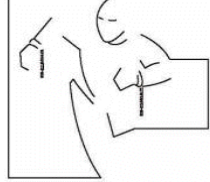


LONDON BLACK HISTORY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE



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2012 Black History Month Celebration – *Reflections*

London, ON - The London Black History Coordinating Committee today announced its lineup for this year's events starting in January and ending in February with the Closing Gala.

Officially recognized as Black History Month in Canada, this is an opportunity for all to celebrate the achievements of members of the Black community.

"I welcome all London and area residents join us in this year's celebrations. These events offer unique opportunities to gather with people of various backgrounds and ages and in enjoying the events together, break down some barriers that still exist amongst us," says Christina Lord, Chair of the London Black History Coordinating Committee (LBHCC).

Beginning with the *10th Anniversary Brunch on Saturday, January 14*, with key note speaker Dr. Rosemary Sadlier, President of the Ontario Black History Society, and the *Opening Celebration on Saturday, February 4th* from 1-4 PM both events will take place at Museum London, in the Community Gallery. Black History Month is a time for the entire community to participate in festivities and events intended to honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

LBHCC has two other events planned throughout Black History Month. The *Children and Family Program* runs at London Regional Children's Museum on **Monday, February 20th** and includes various activities such as singing, dancing and storytelling. The *Closing Gala* takes place at Wolf Performance Hall on **Sunday, February 26th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM with a Reception at 4 PM**. Performers include jazz vocalist Denise Pelley, Africane dancers, hip-hop performer Saidat and many others. The Gala includes the presentation of Awards to two outstanding Black Community Achievers.

The Committee also assists other groups and organizations with the promotion of their activities. These include the Congress of Black Women-London Chapter, the Black Student Association from the University of Western Ontario and the Woodstock Museum.

The LBHCC was formed in 2001, out of a desire to increase awareness of Black History Month activities in the London area. The Committee is dedicated to providing programs and services that will increase public understanding of the diversity and history of London's Black community.

The LBHCC has been supported by the *London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, Museum London, the London Regional Children's Museum, the City of London, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, London Heritage Council* and the *London Public Library*.

For more information on events and the Black Community Achievers' nomination form, visit www.lclcl.org/bhm_background.html

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