

African Diaspora Creative Industries (ADCI) in partnership with  
Kaos Network, Arts Culture & Entertainment (ACE) and African Market Place, Inc.  
Presents:

## **The Sankofa Salons & Film Screenings**

Saturday May 25, 2013 in Leimert Park

*in Tribute to*

The 50th Anniversary of the Organization of the African Union!

The Salons and Screenings will be hosted at the Vision Theatre and Kaos Network

### **AGENDA**

The Sankofa Salons: A think tank to help propel Leimert Park economic development initiatives to new platforms while at the same promoting creative activities and helping to expand Leimert's digital footprint as a cultural center representing the African Diaspora.

**12:00 pm**      **Opening Film Screening: Beyond the Echo of the Drums** - A 2013 Cannes Film Festival selected documentary directed by USC School of Cinematic Arts student Lori Webster. Beyond the Echo of the Drum not only documents Leimert Park's cultural significance but, serves as a reminder that it is our combined efforts that will preserve the cultural elements of the community and drive its economic development. Q & A immediately following.

**12:30 pm**      **Salon I: Damien Goodman, President, Crenshaw Subway Coalition** has been the driving force behind the community's demand for Metro's proposed Crenshaw/LAX rail line to be designed and constructed to protect the corridor's existing and future economic vitality. How can this happen? Underground the line on Crenshaw with a Leimert Park Village subway station.

Today, we will discuss how the rail line will be quintessential to Leimert's ability to advance its capacity as the cultural hub for the African Diaspora in Los Angeles and the investment and development tools that we can collectively implement to make it happen. Land Trust? Initial Public Offering (IPO)? Limited Liability Company? **The Market Creek Plaza** in San Diego was financed by a community created IPO. Check it out: <http://marketcreekplaza.com/>

**1:15 pm**      **Salon II: Leimert Vision Network and Qubeey.com**



Let's get Leimert connected! Students and volunteers will work throughout the day to photograph and upload information about Leimert Park businesses onto the internet:

Leimert Vision Network, [www.leimertvision.com](http://www.leimertvision.com), a free WiFi Network access is provided on behalf of Manchester Community Technologies. Is your business featured on the network?



Qubeey is your social and business networking solution that allows you to have real time access to most of the important social and business sites and attributes on web, desktop and mobile devices from one easy to use place. Go to [www.qubeey.com](http://www.qubeey.com) and create your own channel.

**1:30 pm**      **Salon III: Ernest Dillihay, Founder of Arts, Culture & Entertainment (ACE) and Chair of the Friends of the Vision Center** will provide an introduction to the newly formed Friends of the Vision Theatre (FOVT), its mission, goals and objectives, interaction with the City of Los Angeles and opportunities for community involvement, i.e Advisory Committees. Ernest will lead a discussion on the role of the Vision Theatre as a catalyst for community economic development and job creation, the youth arts education program opportunities available upon completion of the Vision Theatre and the potential for the proposed Vision Theatre and Manchester Jr. Arts Center's 2015/16 opening season, featuring renown South Los Angeles resident companies, to be completely awesome!

**FOTV Board Members:** Ernest Dillihay, Dr. Anthony Samad, Dr. David Horne, Sherri Franklin, Melba Carter, Moza Mjasiri Cooper, Delores Ann Brown, Brenda Shockely

- 2:30 pm**      **Salon IV: Ben Caldwell, Owner of Kaos Network and a leading preservationist of art and culture in Leimert Park,** will share details on Kaos' innovative Leimert Park Phone Company Project. What if the vestigial phone stand in front of Kaos Network became a hotspot for screens to project movies or to collectively access cultural inspirations from around the world? What if it was transformed into a communal phone charger? Well, in partnership with the USC Annenberg Innovation Lab, Kaos Network is developing the Leimert Park Phone Company to explore the possibilities of converting vestigial phone stands into community empowerment tools that can drive cultural connectivity around the world. Did you see the concept on the front page of this invite? It's an exciting idea!
- 3:30 pm**      **Salon V: James Burks, Founder of African Market Place, Inc.,** and Omowale Jabali will lead a discussion on Pan Africanism as the doctrine of advocacy and alliance among African Nations and how it creates the foundation for unity in Leimert Park. They will address how, in this Decade of the Diaspora, Pan Africanism will play a quintessential role in shaping the future of the African Diaspora.
- 4:15 pm**      **Salon VI: Social Media 101 for Small Businesses facilitated by Damien Halliburton, VP of Sales & Marketing at Flash Digital Agency.**
- 4:45 pm**      **The Sankofa Salon Film Screenings - Welcome from Belizean Film Commissioner Nigel Miguel.**

#### **Film Screenings @ Kaos Network**

5:00 pm: Within the Shadowz of Belize - A Green Day Arises

5:30 pm: Home Grown Hip Hop Life in Ghana

Q & A Immediately Following

#### **Film Screenings @ Vision Theatre**

5:00 pm: Red, White, Black & Blue - Q & A Immediately Following

7:15 pm: Garifuna in Peril - Q & A Immediately Following

**Donation Requested:** Sankofa Salons & Film Screenings \$20 / Students \$5 with ID  
\$10 for Film Screenings Only

<http://www.africandiasporacreativeindustries.org/events/>

#### **ABOUT ADCI**

Envisioned as "A U.S. Partnership Portal to the Creative Economy", the African Diaspora Creative Industries initiative is designed to promote creative industry business exchange and shared cultural experiences throughout the African Diaspora.

**SAVE THE DATES** for the next ADCI Event: The B to B Access Forums & Social Networking experience June 26th to June 28th 2013 at Los Angeles Center Studios. Leveraged by the wealth of opportunities and creative energy sourced from the City and County of LA, the B to B Access Forums will present inspiring leaders sharing insights on keynote topics including: Media Technology, Defining Retail Markets, Infrastructure for the Arts, Distribution Networks, Venture Financing, Social Enterprise, Cultural Tourism and Arts Education.

For additional information go to: [www.AfricanDiasporaCreativeIndustries.org](http://www.AfricanDiasporaCreativeIndustries.org).