities o Screening of an African Movie production – King Of T3MA, Sip and Paint and Games.

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#### December 16th - 31st

# MEFIRI EJISU HOMECOMING @ EJISU, KUMASI

Mefiri Ejisu Homecoming is an annual event that brings together people within Ejisu Municipality and beyond to socialize, entertain and educate ourselves. The event involves series of activities which includes clean up exercise, health screening, football (soccer) tournament, music concert, and more. The maiden edition was organized last year in collaboration with Ejisu Traditional Council. This year's tournament is scheduled to take place from 16th to 31st December 2023 at Ejisu. We anticipate an even larger turnout of participants and spectators, making it a prime opportunity to promote our culture and heritage. Ejisu is known to be a historic town where the Asante warrior Queen Nana Yaa Asantewaa I ruled Asante Empire Email: Nwtfghana@gmail.com Tel: +233548042089

# **December 17th**

# **ANKOS TADI IN ACCRA @ THEA VILLA HOTEL, ASHELEY BOTWE**

Get ready for the exciting two-day event, Ankos Tadi in Accra. This highly anticipated event will feature the captivating Masquerade performance from Takoradi, showcasing the vibrant culture and talents of Ghana's Western Region. Immerse yourself in traditional music, dance, and flavors that will transport you straight to the heart of Takoradi. As the rhythms of Ankos take centre stage, the air will buzz with excitement as attendees dance and revel in the energetic tunes. Ankos Tadi is all about embracing Ghana's rich heritage, enjoying a day filled with laughter, music, spectacular performances, and, of course, delicious traditional Ghanaian cuisine. Mark your calendar for this extraordinary event.

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#### December 17th - 21st

## KWAHU INVESTMENT DIALOGUE@ ROCK CITY HOTEL, NKWATIA. KWAHU

It 'sThe Kwahu Investment Dialogue (KID) 2023 an Exodus to Africa event projecting the investment opportunities in Agriculture and Tourism in Okwahuman. This is a direct invitation to you who wants a peaceful, friendly and home welcoming environment to invest. The Rock City Hotel will host us and you will have the opportunity to travel around Kwahu to explore. Exodus to Africa is organizing the Kwahu Investment Dialogue in collaboration with-The Diaspora Affairs Office, Office of the President. - The Ministries of Food and Agriculture, Tourism and Culture, Trade and Industry and Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration. We are supported by, the Ghana Tourism Authority, Ghana Investment Promotion Center, Beyond the Return Secretariat, the Eastern Regional Coordinating Council.

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#### December 18th - 23rd

#### HOLIDAY SPORTS JAM 2023 @ AL-RAYAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Experience the magic of the Holiday Sports Jam while supporting underserved and rural schools at our fundraiser. Engage in spirited athletic competitions, from a lively 5-aside soccer tournament to a dynamic 3x3 basketball tournament and friendly fun challenges, all while contributing to a noble cause and showcasing some of Ghana's talented young athletes. Embrace the festive spirit with seasonal treats and joyful music, fostering a sense of community and giving. Every enthusiastic participant and generous donor plays a crucial role in providing educational resources to those in need. Let's unite for a week of sports, joy, and meaningful impact this holiday season. Email: isaackwapong@impactyouthfoundation.org Tel: +233 574047220

#### **December 19th**

#### MIXED BAG (MUSIC) @ NATIONAL THEATRE

A night of Ghanaian Popular Music. Performed by The National Symphony Orchestra Email: ashong.programs.ntg@gmail.com Tel: +233 501476357

#### December 20th

# IMAGES OF CONFLICTS (DANCE) @ NATIONAL THEATRE

A Dance piece and acts that brings to the fore conflicts in our societies. Email: ashong.programs.ntg@gmail.com Tel: +233 501476357



#### **December 20th**

#### **CONNECT THE DOTS NETWORKING EVENT**

#### @ SERENITY HOUSE GHANA - AIRPORT RESIDENTIAL, ACCRA

Connect the Dots networking event is an event aimed to support attendees to attain their professional goals, through networking. Each attendee will get the opportunity to introduce themselves to all others in attendance, sharing what they have to offer and what they want and need. There will also be an expert panel sharing how they've overcomed challenges, obtained start-up capital and moved their businesses to the next level, in Ghana.

Email: Onourwatchglobal@gmail.com Tel: +1510 978 5270

#### **December 20th**

#### **MURDER & MYSTERY DINNER @ 19 K. HAICK AV, 2ND STREET, ACCRA**

Murder mystery Dinner: This year, let's celebrate Ghana dressed in cultural attire for a night of mystery, culinary experiences, and murder enigma. Whilst enjoying a 3-course meal you will have an immersive experience, working together with other guests to solve a fictitious murder which occurs during the dinner. As the night continues, you will interrogate the suspects, gather clues, and work with your team to help our mystery experts crack the case before the killer gets awav.

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#### December 21st

#### AYIIYI @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

A total theatre performance that uses music, dance, and drama as a vehicle to showcase the unique Ghanaian regional cultures.

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#### December 21st

# BEYOND THE CROWN: PAGEANTRY AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS @ LABADI BEACH HOTEL, ACCRA

Join us and gain invaluable insights into the journey of current and former pageant queens, discovering how pageantry empowered their lives at school, work, and as entrepreneurs across the globe. Our empowering panel discussion, led by accomplished queens, will highlight the skills and values cultivated through the pageantry experience. Let's embrace and honor the inherent beauty of Black women, showcasing their natural features, hair textures, and cultural practices within the Ghanaian context. Together, we'll celebrate beauty, promote self-acceptance, and inspire future generations. Don't miss this uplifting event!

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#### December 21st

#### LYRICAL WARS @ JAMESTOWN COFFEE C.O, ACCRA

A celebration of African Hip-hop and celebration of hip-hop's 50th anniversary headlined with rap battles from rappers across the continent to commemorate the hip-hop festival.

Email: gcobla@grpfeats.com Tel: +233 24 265 0045

#### **December 21st**

#### THE GUBA DIASPORA NETWORK COCKTAIL EVENING @ ACCRA

A networking evening with fireside chat, introductions, topical conversations, music and more. Email: jennifer@gubaawards.co.uk Tel: +233 599166589

#### December 21st

#### ZAAMADISCO @ AFRICAN LEAK (TRADE FAIR) LA, ACCRA

ZAAMADISCO is an art of LIFE for the youth of Ghana and beyond the world. A combination of ARTS, FASHION, AND MUSIC from different backgrounds forming the army of Blacko Tribe. ZAA-MADISCO is also intended to inculcate a spirit of adventure, co-operation, creation of excellence in the domain of art and culture and feelings of fraternity, patriotism, unity and brotherhood. We are putting together a fantastic production and visual experience planned along with a power packed line up of professionals and best artists across west Africa and the world. We will stream it in all virtual platforms with an aim to entertain, network with their people, uplift their spirit in the comfort of their homes and encourage the social distancing rules. Our aim is simply to bring together different people of different culture under one platform to celebrate their unique lifestyles whiles engaging amongst each other. Email: Icobbyq@@gmail.com Tel: +233 244013204

# **December 22nd**

#### BRIDE OF THE GOD'S (DRAMA) @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

One day, a high priest catches the only daughter who is betrothed to the gods of their land, in an uncompromising position with Subinzali, his head servant. The high priest imprisons Subinzali awaiting execution as sacrifice to the gods. Can Nderize who is referred to as the flute of the gods exonerate her loved one? Or will the gods punish the two love birds for disregarding the oath the high priest has sworn to the gods?

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#### **December 22nd**

#### POETIC RUNWAY @ JAMESTOWN COFFEE ROASTERS, ACCRA

Poetic Runway, a captivating event merging runway fashion and expressive poetry, embraces Ghana's cultural heritage and pan-Africanism under the theme "A Decade of African Renaissance." This unique program unites talented poets, designers, models, and spectators, fostering unity and celebration. Poets will recite powerful verses reflecting Africa's diverse beauty, complemented by fashion inspired by traditional Ghanaian and pan-African aesthetics, symbolizing the continent's rebirth. The immersive experience sparks conversations about African identity, empowering both diaspora and Ghanaians while promoting Ghana as a vibrant cultural destination in line with Beyond The Return initiative's objectives. Join us to celebrate Ghana and ignite pride in our African heritage.

Email: ldplaud@gmail.com Tel: +233 262612299

#### **December 22nd**

#### **ROMANUS INCOMPLETE @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA**

Romanus Incomplete is a Stand Up Comedy show that features budding Stand Up Comedians and Entertainers. The event is hosted by Foster Romanus.

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#### **December 22nd**

# BHIM FESTIVAL—5TH DIMENSION HOMECOMING EDITION @ ACCRA SPORTS STADIUM

Stonebwoy and the BHIM Concert hold profound significance in the world of music and culture. This event not only showcases Stonebwoy's talent but also nurtures emerging artists, establishing itself as a powerhouse in the afrobeats, reggae, and dancehall genres. It bridges the gap between Ghana, Africa, and the Caribbean, consistently drawing tens of thousands of attendees and creating an electrifying atmosphere that unites music lovers from diverse backgrounds.

Together, Stonebwoy and the BHIM Concert have become a cultural phenomenon, shaping music culture and influencing societal conversations. Their significance and popularity are undeniable, making them a captivating and influential force in the music industry today.

This year, the highly-anticipated music event returns for its 7th edition on December 22, 2023, providing a 5th Dimension and Ashaiman To The World Festival experience. The concert is set to kick off at 7:00 PM GMT and promises an electrifying lineup of world-class artists, unforgettable performances, and an immersive music experience like no other.

Website: https://stonebwoyb.com/

#### December 22nd - 24th

# ASHANTI HOMECOMING AND CULTURAL DISPLAYS @ KUMASI CULTURAL CENTER, KUMASI

The event is being organised by Ashanti Stakeholders in tourism, hospitality and culture with the objectives of assembly the various communities within the region to promote it's rich culture and displays tribal coexistence within the various sub units.

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#### December 23rd

#### RETRO RAVE @ JAMROCK RESTAURANT, ACCRA

Step into a time warp at Retro Rave, JamRock Restaurant, on December 23. Dress in 80s Ghanaian/Jamaican fusion, grooving to hits from the 1960s-1990s. Indulge in nostalgia with soulful tunes, vibrant prints, and signature cocktails, as we blend cultures and memories. Join us for a night of unforgettable rhythms, iconic fashion, and a culinary journey bridging two worlds. Limited tickets available. Get ready to dance, eat, and relive the magic of a bygone era. Secure your spot now for a euphoric fusion of 80s vibes at Retro Rave.

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#### **December 23rd**

#### THE CAKE FAIR: PREMIUM @ ALISA HOTEL (NORTH RIDGE), ACCRA

The Cake Fair: Premium will be a night to wine and dine over original authentic Ghana made desserts created by Ghanaian chefs, bakers, and bakeries. Desserts will be paired with assorted wines to compliment the variety of desserts. There will be 30 premium cake and wine brands hosted at 1 premium venue, Alisa Hotel in North Ridge. The event will begin at 4pm and end by 11:30pm. The night will be filled with live acoustics, dessert pairing activities, and networking. Email: Catherine.sakyi@gmail.com Tel: +233 269224580



#### December 23rd

#### CAPE COAST CLASSIC @ CAPE COAST CLASSIC [BEACH]

Join members of the first Water Polo club in Ghana as they take on a day of Beach Water Polo Matches on the shores of the Cape Coast Castle. This will mark the third edition of this event channeling history, aquatics, and natural resources to turn tragedy into triumph. Email: asefaboa@gmail.com Tel: 001 (619) 851-5688

#### **December 23rd**

#### CHRISTMAS IN JAMESTOWN @ JAMESTOWN ASSEMBLY SPOT, ACCRA

5 years ago, Gasmilla served his country with what he called the Gasmilla Father Christmas Show, to put smiles on the faces of children. The show had a party as well as giveaways for the children coupled with celebrities Salinco, Bismark The Joke, Dobble and many others. Children received over 5,000 gifts including bicycles, bags, games, footballs, jerseys, T-shirts and many other goodies. One child received a scholarship. This was done at the Efua Sutherland Children's Park and last year in Jamestown. This year 2023, we are celebrating with the children in the Jamestown community and all others are invited. We will party from 10am to 4pm. Email: candy.lamptey@icloud.com Tel: +233 509872734

#### **December 23rd**

#### THE GIRLS BRUNCH @ ALLEY BAR/JAMESTOWN COFFEE CO, ACCRA

The Girls Brunch Ghana is an all women event to foster networking and partnerships between young women. A day event filled with good food, music by women DJs, games and more. This event started in December 2021 by three partners who wanted to create a relaxing atmosphere for like-minded women to relax and enjoy themselves while forging meaningful personal and professional connections.

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#### **December 23rd**

# AFROCARISOUL FOOD FESTIVAL @ DAWADAWA RESTAURANT / OSU

AfroCariSoul presents the AfroCariSoul Food Festival 2023. A highly anticipated festival set to highlight and celebrate cultural similarities in Afro cuisines worldwide. And this year, we are in Accra, Ghana on December 23rd, 2023! From savoring taste samples to full plated dishes. Travel to different destinations through a spoonfull African, Caribbean and Soul food. No need to book flights to visit countries with AfroFood, we got you covered right here at our festival! Email: nanielwoode@gmail.com Tel: +16145000528

#### December 23rd and 27th

#### **BLACK WINE FESTIVAL @ CAHAYA LOUNGE, EAST LEGON, ACCRA**

The Black Wine Festival in Accra, Ghana is a premier two-day event dedicated to celebrating wines crafted by black winemakers. It unites wine enthusiasts, industry experts, and the public, offering a diverse experience of wine brands' craftsmanship. The festival features a golf tournament on the 23rd, wine tastings with food pairings, business and winemaking seminars on the 27th, all while shining a spotlight on South African wines and their unique qualities. Beyond appreciation, the festival actively promotes trade and investment opportunities within the African wine and beverage industry, aligning with the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) to foster growth and trade in the region.

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#### **December 24th**

#### THE GUBA CRUISE @ AKOSOMBO

The GUBA Cruise is an exciting tour of Akosombo. A visit to Royal Senchi and a Cruise to complete the experience. 2 2 2 2 Package Includes: 4-hour boat cruise, Indoor Games, Buffet Lunch on the Cruise, Transportation From Accra to Dodi, Visit to Dodi Island, Visit to Royal Senchi, Live Band / DJ Organized by GUBA Tours

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#### **December 24th**

#### **KOJO ANTWIFIED @ UPSA AUDITORIUM, MADINA**

Ghana's favorite son and Music Maestro, Kojo Antwi, returns for his annual Christmas Eve concert attended by the cream of society who get to embark on an emotional and exciting journey fueled by his music and electrifying performance.

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#### **December 24th**

#### **BLACVOLTA CREATOR MIXER @ BARN DOOR BEER GARDEN, ACCRA**

The Blacvolta Creator Mixer is an event that brings together Ghanaian creatives and features panel discussions with global thought leaders from around the world on topics such as fashion, entertainment, lifestyle, and music. The first edition was held in Uganda, the second in Ghana, and this upcoming third edition promises to be the biggest one yet.

Email: Blacvolta@gmail.com Tel: +233 246913477

#### **December 24th**

#### **SAMINI XPERIENCE @ RIDGE CONDOS, KUMASI**

Music Concert headlined by GH music legend, Samini

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#### December 24th - 25th

#### **FAMILY CONFERENCE**

#### @ THE NATIONAL THEATRE, EXHIBITION HALL, ACCRA

This event will discuss managing children, wives and husbands in the family setting. It will feature a panel forum which will address the effect of racial marriages on the parties involved including children and the extended family members, not forgetting the effect of the racial marriages on the society as a whole.

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#### December 24th - 26th

#### WESTSIDE CARNIVAL @ LIBERATION ROAD, TAKORADI

Celebrate the vibrant culture of the Western Region at the 18th annual Westside Carnival. This colorful and exciting street festival features music, masqueraders, brass bands, and a diverse lineup of artists including Hezron Clark, Kofi Kinatta, and more. Explore experiential centers, savor local cuisine, and enjoy a beer festival. Don't miss the grand procession of 50,000 masqueraders, and discover the best goods and services from the region. Last year, the event brought 250,000 tourists to Sekondi-Takoradi and is organized by Skyy Media Group. Join us for a fantastic celebration of music, culture, and community!

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#### **December 25th**

#### TADIFEST @ OLD JOHN MENSAH SABBAH ROAD, TAKORADI

Tadifest is an annual festival filled with activities geared towards projecting the tourist potentials in the western region

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#### December 25th

# GHANA FOOD FESTIVAL @ ATLANTIC MALL, ATOMIC JUNCTION ROUND-ABOUT - NORTH LEGON (NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA)

Ghana Food Festival is an outdoor, hands-on and free-to-attend carnival for the entire family and community. It promotes made-in-Ghana products and services to the local and international markets. It also provides entrepreneurs from Ghana and abroad the opportunity to advertise and sell their products and services during the event. Lovers of culture, arts and entertainment are encouraged to attend this remarkable event that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Ghana and the African sub region.

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#### **December 25th**

#### TEMA MASQUERADER'S CARNIVAL @ TEMA, COMMUNITY FOUR

The Tema Masqueraders Carnival is an annual celebration that showcases the rich culture heritage of our community through vibrant performances, traditional music, and colorful masquerade displays. The carnival has become a highly anticipated event in our community, attracting thousands attendees from both the local area and beyond.

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#### **December 25th**

#### **FANCY GADAM'S COMPETITION ALBUM TOUR**

#### @ BUKOM BOXING ARENA, ACCRA

Theme: Promoting Ghanaian cultures and lifestyle through music. this concert brings various artist from the northern part of the country to exhibit their craft.

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#### December 25th - 26th

#### AROUND THE WORLD FOOD AND DRINKS FESTIVAL

#### @ ACCRA POLO COURT

Around The World Food and Drinks Festival celebrates the need of building community and celebrating diverse cultures from around the world. We believe in bringing people together to experience world cultures expressed through food, drinks, and music. Over the years, the festival has become a convention of the best cuisine from around the world. Attendees meet people from diverse cultures and get the opportunity to savor food textures and colors from different communities all over the world. Our goal is to continuously build a community of taste adventurers who will journey along to explore the tasty world of cuisine. Email: andrewstetteh@theechohouse.com Tel: +233 245379624

#### **December 26th**

#### LITTLE HAVANA ALL WHITE PARTY ON THE HILLS

#### @ LITTLE ACRE HOTEL, ABURI

LITTLE HAVANA ALL WHITE PARTY ON THE HILLS Vibes 23, THE BIGGEST VIP PARTY IN AFRICA. Little Havana is the biggest annual All White Party on the Hills of Aburi that seeks provide VIP night life experience & fireworks with worldwide influencers and celebrities. It is an event designed to showcase experience from the best of the best event host from around the world. Email: dasaah137@gmail.com/ quophiebee@gmail.com Tel: +233 244739386/ 24 650 5798

#### **December 26th**

#### **SONGS OF AKOTAM @ NATIONAL THEATRE**

This is a Ghanaian Folklore musical composed by George Mensah Essilfie about the fictional village called Akotam which lost it's passion and music soul until a tragedy happens. The heartless Beast named Kamuta captures their beloved Princess by the river at the exit of the village. In response, the villagers rallied together to find a brave hero to save her. They embark on a dangerous journey to rescue the Princess, rekindling the village's music soul and reigniting their camaraderie spirit along the way

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#### **December 26th**

# **GHANA DIASPORA ALL-STAR-GAME 2023 - CITY EDITION**

#### @ CHINESE BASKETBALL COURT COMMUNITY 4 (TEMA)

The Ghana Diaspora All star Game is a charity basketball game with the aim of connecting the Diaspora community to Ghana through sports, as a way to support and create opportunities for the youth in Ghana. This event is brought to you by Pro Basketball Academy in partnership with Tema Street department, The Diaspora Affairs Office of the President, Beyond the Return, choplife and Be Informed foundation.

#### **December 26th**

#### EXPLOSION OF JOY @ ACCRA INTERNATIONMAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

"Explosion of Joy is the annual flagship program of Joyful Way Incorporated. Recognized as one of Ghana's most popular gospel events held on December 26, the event has consistently given the best gift ever, the birth of Christ, through praise and worship on this platform. "Explosion of Joy" provides an opportunity to our patrons, sponsors, partners and the general public to come together to relax, meet old friends and make new ones; it is a time for families to bond and enjoy good gospel music in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. It is also an opportunity for Ghanaians to express our appreciation to God for taking us through the year."

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#### **December 26th**

#### **WOODXWATTA AFRO-CARIBBEAN BUSINESS BRUNCH**

# @ SANDBOX, ACCRA

Premier Afro-Caribbean business brunch experience connecting the futures of Africa and the Caribbean through trade, investment and pop culture. Think Business + Bashment Email: info@ford-communications.net Tel: +233 544077150

# **December 26th**

#### A NIGHT OF 1030 LAUGHS & MUSIC @ GRAND ARENA, AICC, ACCRA

A Night of 1030 Laughs & Music is an an event designed to provide premium comedy experience for the corporate Ghana. With over 30 editions held over a decade the event has featured the best comedy acts in Ghana and Africa at large. Held annually on 26th of December, the event features good music for the adult community presented by the best in industry.

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#### **December 26th**

#### WAAKYE SUMMIT @ EFUA SUTHERLAND CHILDREN'S PARK, ACCRA

Waakye Summit: Where flavor meets fun and your inner foodie comes alive! This epic food festival celebrates arguably Ghana's most cherished dish, Waakye. With incredible flavors, incredible people, and unforgettable vibes and music, it's the city's most iconic street food vendors coming together for an unforgettable taste adventure.

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#### **December 26th**

#### **ACCRA BEER FESTIVAL @ LABADI BEACH HOTEL**

It's a beer festival that showcase beer brands from Ghana and Africa. The event is packed with fun games, live music and BBQ throughout the day.

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#### **December 26th**

### LAND OF SPIRIT @ LEGON BOTANICAL GARDENS, ACCRA

'Land of Spirits' is a an impact led captivating African themed event designed to celebrate the PRESERVED POSITIVE essence of Africa's rich culture, heritage and spirit through the elements of TASTE, CONNECT, and INSPIRE. Land of Spirits aims to provide attendees with a holistic and immersive experience that bridges traditions, fosters connections, inspires creativity and preserves the essence of Africa.

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#### **December 26th**

#### **EASTERN FAMILY PARTY IN THE PARK @ BUNSO ECO PARK**

The Eastern Family Party In The Park is an event that seeks to bring families, both Ghanaians and the Diaspora, together during the Christmas holidays at the eco natural friendly Bunso Eco Park, near Linda Dor Restaurant, Bunso Junction, in the Eastern Region to foster unity and to create a healthy picnic experience during xmas.

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#### **December 26th**

#### WINNEBA YAABO YAABO STREET CARNIVAL @ WINNEBA

The Winneba Yaabo Yaabo Street Carnival is a highly enthusiastic street event organized during the Christmas festive season. The event takes place on 26th December, annually. The event is intended to create awareness of the grand Masquerade Festival which is held on the first day of every new year (1st January). Yaabo Yaabo Street Carnival hosts about 7,000 people which includes; indigenes of Winneba from all over Ghana and the diaspora, and visitors who come into the country during the Christmas season. Come and experience the rich display of colourful masquerading costumes made by the people of Winneba.

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#### December 26th - 27th

# **AFRO DANCE FEST @ ROOMY ROOM, ACCRA**

The Afro Dance Fest is a dance festival empowering participants through dance and music. Email: bernardansong73@gmail.com Tel: +233 543825990

#### December 26th - 27th

#### ANANSEKROM TOON FESTIVAL @ POTBELLY SHACK, EAST LEGON

Ghana's first-ever cartoon festival; a 2-day festival to celebrate Ananse projects/our folklore using both traditional & advanced forms of communication. The event features art exhibitions and workshops, panel discussions, live folkloric music, poetry and storytelling, animation screenings, puppetry and other engaging activities. Above all, the festival promises to be super fun for children and adults alike with something for people of all ages. Date: 26th-27th December, 2023 Venue: Potbelly Shack, East Legon. Powered by: Parables Animation Studios (@Parables\_Gh) For more information www.studioparables.com Instagram: @AnansekromToonFestival X (Twitter): @AnanseToonFest Facebook: Anansekrom Toon Festival

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#### December 26th - 27th

#### **KOFORIDUA BETOM HOMECOMING**

#### @ THE WHOLE STREETS AND PARKS OF BETOM KOFORIDUA

Koforidua Betom home coming is an annual event with the main purpose of bringing the people of Koforidua together to reunite, make merry and undertake developmental projects, this event mostly boast of about 10,000 people across all walks of life

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#### December 26th - Jan. 6th

# **ECHOES OF GHANA - AN IMMERSIVE ART EXPERIENCE POP UP** @ 4TH PETER ALA ADJETEY AVE, LABONE, ACCRA

Echoes of Ghana is a 2-week immersive art experience that transports participants into a world where art becomes an interactive and multisensory adventure. It provides an opportunity to engage with art, learn about Ghanaian culture, and be inspired by the beauty of art. Explore the event and discover unique and inspiring works of art from select Ghanaian artists, and experience Ghana's rich and vibrant art scene through a new lens.

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#### **December 27th**

#### TASTE OF GHANA 4.0 @ FORECOURT, STATE HOUSE, ACCRA

The Taste of Ghana Festival aims to showcase the distinct and authentic traditional richness of made-in Ghana products which do not only tell stories about the rich cultural heritage of Ghana but also provides business and investment opportunities for Ghanaians, its diaspora, and people from all walks of life. The Festival creates an environment for various aspects of Ghana's diverse cultural elements including food, beverages, cinema, art, and clothing to be highlighted. Email: patience.dadome@gipc.gov.gh Tel: +233 242079877

#### **December 27th**

# INFLUENCERS FEST POWERED BY WEBNATION AFRICA @ **TASTILLO GHANA**

Join us for an exhilarating YouTube Creator Event in Ghana, celebrating the fusion of Celebrities and talented Diaspora Content Creators! This immersive gathering aims to foster economic opportunities and ignite a spirit of collaboration in the vibrant Ghanaian landscape. Engage with renowned Influencers, Artists, and Entrepreneurs as they share their success stories, tips, and insights on thriving in the digital world. Discover the power of cultural exchange, innovation, and diverse perspectives as we forge new creative partnerships. Don't miss this unique chance to be inspired, expand your network, and join the global movement of online content creation in

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#### **December 27th**

#### **AKAYA'S SCHOOL RENOVATION & DONATION DAY**

#### @ KETA - SCHOOL , KETA

The AKAYA Foundation is hosting a School Renovation and Donation Day on the 27th of December. Volunteers from Ghana and the diaspora will come together to renovate a school in need, donate educational resources, and make a significant impact. This day will involve an explorative road trip to the school, which will include transportation, sightseeing, food & drink as well as fulfilling the main purpose of visit! AKAYA is committed to improving the lives of children, especially young girls in their pursuit of an education. This event is a great opportunity to give back to the community and make a difference in the lives of children.

Email: info@akayafoundation.com Tel: 00447415479168

#### **December 27th**

# **DETTY RAVE 5 @ UNTAMED EMPIRE, ACCRA**

Detty Rave, the biggest Afrodance rave is set to take place December 27, 2023. The event is the most anticipated party of the year following the success of the 2022 edition, which was celebrated as one of the year's best events in Ghana. The 2022 edition of Detty Rave featured Major League DJZ, DJ Neptune, DJ Aroma, Shatta Wale, King Promise, Medikal, Joeboy, Ami Faku, Uncle Vinny and more. This year's event promises to be even bigger with a star-studded lineup of Djs, ChopLife SoundSystem, and more surprise acts.

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#### **December 27th**

# AFROBEATS BAZAAR FESTIVAL @ NUBUKE FOUNDATION, EAST LEGON

The Afrobeats Bazaar Festival is more than just an event; it's a celebration of the spirit of togetherness that binds African entrepreneurs, creatives, and our global diaspora community. Our goal is simple yet powerful: To bring together the diverse people of Africa and the diaspora under one roof. This festival will serve as a platform for African entrepreneurs to showcase their products and innovations, for creatives to express themselves through their artistry, and for people from all walks of life to embrace the rich cultural heritage that unites us. At the Afrobeats Bazaar Festival, we are on a mission to celebrate, unite, and uplift. Our festival stands on four pillars-Culture, Art, Music, and Marketplace- each representing a vital facet of our shared heritage and global community. Activities: Main Stage: Live Band Music, Special Guest Appearance Concert, Fashion event, Theatrical Dance Drama- The King's Return. Marketplace Stage: Cultural Performances, Le Cirque D'Afrique, DJs on rotation more attractions.

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#### **December 27th**

#### **AFRORAVE FESTIVAL 2023** @ AKAYET HOTEL- BOLGATANGA

An Afrocentric/african print inspired event which features top DJs and MCs designed to provide the utmost fun while encouraging patrons to embrace the african roots

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#### **December 27th**

#### **AFROBEACH @ ALORA BEACH RESORT, ACCRA**

The AfroBeach Experience is an immersive celebration showcasing the best of African, Caribbean and diaspora cultures through music, dance, color and culinary activities.. Highlighting our shared connections and unique distinctions, It blends and encapsulates everything from 'The Islands to 'The Motherland'. For Ghana 2023, we anticipate showing the best in Ghanaian culture and hospitality to our audiences.

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#### December 27th - 28th

# GHANA ACADEMY BASKETBALL LEAGUE (GABL) LAUNCH @ UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, EAST LEGON CAMPUS, ACCRA

Seed Academy Ghana is thrilled to announce a vibrant collaboration with the NBA, BAL, and the Mastercard Foundation in orchestrating a dynamic community engagement initiative, aimed at leveraging the grassroots basketball movement to foster positive impact among the Ghanaian youth. We cordially invite you to be part of this spirited gathering at the University of Ghana, East Legon Campus, on December 27th and 28th, from 10am to 5pm, where we will be celebrating the exuberance of youth intertwined with the rich tapestry of Ghana's basketball, music, arts, and cultural heritage.

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#### December 27th - 28th

# A WOMAN'S INSTINCT @ NATIONAL THEATRE, ACCRA

A total theatre experience of music, drama and dance of the story of an African heroine whose story has been told in very few circles and without the importance and fanfare she deserves. Synopsis: Perhaps, the most enchanting woman and therefore the most sought after, she resolved not to marry any man except whoever would be able to dislodge the white men from the castles in Elmira and Cape Coast. Her decision, however, fetched her reprisal from the most unexpected source. Adwoa Amissah lived in Cape Coast in the early 19th Century. Playing are some of the best actors in the country. It's written by Abeiku Sagoe, a very versatile writer with over forty years' experience and award winner in play writing and film production. He's also an actor. There will be two performances each night at 4pm and 7.30pm.

#### December 27th - 28th

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL BACK IN AFRICA @ ACCRA

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The American football back in Africa event is aimed at highlighting the existence of American football in Africa with Ghana as the most preferred destination. The event will be held in 2 countries, Ghana (27-12-23) and Tanzania (29-12-23). This event will be a flag football championship to be played among 6 teams where the winning team makes it to an international bowl game. Email: mohammed@thetitansofafrica.com Tel: +233 548139216

#### December 27th

# **ADINA AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2023** @ KEMPINSKI HOTEL, ACCRA

The ADINA Conference is established with the aim to harness the collective potential of the global African diaspora towards economic progress in Africa, and among the African diaspora. The ADINA Conference intends to inspire, educate and connect. The ADINA Conference brings together African public- and private sector leaders, the African diaspora and other international Africa-interested stakeholders. The ADINA conference is a great opportunity to meet and engage with a strong calibre of African- and African Diaspora leaders and professionals.

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#### **December 28th**

# **INVESTWISE AFRICA X DEVTRACO PLUS: REAL ESTATE MIXER**

#### @ NOVA BY DEVTRACO PLUS, ACCRA

Join us for an exclusive event that celebrates the synergy of innovation and real estate excellence. Investwise Africa, in collaboration with renowned real estate developer Devtraco Plus, invites you to an extraordinary showcase of new developments and a grand launch. This exclusive occasion promises to be a captivating experience, where potential buyers and investors can explore the finest properties and seize remarkable investment opportunities. With a blend of modern aesthetics, luxurious amenities, and visionary architectural brilliance, this event is the perfect occasion to explore unparalleled opportunities. Enjoy light bites, drinks, and music, as we embark on a journey of prosperity and discover the limitless potential in Accra that awaits at this remarkable occasion.

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#### **December 28th**

#### **TUNTUM THE REVELATION @ SNAP CINEMA, ACCRA**

A film by Socrate Safo "Until the lions get to tell their side of the story, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter." The scrolls, the sacred document containing the origin, the story, and the treasure of the people has just been stolen. It had been hidden away for many many years because the story must not be told...but, the time now, is right to let the story out...and the Spirit of the people knows too well that it cannot fail its own.

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#### December 28th - 29th

#### **AFROFUTURE @ EL WAK, ACCRA**

AfroFuture is a celebration of Africa's diverse culture and the vibrant work of African creatives and entrepreneurs. The festival is designed to elevate and highlight the thrilling and thriving millennial talent in Africa by introducing an interactive event that teaches, explains and explores various cultures through a pioneering approach. AfroFuture attendees will experience art and creative activations from the continent, celebrate African music, and taste premium and cultured cuisine.

Website: https://www.afrofuture.com/

#### **December 28th**

#### HIP-HOP AFTERWORK @ HABANA VIEJO, OSU

Hip Hop Afterwork: A networking event celebrating an unprecedented cultural milestones for a genre that went from marginal to global. Hip-hop lovers will navigate in an arty urban ambiance sharing a moment of art with music, canvas, performance, food and discussions in a creative atmosphere, for the love of hip-hop.

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#### December 28th - Jan. 1st

# **GHANA WEEKENDER @ EAST LEGON, ACCRA**

Ghana Weekender is a annual event showcasing the rich culture of the motherland and its amazing tourism opportunities. This event includes tourism, road trips and entertainment. Experiencing Ghana's historical castles, parks, mountains, museums, waterfalls, food tasting, site seeing, traditional food tasting and night life.

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#### **December 29th**

# **ANNUAL ALL-WHITE DRINK-UP PARTY @ AUDITORIUM OF C.K. TEDAM** UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED SCIENCES, NAVRONGO

The Annual All-White Drink-Up Party, organized by Elite Entertainment, seeks to attract, and converge youth of the Upper East Region residing all over Ghana and the diaspora, under one roof, where networking, socialization and education can be attained via entertainment. Networking at All-White has over the years led to the development and nurturing of partnerships, educational and employment opportunities. The 2023 edition will be hosted at the auditorium of C.K. Tedam University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Navrongo.

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#### **December 29th**

#### **TEENS RAVE @ UNTAMED EMPIRE, ACCRA**

TEENS RAVE is a gathering of the young and young at heart where we seek to inspire the African youth starting from the teenager with the vision of helping them discover and utilize their potential and capabilities in helping the socio-economic and cultural development of Ghana and the African sub region. The Festival also seeks to bring together teens from different facets of the country and the diaspora to promote youth transformational leadership for positive change and impact in their communities. It has been three incredible years of inspiring many young people across the country and beyond, and we expect to continue with this tremendous act by instilling creativity in our young people. This year's festival encompasses a concert, fashion and art show, outdoor games, food drives, pop ups and workshops This main event is dubbed "THE HOMECOMING". welcoming everyone back home from school both in Ghana and abroad to an environment of innovation, good music, great vibes and awesome people. Live on the 29th of December 2023, Teenagers all around the country and beyond will gather to experience the biggest teens festival ever to happen in Ghana and Africa! Follow our page for more information on venue release and other incredible stuff! website:@teensraveofficial.com Instagram: @teensrave official Twitter: @teensrave Tiktok: @teensrave

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#### **December 29th**

#### UNILAND FESTIVAL @ LAPALM ROYAL BEACH - UPFEST CITY , ACCRA

UNILAND is set to be largest global stage and the cutting-edge Ghanaian creative Students stage & tourism festival designed to attract a global audience to promote unity and build networks around the world helping bridging working capacities etc. The festival will be a full day of immersive cultural experience that will bring together top Ghanaian artists and influencers to celebrate the convergence of various elements of popular Ghanaian culture (music, dance, food, art & crafts, fashion, Ghanaian groups & traditions) through an authentic yet cutting-edge production. Uniland will take place at four universities across the West Africa, Europe and a final stage at the end of the year at a selected country. Uniland gives you the opportunity to spend time exploring university life, networking- meeting students and staff, making friends and having an action packed, fun experience that yields quality results. The platform is established to bring together the best African creatives and networks among tertiary education and market in the youth of Africa main stream through Afrobeats, Hip hop, RnB, Dancehall, Amapiano, electric music and other genre of music as a universal language and more to celebrate; and maintain a quality networking of students in universities and tertiary institutions across the world.

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# December 29th - 30th

# THE BATTLE OF IMPACT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, ACCRA

The Battle of Impact Basketball Tournament is an event organized by Titans of Africa in collaboration with WNBA Player Laeticia Amihere. The tournament is scheduled for 8 teams (4 girl's teams , and 4 boy's teams) battling for the championship. The overall aim of the event is to impact the growth and development of basketball in Ghana. Each of the 8 team logos portray an iconic symbolism of Ghana and was inspired by an NBA team.

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### December 29th - 30th

#### **VOLTA FASHION WEEK @ SOGAKOPE - HOLY TRINITY SPA**

A Fashion and Art Exhibition, Culture and Entertainment Event designed to bring together Francophone and Anglophone Africa under one umbrella to showcase their unique talent/work in the area of fashion, culture, music, art and crafts to the Diasporas, Africans, the world at large. It's also to create business opportunities through socialization and collaboration. Award and honor fashion players whose work over the years stands towering above it's contemporary among Francophone and Anglophone countries hence the hashtag #AnglophoneMeetFrancophone.

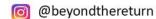
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#### December 29th - 31st

#### **SHARK FEST @ SHARK ISLAND RESORT & RESIDENCE, ADA**

Shark Island Ghana is a tropical suburban hideout only 90 minutes from Accra. Featuring water parks and housing units of international standards, this development hopes to take part in the drive of diasporans returning home. SharkFest is the island's proprietary event aimed at members of the diaspora/returnee community, as well as indigenous Ghanaians looking for lodging and homes built to international standards. The event is expected to attract a minimum of 1,000 attendants to the event.

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#### **December 30th**

# DIASPORA IN GHANA BRUNCH & LEARN: SO YOU WANT TO MOVE TO GHANA? @ 805, OSU, ACCRA

Meet new friends, build your network, and fellowship with other diaspora in various stages of moving to Ghana. Enjoy a tasty brunch, fun icebreaker activities, and obtain key insights on how to successfully relocate to Ghana. An expert panel of diaspora returnees will provide resources on how to prepare for your move, finding housing, how to gain residency and citizenship in Ghana, establishing your accounts (Ghana Card, bank account, local phone number), starting a business, retiring in Ghana, and more.

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#### **December 30th**

#### **EHALAKASA NATIONAL GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**

#### @ SILVERBIRD CINEMA, ACCRA MALL

Ehalakasa National Grand Poetry Slam Championship is the final of the three (3) preliminaries that was held from June through October to select the top nine (9) out of over thirty (30) slammers across the country who will be set to slam each other for the covetous trophy to become the Ehalakasa National Slam Champion 2023. Ehalakasa National Slam is the answer to the question, who will represent Ghana at the next "Africa Cup of Poetry Slam 2024" and later the "World Poetry Slam Championship" 2024.

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#### **December 30th**

#### THE DUTCH TREAT @ GRAND CASAMORA HOTEL, ACCRA

The Dutch Treat is the biggest Dutch social event in Ghana. Celebrating a strong Ghana-Netherlands bond and the happy return of the diaspora to the motherland.

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#### **December 30th**

#### AHA Y3 D3 @ CALBANK TOWER, ACCRA

Aha Y3 D3 is an end-of-year festival featuring Made in Ghana vendors, cultural displays, games, fireside chats, musical performances and more. Aha Y3 D3 creates an enabling environment for local businesses to showcase and launch their products or services to diasporans visiting Ghana in December as well as providing local community engagement.

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# **December 30th**

#### LET'S LEAD AFRICA SMB BUSINESS EXPO @ WORLD TRADE CENTER, ACCRA

"Our mission is to foster growth, innovation, and collaboration among small and medium-sized businesses in Ghana. Through our business expo, we aim to provide a platform that connects entrepreneurs, facilitates knowledge sharing, and promotes economic empowerment. We strive to inspire and empower business owners, encourage networking opportunities, and showcase the diverse potential of Ghanaian enterprises. Together, we will drive sustainable growth, cultivate entrepreneurship, and contribute to a thriving business ecosystem in Ghana." Email: Tanekasawadogo@gmail.com Tel: 006124717007 / 0240707064

#### December 30th - 31st

#### **JERK FESTIVAL** @ JAMROCK RESTAURANT, ACCRA

Experience the sizzle of Jamaican culture at the Jerk Festival, igniting at JamRock on December 30-31. Immerse yourself in a tantalizing fusion of flavors, dance, and music that embodies the heart of Jamaica. Indulge in authentic jerk delights, sway to reggae rhythms, and let the vibrant dance moves transport you. This event is not just a festival; it's a celebration of cultural harmony, joining the December festivities in Ghana. Join us for an unforgettable rendezvous with Jamaica's rich heritage. Spice up your year-end with a burst of Jamaican flair at the Jerk Festival, an invitation to December's rhythm in Ghana.

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#### **December 31st**

#### NOIRE @ ALORA BEACH RESORT, ACCRA

A celebration for All Nightlife stakeholders

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#### **December 31st**

# KANTANKA GHANA TECH EXPO @ APOSTLE SAFO SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (ASSAS), AWOSHIE - ACCRA.

The Kantanka Ghana Tech Expo is an annual Technological Exhibition pioneered by Apostle Kwadwo Safo to demonstrate the ingenuity of Africans and to inculcate the 'Can-Do' spirit in the minds of Africans. The event brings together the refined inventors and innovators across the African continent to celebrate and display the creative prowess of the Black man

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#### **December 31st**

# NYE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY @ REHAB BEACH CLUB, ACCRA

NYE New year's eve party

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#### **December 31st**

# **PVO NYE @ LA PALM BEACH HOTEL, ACCRA**

PVO Global is a collective driven by its passion for uplifting Black culture and commitment to social impact. The mission of PVO Global is executed through national and international highend, caused-based consumer experiences, custom video production, and ongoing giveback initiatives. The movement inspired by PVOGlobal, #PositiveVibesOnly, is more than just a party, it's a consumer experience that harnesses the power of positive energy and uses it to effectively empower the culture.

Email: Kenny@afrofuture.com Tel: +233 266161555

#### **December 31st**

#### COUNTDOWN AFRICA 2023 @ INDEPENDENCE SQUARE, ACCRA

Ghana represents Africa on the global stage of NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORK celebrations. A night filled with performances by some of your favourite artists, music and food- Lets party into 2024, the Ghanaian way!

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#### **December 31st**

#### **CULTURE CULTURE NYE @ PITCH LOUNGE, ACCRA**

The New Year's Eve party for the diaspora in Ghana aligns with the "A Decade of African Renaissance" theme because it aims to celebrate and promote African culture and traditions. The event also aligns with the pillars of the theme, which include cultural renewal, economic development, and political transformation. By bringing together members of the diaspora and celebrating African culture, the event promotes cultural renewal. Additionally, the economic impact of the event on the local community contributes to economic development. Finally, the event provides an opportunity for members of the diaspora to engage with political issues and contribute to political transformation.

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#### January 1st

#### **GHANA BEACH CLEANUP FESTIVAL**

#### @ KUMASAMBA LA BAMBA BEACH, OSU , ACCRA

Volunteers coming together to clean, collect, separate and send waste materials collected for recycling. There will be a drink up and music to create more awareness to keep the beaches clean. Free food, drinks and water will be given and there will be a spiritual bath for participants in the ocean as a welcome back home and a New Year resolution cleansing for nature, body and soul. Aerobics, dance and free massage will commemorate the day.

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### January 1st

#### DIASPORA DRIVE NETWORKING BRUNCH @CAFE ACCRA EAST LEGON

Diaspora Drive networking brunch is a chance for those from the diaspora looking to build relationships to network and participate in a meeting of like-minded people. The event features representatives from real estate companies, banks and other service providers who will share much needed services for those looking to relocate or stay here in the short term or make investments.

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#### January 1st

#### SUNSET AND BEACH @BLACKBOX, TAMALE, NORTHERN REGION

A beach teamed event with curated to boost the night life in Tamale and its environs, this event will feature top rated DJs and MCs with traditional fire display just like the bugum festival Email: ayew21@icloud.com Tel: +233 558529110

#### January 1st

#### **KPANDO IS OUR HOME CONCERT @ LORRY STATION. KPANDO**

An annual homecoming concert that brings together all indigenes and brethren in the diaspora back home to mentor the youths, network, share ideas, identify business opportunities, unearth homegrown budding creatives, and have fun. The event also serves as a special-purpose vehicle to address issues surrounding substance abuse in the community. The event has been in existence since 2017 which stands as a testament to the spirit of togetherness that de-fines our beloved town.

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#### January 1st

# A A NEW YEAR A NEW YOU... THE AJ AKUA JOHNSON SUNRISE **CELEBRATION @ LABADI BEACH, ACCRA**

GTA presents "New Year, New You at Sunrise. in partnership with AJ Akua Johnson at the shore that took so many of us away 405 years ago, we start the new year returning to that Ghana shore to let the ancestors know we made it back. We have returned and together with our brothers and sisters who never left-we ask our ancestors what the torch passed to us holds in our new year.

Email: theajzoneretreats@gmail.com

#### January 1st

#### WINNEBA MASQUERADE FESTIVAL @WINNEBA -ADVANCE PARK

The Winneba Masquerade Festival is a historical festival which is celebrated once every year by the people of Winneba. The festival is celebrated to mark the beginning of a new year. It is celebrated every 1st of January. It is a festival that involves 5 groups of innovative Masqueraders who battle for Supremacy. There is a massive display of beautifully crafted masks to suit their costumes. The Winneba Masquerade Festival hosts about 9,000 people each year which includes; indigenes of Winneba inland and abroad, and visitors from all over the world. This year is expected to be mind-blowing as Masqueraders are rehearsing day and night to bring out their best. See you there!

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#### January 1st

#### **JUNGLE RAVE @ BUNSO ECO PARK, BUNSO**

Involves bringing the diaspora together with local Ghanaians to party in the jungle of Bunso Eco Park at the end of every year.

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#### January 2nd

# THE DIASPORA CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCE @ ACCRA

The 3rd Annual Diaspora Conversations Conference aims to provide governmental institutions, various organisations, investors and the diasporan community with the opportunity to connect, share and understand the systems and processes of getting things done in Ghana. The various panel discussions will tackle issues the diasporan community face and explore investment opportunities. This event will be an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and explore how the community can support Ghana's development by playing a pivitol role. Email: jennifer@gubaawards.co.uk Tel: +233 599166589

### January 3rd

#### SHE BOSS @ NSUOMNAM RESTAURANT, ACCRA

A high-level networking and brunch event for female executives, business leaders, and entrepreneurs in Ghana and the Diaspora business space.

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#### January 3rd

#### **WOODXWATTA PARTY @ CABO, ACCRA**

The Biggest Jamaican / Afro-Caribbean Party in Ghana. Bashment style. Email: info@ford-communications.net Tel: +233 544077150

#### January 4th

# SANKOFA GLOBAL EDUCATION EXPO GHANA @ KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY- KNUST

Join us for SANKOFA Global Education Expo! A 3-day international expo connecting high schoolers, parents, educators, and career-seekers to exceptional higher education, entrepreneurship, and vocational opportunities across the African continent, U.S., and other multi-national institutions to increase pipelines of global exchange opportunities. Hosted by Global Education Africa/ GE-Africa.org, Cultural Links (Culturallinks.org) and Pedagogy International Inc., the purpose of SANKOFA Global Education Expo is to (1) Showcase Africa as a vibrant hub of exceptional higher education learning; (2) Highlight US/international colleges and universities committed to diversity, fostering academic excellence with a goal to increase underrepresented African student populations on their campuses; and (3) Be a cultural link to help African students and their families access the tools and resources needed to build life-long, sustainable careers that they love. Throughout the weekend, educators and stakeholders will share their projects and research that addresses inequities in education while positively impacting African and Black Diaspora student success.

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#### January 4th

# CONNECT THE DOTS NETWORKING EVENT- CAPE COAST EDITION @ RIDGE ROYAL HOTEL, CAPE COAST

Connect the Dots networking event is an event aimed to support attendees to attain their professional goals, through networking. Each attendee will get the opportunity to introduce themselves to all others in attendance, sharing what they have to offer and what they want and need. There will also be an expert panel sharing how they've overcome challenges, obtained start-up capital and moved their businesses to the next level, in Ghana.

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## January 6th

#### **HOUSE OF HUES @ LEVEL BAR & LOUNGE, OSU, ACCRA**

'House of Hues' presents its visually iconic event installation, where colour transcends boundaries. As you celebrate amidst a picturesque rooftop setting, guests are encouraged to embrace a distinct hue theme and express themselves by wearing varying shades and styles within the colour family. The hue theme for this experience is 'Cinnamon, Cocoa, Cream'. This classic combination of harmonious hues combines rich, deep browns alongside gentle creamy blends, offering a timeless and neutral colour scheme, reminiscent of a sweet and indulgent treat. Email: coastalfestivities@gmail.com Tel: +233 243445426

#### January 7th

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

# @ UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, ACCRA

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY CHANGING THE NARRATIVE" Come and experience Ghana. Let us reignite and revitalise Garveyism, participate in the renaissance of African greatness, and celebrate the achievements of our young people. Awarding our recently trained Electric/Electronic youths MMGF Certificate, Energy Commission Certificate, and tools/equipment to commence their next journey. MMG Foundation will launch programs: Renewable Energy Electric/Electronics Carpentry/Joinery Indigenous Skills Targeting unemployed youths aged 18 –35yrs with an ambition to succeed. MMGF annual events: 7th January, "Graduation Award," and 17th August, "Garvey Day Commemoration". We are committed to growing a hub for the Garvey African Renaissance. "If the mind thinks it, the hands can do it"

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#### January 20th

#### **FRAITERNITY @ ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE**

FRA!ternity is the flagship concert hosted by FRA!, a band known for its organic, danceable, feel-good music which is a marriage of traditional Ghanaian rhythm and contemporary music. Audiences in Europe and Africa have dubbed the band as Ghana's funkiest highlife band. Having performed at various festivals including North Sea Jazz, Montreux Jazz Festival and Afrikafestival Hertme, the band is on an eclectic mission to redefine live music world-wide. FRA!ternity also features acts with a focus on celebrating live music from Ghana. The event has boasted a roster of artistes in the past like Worlasi, Kojo-Cue, Efya, Adomaa, Santrofi, Senku and Dark Suburb just

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# Beyond The Return

Beyond the Return is a 10-year initiative with the theme, 'A decade of African Renaissance'. It was officially launched by President Nana Akufo-Addo after the successful Year of Return in 2019. This initiative is from 2020-2030. The secretariat office operates as part of the Ghana Tourism Authority and over the last year our team has engaged in many activies that connect with one of the seven pillars of the Beyond the Return initiative.

# The pillars are:



**EXPERIENCE GHANA** 



**GIVE BACK GHANA** 



PROMOTE PAN AFRICAN HERITAGE & INNOVATION



**CELEBRATE GHANA** 



**INVEST IN GHANA** 



**BRAND GHANA** 



DIASPORA PATHWAY
TO GHANA

# **2023 IN PERSPECTIVE**

# **JANUARY**



In a dynamic showcase of collaboration and innovation, the inaugural Africa Prosperity Dialogues was a success and proved to be a strategic event aimed at propelling intra-African trade to new heights. The event, where the most influential political and business leaders across the continent converged, charted a course for actionable initiatives aligned with the African Union's ambitious Agenda 2063. This year's theme, "AfCFTA: From Ambition to Action, Delivering Prosperity Through Continental Trade," set the stage for vibrant discussions and groundbreaking strategies.

Discussions on facilitating the free movement of people across borders ignited conversations on potential solutions. Participants recognized the pivotal role this plays in the success of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The two-day event, held on January 26-27, 2023, took place in Kwahu, Eastern Region. An emphasis on addressing the needs of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in African countries was highlighted along with their important contributions in providing jobs across the continent.

The Africa Prosperity Dialogues not only showcased visionary discussions but also laid the groundwork for transformative actions that will shape the future of trade and prosperity across the continent, perfectly aligning with the 'Invest in Ghana' pillar of the Beyond the Return initiative.

# **FEBRUARY**

# Historic Ceremony Grants Citizenship to Tulsa Race Massacre Survivors

Viola Fletcher, aged 108, and her brother Hughes Van Ellis, 102, made history at the Ghana Embassy in Washington DC, where they were granted Ghanaian citizenship in a private ceremony. Clad in matching traditional Ghanaian attire in golden and burgundy hues, and holding Ghanaian flags, the siblings were treated to a performance of traditional music and dance, organized by Ghana's Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture, Ministry of Interior, the Ghana Tourism Authority, Beyond the Return, Diaspora African Forum, the Diaspora Affairs Office of the President, and the Embassy of Ghana in DC.

Their journey to Ghana in 2021 marked the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa massacre, a tragic event that devastated the thriving all-Black community of Greenwood in the U.S. Viola Fletcher, aged 7 at the time, and Hughes Van Ellis, an infant, survived the massacre that shattered their community, and their visit to Ghana fulfilled a lifelong dream for Viola. During a meeting with Ghana's President, H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo, he decided to confer Ghanaian citizenship and offer them a piece of land, aligning with the 'Year of Return' 2019 campaign, inviting the global African diaspora to experience Ghana's history, heritage, and culture.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, including Ghana's Minister of Tourism Arts and Culture, Ibrahim Awal, CEO of the Ghana Tourism Authority, Akwasi Agyeman, Director of the Beyond the Return Secretariat, Annabelle McKenzie, Paramount King of the Igbo community in Ghana, Eze Dr. Chukwudi Ihenetu, Founder and Head of Missions at Diaspora African Forum, Ambassador Erika Bennett, Grammy-nominated artist Rocky Dawuni, and Hollywood actress A.J. Akua Johnson. The event not only celebrated the siblings' resilience but also symbolized a powerful connection between them and the Ghanaian community.

Sadly, Hughes Van Ellis passed away on October 10th at age 102 after a brief illness. He lived a long life and was blessed with the chance to experience Ghana, West Africa and to become a citizen of the country that made him feel at home. In his words after visiting Ghana, "We are one."





# Black History Month - Howard University

Last year the Provost of Howard University, Dr. Anthony Wutoh, declared the 2023-2023 academic school year as the 'Year of Ghana'. The university has subsequently had a number of events to celebrate the culture, tourism and business opportunities in Ghana.

During Black History Month, the CEO of Ghana Ghana Tourism Authority, Akwasi Agyeman, and the Director of the Beyond the Return Secretariat, Annabelle McKenzie participated in events at Howard University that helped to bridge the gap between Ghana and the diaspora community.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of hip-hop music and culture, Ghanaian artist M.anifest, was invited to deliver a talk on how the music has influenced Africa and become a cultural connector. Although he began his career in the United States, he eventually returned to Ghana and is one of the artists that blends African culture and storytelling into his music while still including the hip hop influences from African American culture.

Panel discussions and virtual events A Graduate Student Symposium was a virtual event that featurThe Department of African Studies also held a discussion on the relationship between Ghana and the African diaspora.

# **MARCH**

#### Kamala Harris in Ghana





United States Vice President Kamala Harris embarked on a significant three-country tour in Africa, commencing with a warm arrival in Ghana on March 26th. Welcomed by Ghana's Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, government officials, and enthusiastic students from Basics International School, the reception resonated with the vibrant rhythm of Ghana's cultural heart through drumming and dancing.

During her three-day stay in Ghana, Vice President Harris expressed anticipation for important discussions with President Nana Akufo Addo, emphasizing the importance of strengthening the relationship between the United States and African nations. Addressing the crowd, she conveyed optimism about Africa's future and its global impact, highlighting the United States' commitment to fostering democracy, economic growth, and robust business ties with African countries.

Vice President Harris outlined her agenda, including meetings with women entrepreneurs, farmers, artists, students, and youth, aiming to engage with the diverse facets of Ghana's society. She conveyed excitement about witnessing the creativity and innovation that have made Africa a global source of inspiration. As she prepares for subsequent visits to Tanzania and Zambia, Vice President Harris expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and reaffirmed the United States' dedication to nurturing a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with the continent of Africa.

# APRIL



# Prince George's County, Maryland, Explores Trade & Investment Opportunities with Ghana

In a strategic effort to foster economic collaboration and strengthen international ties, Wala Blegay, Esq, Council Vice Chair of District 6 in Prince George's County, Maryland, along with the Economic Development Corporation, spearheaded a dynamic Business Forum. This event, held with the primary focus on exploring investment opportunities, trade partnerships, and tourism initiatives, served as a pivotal platform for enhancing bi-lateral relationships between Prince George's County and Ghana.

The Business Forum provided a unique opportunity for stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions on potential investments and trade ventures between Ghana and the United States. Wala Blegay, Esq, and the Economic Development Corporation played instrumental roles in orchestrating a conducive environment for fruitful conversations that aimed to further economic growth and collaboration. This event aligned with the 'Invest in Ghana' pillar of the Beyond the Return initiative.

Notable participants in this significant event included Akwasi Agyeman, CEO of Ghana Tourism Authority, Annabelle McKenzie, Director of the Beyond the Return Secretariat, Yofi Grant, CEO of Ghana Investment Promotion Centre, and representatives from the Embassy of Ghana in Washington DC. Their presence underscored the importance of cross-cultural exchanges and bilateral partnerships in promoting mutual economic prosperity.

As the discussions unfolded, they spoke on the opportunities for collaboration, ranging from tourism promotion to trade and investment facilitation. This meeting emphasized the commitment to building enduring connections and fostering mutually beneficial ventures. This Business Forum not only laid the groundwork for potential economic collaborations but also served as a testament to the dedication of Prince George's County, Maryland, to strengthening global relationships and contributing to the socio-economic advancement of its community by partnering with Ghanaian businesses.



# Georgia State University's Media Institute Visits Ghana

A delegation of students and lecturers from the Creative Media Industries Institute at Georgia State University visited Ghana this year. It was part of an educational exchange to learn about the creative industries in Ghana. As part of their trip they are focused on engaging with people working in the local creative industries.

Ghana Tourism Authority and the Beyond the Return Secretariat organized sessions for them to connect with local artists, filmmakers and creatives. The first event gave them an opportunity to screen some short films created by filmmakers in Ghana. They also had the opportunity to meet with the National Film Authority and industry stakeholders including directors, producers, animators and actors in an interactive session designed to develop a deeper engagement.

Events like this are important for the Beyond the Return Secretariat because it fulfils the goal of connecting with the diaspora and looking at ways to connect and bridge the gap through industry. The impact of such connections within the creative community stands to put Ghana in a position to work with those abroad to create compelling stories and art that brings our people together.







# Presidential Summit on Tourism

The Presidential Summit on Tourism was a reminder of how tourism had taken centre stage in Ghana. Through its Year of Return 2019, Beyond the Return and Destination Ghana campaigns, it has become the hotspot for travel experiences. The summit was led by President Nana Akufo-Addo in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture and the Ghana Tourism Authority.

President Akufo-Addo's administration recognizes the immense economic and job creation potential of the tourism sector. According to estimations, three out of every ten jobs in Ghana will be created by the tourism industry. This realization has led the government to make tourism a vanguard of national development.

The summit was held in the breathtaking surroundings of the Peduase Lodge, President Akufo-Addo outlined a powerful four-fold approach to unleash the full potential of tourism: Preservation, Promotion, Policy Leadership, and Partnership.

Preservation: We are the guardians of Ghana's natural wonders. It is our responsibility to safeguard them for future generations. The government, along with all stakeholders in the tourism sector, must prioritize the preservation of our country's natural treasures.

Promotion: Let the world witness Ghana's unique appeal. Through strategic marketing campaigns, enhanced digital presence, and targeted investments in infrastructure, we can amplify the diverse attractions our nation has to offer. Ghana will shine on the global stage.

Policy Leadership: The private sector holds the key to creating the right climate for investments to flourish in the tourism sector. The government is committed to prioritizing initiatives like the e-visa regime, the homeland return act, and the visa on arrival processes to facilitate a seamless and inviting environment for investors.

Partnership: Collaboration is the backbone of success. The tourism sector requires partnerships and a collaborative approach involving all stakeholders. By uniting our efforts, sharing knowledge, and pooling resources, we can propel Ghana's tourism industry to new heights.

Join us on this remarkable journey as we harness the power of tourism to drive economic growth and job creation in Ghana. Together, let us reshape the future of our nation and create lasting prosperity for all.

# Exploring Caribbean Investment Opportunities with Ghana Investment Promotion Centre

Ghana's aim to connect with the diaspora continues to be fostered by developing deeper relations not only in tourism and culture but also when looking at investment potential. This year the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre together with Ghana Tourism Authority and Beyond the Return, set out on the mission to build business relationships in the Caribbean.

They began with the Ghana-Bahamas Business Forum at the Franklyn R. Wilson Graduate Centre, University of the Bahamas. This pivotal initiative aimed to cultivate new business opportunities and foster economic growth between the Centre and the Caribbean countries Guyana, Barbados, and the Bahamas.

The mission was more than just a diplomatic gesture; it symbolized a strategic move to explore untapped potential in the Caribbean while exposing them to Ghana's potential opportunities. With a focus on Guyana, Barbados, and the Bahamas, the delegation focused on identifying key sectors where mutual economic benefits can be realized. This includes but is not limited to trade, technology, tourism, and infrastructure development.

One of the primary goals of this mission is to create synergies that go beyond economic transactions. By encouraging collaboration in research, innovation, and cultural exchange, Ghana aims to establish lasting relationships that contribute to the social and economic development of both the Centre and the Caribbean countries involved.

This trip marked a significant milestone in fostering economic collaboration. The Bahamas Business Forum, as the starting point of this mission, sets the stage for meaningful interactions and the exploration of diverse business opportunities. The hope is to not only strengthen economic ties but also to build a foundation for enduring partnerships that transcend borders and contribute to the growth and prosperity of the participating regions.



















# JUNE

#### **Juneteenth Celebrations**

The Juneteenth Festival in Ghana was vibrant celebration of African American heritage and history. The festival brought together the African American Association of Ghana, the Ghana Tourism Authority, the Diaspora Affairs Office of the President and other members of the diaspora community to commemorate June 19, 1865, the date when enslaved Africans in America were finally free.

The festival highlighted the strong connections between Ghana and the African American community. Ghana has the tragic history of being one of the major countries at the centre of the transatlantic slave trade, and many African Americans have traced their ancestry back to Ghana and other West African nations.

The festival was an opportunity to connect with each other while recognizing the significance of Juneteenth for African Americans. Celebrating this in Ghana was important to the community because it served as a way for them to also teach Ghanaians about their history and culture while building bridges between our communities.

The event started with a parade where everyone marched from the W.E.B. DuBois Centre to Gold Coast Restaurant. Everyone was in jubilation while a marching band also played music to celebrate the importance of the day. The event featured music, dance, food, and art that reflected African American culture. There were performances from local musicians and artists, as well as food vendors offering classic soul food dishes. The festival also included workshops on African American history, culture, and traditions.

The Juneteenth Festival in Ghana was a wonderful celebration of African American heritage and history. It was a testament to the resilience, strength, and beauty of the African American community.

# JULY

# Essence Festival Puts a Spotlight in Ghana's Creative & Tourism Industries

The 29th Essence Festival of Culture<sup>™</sup> took place in New Orleans from June 29 to July 3, 2023, celebrating the rich tapestry of Black culture. This iconic event has evolved into a global gathering empowering communities within the Black diaspora and this year they put a focus on Africa's vibrant tourism and creative industries.

Ghana's presence at the festival traces back to the Year of Return in 2019, where collaborative efforts between the Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA) and the Essence Festival began. The Essence Global Black Economic Forum (GBEF) Africa was inaugurated during that year, featuring notable figures like Boris Kodjoe and Bozoma Saint John. In 2022, GTA CEO Akwasi Agyeman took the stage as a featured speaker at the GBEF in New Orleans.

The Essence Film Festival, a highlight of this year's festivities, put a spotlight on African cinematic achievements. Ghana Day was on July 2nd and had engaging panel discussions and film screenings. The panel titled 'Destination Ghana: Travel, Tourism & Film' featured Annabelle McKenzie, Director of the Beyond the Return Secretariat, discussing Ghana's tourism impact and its potential as a film destination.

Other notable speakers representing Ghana included Dr. Nadia Adongo Fynn, Deputy Director of Diaspora Affairs, and renowned high-profile people in film/TV including Juliet Ibrahim, Chris Attoh, Esi Yamoah, Sonya Ibrahim, and Michael Djaba. The Essence Film Festival showcased Ghanaian productions such as 'Moon Over Aburi' and 'Room 5,' highlighting the nation's cinematic growth.

The Ghanaian delegation's participation underscores the evolving relationship, offering a platform to celebrate Ghanaian culture and foster economic growth and exchange between Ghana and the African American community.





# Jack & Jill Brooklyn Chapter & Art Cares Foundation Empowers Youth With New Computers

The Art Cares Foundation initiated the 'Tech is the Future 'Project to address the digital divide in Ghanaian schools. Many institutions lack the necessary resources for students to compete globally in the tech sphere. In collaboration with the Jack and Jill Brooklyn Chapter, the project focuses on providing desktop PCs and comprehensive computer training programs to schools like Ebenezer 4 JHS School in Mambrobi.

This aligns with the 'Give Back Ghana' pillar of the Beyond the Return initiative and their mission to promote growth, investment, and cultural exchange. The commissioning of the new ICT Laboratory was attended by community stakeholders and representatives from the school. The project will empower the students in the community with digital skills, ensure hands-on experience and familiarity with computer technology, fostering computer literacy and readiness for success in the digital age.

The Jack and Jill Brooklyn Chapter played a vital role in launching the ICT Laboratory, providing desktop computers. The newly established laboratory becomes a hub for learning and skill development, promising significant impacts on students and their community, preparing them to be productive members of the workforce post-education.

With support from Ivy Prosper, a key figure in the Beyond the Return Secretariat, and endorsements from the Ghana Tourism Authority, the project aligns with their mission to promote growth, investment, and cultural exchange. The Tech is the Future Project stands as a commendable effort to bridge the digital gap, empowering students with essential skills and contributing to Ghana's advancement in the digital era.







# PANAFEST & Emancipation

This year's PANAFEST activities began with a historical tour tracing the routes of captured enslaved Africans during the time of the trans-Atlantic Slave trade. The journey was a pilgrimage that allowed for us to reconnect with the past. Ghana Tourism Authority and the Beyond the Return Secretariat travelled with Ghanaians and members of the diaspora to visit important historical sites including Pikworo Slave Camp, Salaga Slave Market and Assin Praso.

It was an opportunity to connect the full story of our anscesotrs who were captured in the northern parts of Ghana and eventually taken to the coastal areas where they were transported in the slave trade.

PANAFEST is a bi-annual event that has become the biggest pan-African festival that draws members of the diaspora to Ghana. Each festival begins with honouring three pan-African leaders; Ghana's first president, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, W.E.B. DuBois, and George Padmore. Wreath-laying ceremonies in Accra to honour them kick-starts the activities that continue in Cape Coast and Elmina.

The festival closes with Emancipation day which was celebrated in Assin Manso with a grand durbar of Chiefs and Queen Mothers from the surrounding communities.



# **AUGUST**

### Chale Wote Street Art Fesitval at Black Star Square

The 13th Chale Wote Street Art Festival was a dynamic celebration of contemporary art that took place from August 21- 27, 2023. The festival is one of Africa's most vibrant street art events. This year's theme "Magneto Motherland" rooted in commemorating over a decade of iconic public art interventions by African artists, the 2023 Chale Wote Street Art Festival marked a significant milestone. The term "Chale Wote," which translates to "Friend, let's go" in Ga, the language of Accra's indigenous people, has become synonymous with flip-flops. The festival, extending its reach beyond creative boundaries, aimed to cultivate a broader audience for the arts in West Africa.

For the first time, the festival shifted its venue to Osu, one of Accra's oldest neighborhoods dating back to the early 19th century. Osu, a vital part of the city's commercial and cultural landscape, boasts a rich history rooted in the settlement of Ga fishermen in the late 18th century. The historic Osu Castle and Black Star Square were the main sites for this year's festival.

Black Star Square featured open-air mural exhibitions by leading Ghanaian and international artists. The artwork drew inspiration from the rebellion of enslaved Afro-Brazilians in 1835 Salvador Bahia and their triumphant return to present-day Ghana, Togo, and Nigeria. The narrative unfolded as a musical theatre piece titled "MEMORY MOVEMENT FREEDOM," performed by community-based performance groups, dance troupes, and brass bands.

Highlights of the festival included live murals by the Ghanaian art collective AFUABE, detailing the Gold Coast's resistance against colonial invasions. The program encompassed performance art, graffiti, music stages featuring 120 musicians and bands, LABS, salons, design, photography, processions, street theater, and the SHIKA SHIKA Art Fair, showcasing independent artists at the Christianborg Castle.

Supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture, Ghana Tourism Authority, and other partners, the Chale Wote Street Art Festival at the Black Star Square and Christianborg Castle became an unforgettable multi-disciplinary art experience, bringing together the industry's biggest acts and fostering a deeper connection to independent art production in Africa.



# **SEPTEMBER**

## Emotional Justice: Healing Harm, Heeding History

The Beyond the Return initiative's theme of 'A decade of African Renaissance' has a strong focus on connecting with our global African diaspora brothers and sisters. The Emotional Justice event was an opportunity to support an event that focused on a transformative journey of healing.

Emotional Justice is a groundbreaking project that shapes the narrative of racial healing within the global Black community. The event, hosted by Author of the book, Emotional Justice: A Roadmap to Racial Healing, Esther Armah. She delved into the intricacies of healing and uncovered a compelling framework that addressed the emotional economy and identity of Black people across the continent and the diaspora.

At the heart of Emotional Justice was a call for collective healing, urging us to navigate the complexities of our emotional landscape as global Black individuals. This revolutionary model expanded upon Kwame Nkrumah's vision of economic independence, introducing the emotional economy as a crucial element requiring our attention. The emotional reckoning demanded that we confront the legacy of colonialism and its impact on our identities, emphasizing a collective mindset for the prosperity of the entire continent.

In our pursuit of Emotional Justice, Esther Armah confronted the dual identities of Africa—a continent reduced to a single story and fragmented into individual corners. The project challenges this narrative, advocating for a shift from scattered communities to a united, collective strength. It underscored the importance of recognizing and dismantling the emotional economy that threatened the future of the continent.

The event took place at the Library of Africa and the African Diaspora, a setting that aligned with the vision of bringing our people together as a global community.





# A Night of Excellence at the 2023 Headies Awards Celebrating African Music and Culture

The 2023 Headies Awards, hosted at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center in Atlanta, once again proved itself as a beacon of excellence in the African music industry. Established in 2006 by the Hip Hop World Magazine of Nigeria, the Headies has evolved into one of the most prestigious events celebrating the diversity and vibrancy of African music and culture. This year's event was a collaboration with Morehouse College and endorsed by Ghana Tourism Authority and the Beyond the Return Secretariat.

Partnerships that help to further deepen relations between the diaspora and Ghana are important to our team.

This year's edition continued the tradition of recognizing and rewarding outstanding contributions in African music, with Afrobeats transcending borders and uniting the continent through a shared love for music. The awards showcased the artistic ingenuity of Pan-African talent, highlighting the global appeal of African music. The 2-day event also included a panel discussion on African Creatives and HBCUs.

A significant highlight for Ghana was Black Sherif winning West African Artist of the Year. He's been making significant waves around the world with his music over the last few years. "We are so proud of what he's accomplished from his humble beginnings. Meeting one of Ghana's biggest creative talents at the awards ceremony was a pleasure. Black Sherif is a testament to the raw talent coming from Ghana," said Annabelle McKenzie, Director of the Beyond the Return Secretariat.

Themed 'Celebrating African Renaissance,' the Headies Awards 2023 underscored the significance of African culture and creativity in the global entertainment industry. Beyond just recognizing the hard work of artists, the event served as a platform to inspire the next generation of African talents.









# **OCTOBER**



The inaugural Ghana Week DC, took place October 9-14, 2023 and was a tremendous success in bringing communities together to celebrate the rich culture, tourism, and business opportunities in Ghana. The week featured a series of engaging activities and showcased the best of Ghana.

The Ghana Tourism Authority, in partnership with the Ghana Embassy in Washington DC, LIQUID SOUL-DC, Events DC, and D.C. United held this groundbreaking initiative.

The climax of the week of events was the football (soccer) match between Ghana's Medeama SC and DC United at Audi Field. It was a club-friendly game that brought together fans from the U.S. and Africans living in the DMV area to experience a friendly competition that shows the power of sports to bring people together.

In addition to promoting tourism, Ghana Week DC created a platform for fostering business opportunities. The event hosted various business forums, networking sessions, and trade exhibitions that facilitated connections between Ghanaian businesses and individuals interested in investing or partnering with Ghanaian enterprises. This enables the promotion of economic growth and collaboration between businesses in Ghana and the United States. Ghana Week DC has successfully sparked interest in Ghana's business landscape and has become an influential hub for promoting investment and trade between the two nations.



















# Veronica's Way Supports Building Computer Labs for Students in Accra

Veronica's Way is a non-profit organization that was created to offer three community service pillars: Technological, Literacy, Hunger Elimination, and Educational Support. The Founder of Veronica's Way, Crispin Michael Booker, visited Ghana with a delegation to fulfill the organization's mission of giving back to underserved communities.

Since the organization was launched in 2016, they have built 28 computer labs supporting tens of thousands of students in Grenada, Haiti and Jamaica. This year they started their goal of building six to eight computer labs in Accra, Ghana.

In order to successfully achieve their goal they collaborated with Ghana Tourism Authority and the Beyond the Return Secretariat who helped to identify the schools in need and to verify the schools that have the space and electrical power to support a computer lab.











# **NOVEMBER**











## Event Organisers meet with Inspector General of Police

The Ghana Police Headquarters hosted an important meeting with the Ghana Tourism Authority, Beyond the Return Secretariat, and endorsed event organizers to discuss safety and security measures for the upcoming December in GH celebrations. Led by the Inspector General of Police, Dr. George Akuffo Dampare, the session aimed to foster collaboration and highlight the importance of unity in creating unforgettable and secure cultural festivities.

With December in GH events gaining momentum and attracting both domestic and international visitors, ensuring safety and security is paramount. The Ghana Police Headquarters recognizes the significance of these celebrations for promoting tourism and showcasing Ghanaian heritage to the world.

During the meeting, participants engaged in open discussions, sharing insights, and expectations for this year's December in GH activities. The Inspector General of Police emphasized the vital role of collaborative efforts in maintaining public safety and urged event organizers to comply with security guidelines to ensure smooth operations.

The Ghana Police Headquarters promised to work closely with the Ghana Tourism Authority and Beyond the Return Secretariat, establishing effective communication channels and deploying dedicated security personnel at various event venues. The Ghana Tourism Authority is committed to promoting and sustaining the growth of tourism in Ghana, and their partnership with the Ghana Police Headquarters underscores their dedication to a safe and secure environment for visitors and locals alike.

Event organizers whose activities have been approved and endorsed for the December in GH festivities expressed their gratitude for the support and guidance provided by the Ghana Police Headquarters. They reassured the public that they would adhere to security protocols and collaborate



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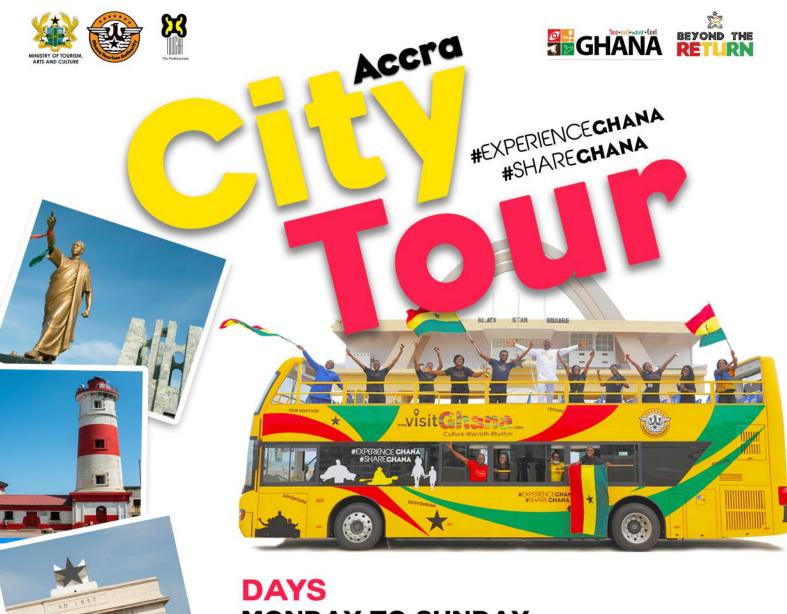




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