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**BLACK
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MONTH**

OCTOBER 2022

Music, workshops, heritage, and more form the mainstay of varied programme of events and activities to mark Black History Month.

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Comedy



Dance



Exhibition



Family



Film



History



**Literature/
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SEP

Fragments Festival Gala Event x Kush Films – Studio 17: The Lost Reggae Tapes + Q&A and Reggae Party



30 September

Friday, 6.45pm

**Genesis Cinema, 93-95 Mile End
Road, E14UJ**

Admission: £10 (£4 for party only)

Kush Films in association with the Genesis Cinema presents a special Fragments Film Festival Gala Screening + Q&A of Studio 17: The Lost Reggae Tapes in celebration of Jamaica's 60th Year Independence Anniversary and Black History Month. This historic film tells the compelling story of the Chins - The Chinese Jamaican family behind "Studio 17". Located in downtown Kingston, Studio 17 became a legendary recording studio right at the heart of the music revolution that began after Jamaican independence from Great Britain in 1962. Shot in Jamaica, New York, Hamburg and London the film includes interviews with; Jimmy Cliff, Lee "Scratch" Perry, Dave Stewart, Sly Dunbar, Ali Campbell, Ernest Ranglin, Carl Malcolm, Lord Creator, Bunny Lee, King Jammy, Jimmy London,



Lester Sterling, Rico Rodriguez, Clive Chin, Pat Chin, Maxi Priest, Lester Sterling and many more.

The feature will be followed by a Q&A with director Mark James & Producers Reshma B and Wael Kabbani and our reggae party in Bar Paragon with DJ Lee (Black Star Liner Sound) & upcoming DJ: Floww and a guest live performance for Ash-I Walker.

🏠 www.genescinema.co.uk

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SUN 2

Songwriting Masterclasses and Showcase with Jordon O



Masterclass 1:

2 October

Sunday, 12.30-1.30pm

Masterclass 2:

9 October

Sunday, 12.30-1.30pm

Masterclass 3:

11 October

Tuesday, 6-7pm

(showcase at 7pm)

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street,
Poplar, E14 6TL**

**Admission: £15 for 3 x
masterclasses, £8 drop in**

Join singer-songwriter Jordon O for a series of songwriting masterclasses to unlock your inner lyricist and create your own unique sound in a celebration of Black History Month.

Music is such a vital part of our lives and through exploration of issues that are hugely important to young people, these masterclasses will help you gain new skills to write your own tunes as well as providing you a stage to perform them for the very first time in a live showcase



at the end of the course.

Masterclass 1: An introduction to songwriting, exploring themes that are relevant to your lives, learning to express your stories through music

Masterclass 2: Learning specific songwriting techniques, putting them into practice to begin writing your own tunes

Masterclass 3: Choose the piece you have written that you want to showcase and make it performance ready

Showcase: You will be invited to showcase your work for family and friends for the premiere of your song writing journey!

🏠 www.poplarunion.com

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Mwalimu Express Sunday Sessions



2 October

Sunday, 2pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: Free

Mwalimu Express, London's original African music and culture adventure, presents Errol Linton's 'Blues Vibe'. The UK's greatest Blues man, Errol Linton coming at ya from the deep South/Sarf London, Brixton to be precise. Errol's fizzing reggae infused Blues is like no other. What a harmonica player, what a heady smokey voice, what an electrifying vibe the outstanding Errol Linton embraces us with. He is also a brilliant portrait painter and has been leading painting workshops for the Rich Mix Resonates series. He is the complete artist and he completes our groovy Sunday family session for the young at heart and the young in years.



🏠 [www.richmix.org.uk/events/
mwalimu-express-sunday](http://www.richmix.org.uk/events/mwalimu-express-sunday)

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Africa vs Caribbean Comedy Show



2 October

Sunday, 7.15pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £20

Age: 18+

Celebrating Black History Month by bringing you some of the biggest names in Afro-Caribbean comedy. Come out and support your nation in this fun stand-up stand-off!

Team Africa

- A Dot Comedian
- Victor Daniels
- Abs The Truth
- Lateef Lovejoy



Team Caribbean

- Peter Francis
- Darran Griffiths
- Sista Reen
- Roman Harris

Hosted by Junior Booker

🏠 www.richmix.org.uk/events/africa-vs-caribbean-comedy-show

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MON 3

We Are Black Journos presents: If Beale Street Could Talk + panel discussion



3 October

Monday, 6.15pm

**Genesis Cinema, 93-95 Mile End
Road, E1 4UJ**

**Admission: £8.50 All Tower Hamlets
residents can claim free tickets to
the screening on the day, on a first
come first served basis**

Genesis Cinema and We Are Black Journos present a special Black History Month screening of award-winning *If Beale Street Could Talk*, directed by Barry Jenkins (*Moonlight*) and based on the eponymous novel by James Baldwin. This screening will be followed by a panel discussion with filmmakers and producers Kashif Boothe and Musonda Chola, led by We Are Black Journos founder and BBC journalist Hannah Ajala. In early 1970s Harlem, daughter and wife-to-be Tish vividly recalls the passion,



respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Alonzo Hunt, who goes by the nickname Fonny. Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together, but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit.

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WED 5

Celebrating Black History Month with Tower Hamlets' Carers



5-26 October

Wednesdays, 1.30-2.30pm

**The Carers Centre, 21 Bayford
Square, Commercial Road, E1 6SG**

Admission: Free

An effervescent African Traditional Dance and Drumming Workshop for our much valued Carers who live in the Borough of Tower Hamlets. Unpaid Carers look after family members, partners and/or friends who need help due to illness, frailty, disability, mental health problem or addiction, most of whom cannot cope without their Carer's support.

This is an African ART of Dance Workshop, designed to give a bit of respite to the Carers. Participants will learn different dance routines, movements and the history associated with each dance. This is a fun filled, exciting and lively dance workshop to celebrate this year's Black History Month through dance, African history and awareness. It will energise, enlighten and will be a spur and kick-start for isolated Carers and those who have retreated into their home, are lonely and/or lack the confidence to socialise.



The project will be delivered by ADANTA, an award winning African Culture and Dance Troupe. They are dedicated to the preservation, education and appreciation of traditional African dance, music, theatre, and culture.

Sessions take place every Wednesday in October. The last workshop will be used by the participants to show Tower Hamlets' community the dance routines and drumming they learnt. This is a wonderful way to bring our community together.

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WED 5

BHM Workshop – 'Time for Change: Action Not Words'



5-26 October

Wednesdays, 5-7pm

**St. Peter's North Community Centre,
80 Pritchard's Road, E2 9AP**

Admission: Free

A series of workshops for females only, using creativity to explore mindfulness during Black History Month focusing on this year's theme of 'Time for Change: Action Not Words'. Further Information and sign-up details are available on their website.

**🏠 [www.trappedinzoneone.com/
workshops](http://www.trappedinzoneone.com/workshops)**



Our philosophy is to build strong partnership with community groups and organisations and support our artists, whether it's their first steps in the art world or if they're established already.

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WED 5

Amplifying Youth Voices



5, 12, 19 and 26 October

Wednesdays, 5-8pm

**Spotlight, 30 Hay Currie Street,
E14 6GN**

Admission: Free

During Black History Month Spotlight have teamed up with L.E.G.A.C.Y to run a series of workshops amplifying young people's voices around what Black History Month & the theme 'Time for Change: Actions not Words' means to you. We will be running a series of workshops leading up to creating an event in October Half Term. If you want to get involved contact **Taku@wearespotlight.com** to find out more.

These are open for any young person to attend.

Workshops run each Wednesday in October.



AMPLIFYING YOUTH VOICES

BHM PROJECT
OPEN TO 11-19 YR OLDS

Spotlight is a youth service like no other. We're here to help you have fun, find new skills and try new things – and our youth work team is always on hand to support you with anything that might be going on in your life.

(Also it's all free, and who doesn't like free stuff).

Ready to get started? Visit the website to see some of the big things you could be getting up to...

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programme](http://www.wearespotlight.com/programme)**

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THU 6

Power and Glory

6-29 October

**Monday-Friday, 9am-7pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm**

**Brady Arts Centre, 192-196 Hanbury
Street E1 5HU**

Admission: Free

Alternative Arts presents a collection of the most dynamic and diverse contemporary black photographers exploring history and identity with a series of stunning images inspired by womanhood, carnival, courage, gender equality, climate change, survival and freedom. The show is a celebration of black culture, demonstrating new perspectives in photography.

 www.alternativearts.org.uk

Artists include:

Kenny Alabi, Fatima Ali, Asiko, Chris Batantu, Rio Blake, Samantha Brown, Raymond Daley, George Dyer, Jacqui Ennis Cole, Tzion Essel, Marlan Henry, Elsie Kibue-Ngare, Wamaitha Ng'ang'a, Angela Ogunfojuri, Olufemi Olaiya, Keleenna Onyeaka, Dola Posh and Shainy Vilo



Angela Ogunfojuri - 'Dual_1'



Olufemi Olaiya - 'Adenas Brothers'

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THU 6

Mwalimu Express



6-27 October

Thursdays, 11am-12.30pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: Free

Want to be part of a supportive, creative network but don't know where to start? This could be just the thing for you.

This autumn, as part of our new programme Rich Mix Resonates, we'll be working with long-standing partners Mwalimu Express to provide inclusive, intergenerational spaces for older and/or isolated members of the community.

Mwalimu Express is London's original African adventure of live music, games, and food. Together, we will be cooking up a series of games, music and art workshops leading up to Mwalimu Express events in October, November and December. The workshops will look at some key themes:

Play – Seth and the Oware Society will lead workshops exploring Oware game, the oldest board game in the world. It is a compelling game of numbers and strategy – learn to play or hone your skills.



Music – Mwalimu Express DJ Rita will explore musical connections from an African perspective leading to a soundscape of songs, memories, and new connections. Listen, chat and enjoy.

Art – Get involved in painting sessions with exciting artists, in collaboration with the Rich Mix team.

Participants are welcome to come along on their own, or as part of a group. All sessions are open to befrienders, friends or family of those who are taking part.

🏠 www.richmix.org.uk/events/mwalimu-express-meet-ups

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THU 6

Photography Storytelling Course



6, 13, 20 and 27 October

Thursdays, 11am

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

**Admission: £3 per session/
£10 for 4 sessions**

Join this new series of 'Stories We Tell' photography course during Black History Month to develop your photography skills.

Participants will be encouraged to bring objects, discuss their significance with the rest of the group and shoot images with the objects to enhance the findings of the discussions in a creative and artistic way. Personal objects, memory, loss and faith are potential subjects that will emerge.

Each session of the course will focus on a differing theme ensuring a wonderful exploration of our world around us. Finally, all participants will create a collaborative piece of artwork to celebrate their explorations.



Session 1: Still life photography: exploring identity and heritage through objects

Session 2: Fashion photography: capturing cultural fashion

Session 3: Buildings. Exploring East London and how places have transformed through the years

Session 4: People and places, capturing the diversity of East London

🏠 www.poplarunion.com/event/photography-storytelling-course

Nyumbani



6 October

Thursday, 7pm

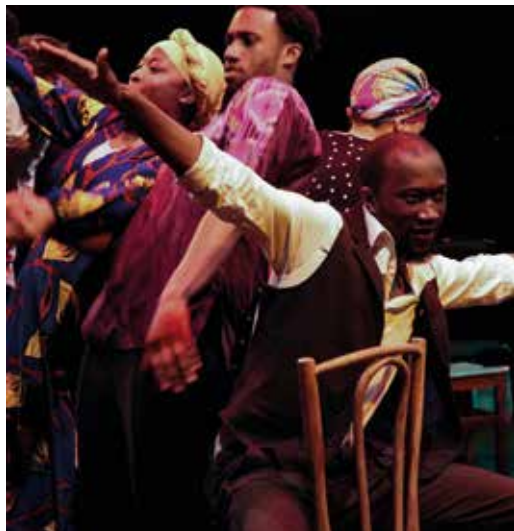
**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £15

"They can take our flesh but they can't take our spirit! In this space we will never die!"

It's 1929. The war is over, immigration is changing the face of Britain, and a community space for the African and Caribbean population is being formed – The Nyumbani Lounge, a home away from home. Follow a group of unlikely individuals, made up of activists, lawyers, nurses and those on the fringes of society, as they make their mark in Central London.

Please note: this piece contains strong language, racist language, drug addiction and graphic or explicit violence.



🏠 www.richmix.org.uk/events/nyumbani

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FRI 7

Grandad Anansi



7 and 8 October

Friday, 10.30am-1.30pm

Saturday, 11am-2pm

**Half Moon Theatre, 43 White Horse
Road, E1 0ND**

Admission: £7

An uplifting tale of love, courage and letting go written by award-winning children's author Elayne Ogbeta.

Abi and her Grandad tell each other Anansi folktales. They play games as they work together in the garden among the beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables. As they plant memories, they share secrets and develop a bond that nothing can break. Grandad is as smart and mischievous as the wily Anansi legend. Can he find a way to tell his granddaughter about his plans to return to Jamaica, his beloved homeland?

Join our intrepid characters in this humorous and heartfelt inter-generational adventure, as they step into the unexpected. With evocative live music, Grandad Anansi is an uplifting tale of love, courage and letting go.



Written by award-winning children's author Elayne Ogbeta, Grandad Anansi is the latest co-production from Half Moon and Z-arts, the award-winning team behind Dust, winner of the 2022 Off West End Theatre Award for Best Theatre for Children Aged 5-11.

🏠 www.halfmoon.org.uk/events/grandad-anansi

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SAT 8

Happy Feet



8 October

Saturday, 4.30-6.30pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: Free

Come and have fun, learning some new moves in a contemporary Black British dance workshop! Neon Performing Arts are delivering a comprehensive one-day dance workshop, based on African and contemporary dance styles. Free of charge!! All levels of dance and all nationalities are welcome. The workshop will be divided into two sessions. From each session, participants will learn a comprehensive dance routine, with insight into the history and culture of the respective styles.

This will be a fun and active way to celebrate Black History Month.



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📷 [www.instagram.com/
neonperformingarts](https://www.instagram.com/neonperformingarts)

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MON 10

Born of good intentions: Black Victorian Children in a Barnardo's Home



10 October

Monday, 7pm

Zoom

Admission: £5

A look at Dr Barnardo's Victorian homes where he took in poor Black children. Come and hear the story of the first Black children in the UK to be placed in care and fostered. Who were they? What happened to them? How did they come to England? Why were they here in the first place? Hear how some of the children suffered and led horrendous lives and how they sometimes turned their lives around.



To book tickets:

[www.avrilswalksandtalks.co.uk/
product-page/born-of-good-
intentions-black-victorian-children-
in-a-barnardo-s-home](http://www.avrilswalksandtalks.co.uk/product-page/born-of-good-intentions-black-victorian-children-in-a-barnardo-s-home)

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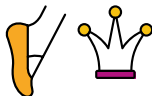
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FRI 14

Acting Up! The Dancers Takeover



14 October

Friday, 7.15pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £15

Ages: 18+

BBC's Sir Ashley J returns to host the hit improvised comedy game show: ACTing Up

This time the dancers are taking over – and not just any dancers, dancers from Boy Blue! Teaming up with Kenrick Sandy MBE & Mikey J Asante MBE of Olivier Award winning dance company Boy Blue bring together two teams of dancers to battle it out, creating themed routines, scenes, songs and much more based on your suggestions and with NO rehearsal!!

The battles will be umpired by DJ B-Radz, hosted by Ashley J and judged by YOU, the audience.

Live Improv + Dance = Comedy Madness!!

Come laugh, shout and celebrate 21 years of Boy Blue and join us for an afterparty hosted by Rawheed Entertainment.



Entry to the afterparty is included in the price of your ticket. Only want to join the afterparty?

🏠 www.richmix.org.uk/events/acting-up-the-dancers-takeover

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FRI 14

Friday Sessions: Soul Café Black History Month Special



14 October

Friday, 7pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: Free

Jordan O will be hosting a Soul Café special this Black History Month, showcasing young and upcoming artists in the intimate surroundings of our café. Featuring singer-songwriter, Kadi, and spoken word artist, Toyah Demi.

🏠 www.poplarunion.com/event/friday-sessions-soul-cafe-with-jordan-o-friends



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SAT 15

Black History and Mental Health in Tower Hamlets



15 October

Saturday, 10.30am-4pm

**Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, 277 Bancroft Road
E1 4DQ**

Admission: Free, booking required

All-day workshop exploring the connections between Black history and mental health. All are welcome to join Tower Hamlets African and Caribbean Mental Health Organisation (THACMHO) for an all-day workshop exploring the connections between Black history and mental health, including pop-up exhibitions and highlights from Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives on display.

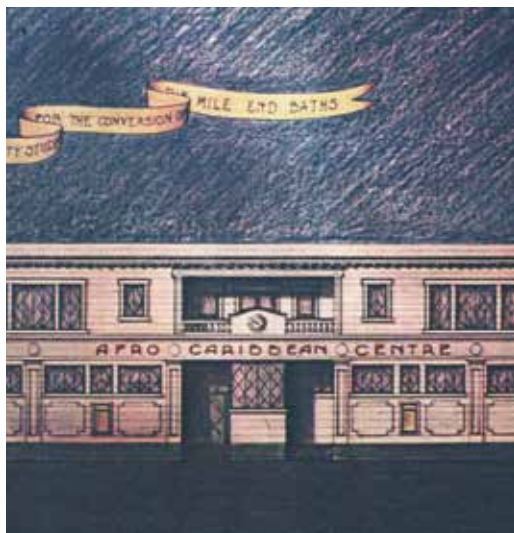
Registration 10.30am

Morning session 11am-1pm

Lunch 1-2pm

Afternoon session 2-4pm

The morning session focusses on the pioneering community development work that took place in the 1980s, with guest speaker Archibald McAllister sharing his experience as a Development



Worker for the Tower Hamlets African and Caribbean Association (THACA). Following a Caribbean buffet lunch, the afternoon will focus on mental health, with a presentation on the THACMHO story and a panel discussion on mental health support work in contemporary Tower Hamlets.

Please note this event will be filmed. There is free on-street parking nearby.

To book:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-history-mental-health-in-tower-hamlets-tickets-415855032597

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SAT 15

Centre Stage BHM Special with The Grand Union Orchestra



15 October

Saturday, 6pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: £5/£7 OTD

Centre Stage and The Grand Union Orchestra partner up to provide an eclectic night of live music, spoken word and more in celebration of Black History Month, with African & Caribbean food!

🏠 www.poplarunion.com/event/centre-stage-bhm-special-with-the-grand-union-orchestra



About Centre Stage

Centre Stage is a live music & artist development platform. Founded by FFP in 2018 with support from its partners, Centre Stage has become one of the go-to places to network and enjoy the best in live acts, jams, and entertainment, with a special focus on providing opportunity for the youth in Tower Hamlets & London.

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SUN 16

B.365 presents: Have I got News for You!



16 October

Sunday, 1pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: £3

In this interactive drama workshop, you'll be playing the role of a reporter, gathering and compiling information provided by your facilitator extraordinaire, Arnie Hewitt.

You will learn about amazing people and their journeys through life, from Henrietta Lacks to Marcus Rashford, putting all this information together to create a news piece, sharing their stories and all their achievements, imagining it was being reported on for the first time.

This is a drama workshop, has a focus on BHM and inspirational figures, young people's voices, understanding the impact of mental health and wellbeing through stories, and media role play.

Suitable for ages: 8-11 years



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The Three Dumas and The Enduring Power of Representation



18 October

Tuesday, 6.30-8.45pm

20 October

Thursday, 6-8.45pm

Brady Arts Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, E1 5HU

Admission: Free

Alexandre Dumas, author of 'The Three Musketeers' and many other works, his father General Thomas Dumas of the French Dragoons and his grandfather The Maquis Alexandre Antoine Davy de la Palleteirie, collectively known in this presentation as The Three Dumas, each experienced their full share of both triumph and tragedy.

Through peering deeper into their rarely acknowledged lives we will show through a drama-documentive film how their amazing escapades and experiences became the foil for some of Alexandre Dumas greatest literary works.



This will be followed by a talk from renowned historian Robin Walker (Thursday 20th only) called "When We Ruled". This will discuss what might be if young minds had known of them and other 'giants' of Black African decent, such as Robert Smalls, Frederick Douglas, Elijah McCoy, George Washington Carver and countless others untold.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

WED 19

Purple Moon presents: Essentially Black



19 October

Wednesday, 4pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: Pay what you feel

Adapted for a younger audience from the sell-out show at Soho Theatre, Essentially Black looks at what happens when race and elite universities collide, and asks who truly has the right to protest in a time when representation and authenticity are being called into question.

2016. The Rhodes Must Fall movement has come to Oxford University, and students Jess and Lydia are at the heart of it. Neither are white, and surviving at an elite University whilst Black is no easy task. Jess is leading a campaign to get a statue of Cecil Rhodes removed from campus. Lydia is trying to challenge and decolonise the curriculum they are taught. Their mission is to get their university to be as inclusive and accepting as possible – so why does it feel like they're fighting on their own?

Supporting Workshop (5pm-6pm)

Essentially Black comes with a



professionally facilitated post-show workshop, that gives audiences the opportunity to unpack the themes of the show in a safe and creatively held space.

"Laugh out loud moments whilst dealing with a difficult and important story".

"Timely and Gripping."

"Thoughtful and Comical in Equal Measures."

"All actors work well to power the story forward."

4 Stars, Water Rats Review

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

THU 20

POP-Corn presents: Coach Carter



20 October

Thursday, 8pm

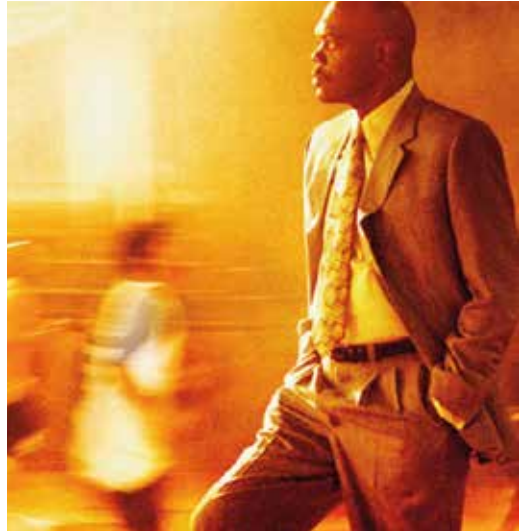
**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: Free

It begins on the streets. It ends here. Based on actual events, this powerful drama stars Samuel L Jackson as California high school basketball coach Ken Carter. Accepting the job on an unpaid, volunteer basis, Carter holds his players to a high academic standard, going so far as to bench his entire team, despite their undefeated status, until they pull their grades up. Ashanti, Rick Gonzales, Rob Brown, Debbi Morgan co-star.

"Samuel L Jackson is superb."
Paul Ross, News of the World

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pop-corn-presents-coach-cater](http://www.poplarunion.com/event/pop-corn-presents-coach-cater)



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

FRI 21

Song of Africa Workshops



21-22 October

Friday-Saturday, 7-8.30pm

St John on Bethnal Green, 200
Cambridge Heath Road E2 9PA
Refreshments provided

24-25 October

Monday-Tuesday, 1-6pm

The Tramshed, 29 Digby St E2 OLS
Refreshments provided

26-27 October

Thursday, 1-6pm

St Margaret's House, 15 Old Ford
Road E2 9PL

Admission: Free

This event is part of a programme of practical participatory workshops culminating in a public performance, exploring the musical cultures of the African diaspora in Tower Hamlets. Much-loved Grand Union musicians of African heritage will lead the programme, all of whom are celebrated exponents of their art and perfectly placed to tell stories of migration through drumming and chant, Latin American and Caribbean music, and jazz.

Creative workshop sessions open to all young musicians aged 12-21 of any



cultural background, and playing any instrument, whether Western or global.

Focussing particularly on North Africa and Central Africa as well as West and Southern Africa, they will be led by Grand Union's authentic experts born or brought up in these musical cultures. They will pass on some of their music and techniques, and encourage the students to improvise and/or create their own pieces in response.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a special concert on 29 October at St John on Bethnal Green.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

FRI 21

AfroDance Xplosion Legends (Showcase)



21-22 October

Friday-Saturday, 7.30pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £20

Experience the vast cultural richness of music and dance from the global African diaspora! The AfroDance Xplosion 2022 Legends showcase is a celebration of legendary pioneers of dance from the African diaspora. The showcase will include live and digital performances of different dance styles including Umfundalai, Dancehall, Afro-Caribbean, traditional African dance from the Ivory Coast and much more.



🏠 www.richmix.org.uk/events/afrodance-xplosion-2022-legends-showcase

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Moving Words with Sonny Nwachukwu and Ffion Campbell- Davies



21 October

Friday, 10am-4pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: £15/£12

Join writer and director, Sonny Nwachukwu, and movement director, Ffion-Campell Davies, for a one day workshop exploring the connections between movement and words. Learn about the relationship between body and voice and explore ways in working inclusively through a creative process.

Open to creatives from the global majority working across dance, theatre, choreopoem, poetry, writing, directing, dramatherapy, physical theatre and beyond.

The workshop may explore themes around, discussions about racism, discrimination, disability, gender and mental health. Through an inclusive and supportive environment the workshop may also examine the Black body experience/white spaces/otherness



as well as decolonisation/generational trauma vs societal violence. Working inclusively throughout, this workshop is facilitated with care and attention to the people taking part.

"Gateway Arts is always reaching out to include as many people as possible and showcase the widest variety of creative exploration."

Past participant

🏠 www.poplarunion.com/event/moving-words-workshop-with-sonny-nwachukwu

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SAT 22

Arawelo's Women of Culture



22 October

Saturday, 6-9pm

**Mayfield Wellbeing Hub, 202
Mayfield House, Cambridge Heath
Road, E2 9LJ**

Admission: Free

An event celebrating local Black and Somali history, involving, and sharing Somali achievements and work museum. This celebratory and fun event will include an exhibition showcasing a six-month Somali youth-led project, focusing on crime. Event showcasing the culture and history of the Somali community, including Somali food and refreshments, Somali dancing, poetry, and mini museum.

To book:

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🏠 www.wit.org.uk



Since 2004 Women's Inclusive Team has been supporting the Black and ethnic minority communities in Tower Hamlets through youth programmes, women's empowerment projects, mental health support and our food bank and community kitchen.

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AfroDance Xplosion Legends (Workshops)



22 October

Saturday, 11am-4.30pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £60

**Age: Dancers must be a minimum of
16 years old.**

Come experience the legacy of legendary dance pioneers from Africa and the African diaspora through these fantastic workshops.

11am-12.30pm – Contemporary African Dance from the Ivory Coast with Georges Momboye

The Afro-contemporary style covers a very diverse reality, since this dance leaves room for creativity and multiple influences. Georges Momboye's technique explores dance through traditional African movements.

12.45-2.15pm – Afro House with Danzel Thompson-Stout

Soulfulness, percussive compositions, and a profoundly touching emotional intensity characterises Afrohouse. Come vibe with us! Danzel Thompson-Stout, a native of Allentown, PA is a performer, choreographer, and educator of Afro-



American dance forms.

2.30-4.30pm – Afro Caribbean Dance with Caroline Muraldo and Steve Cornwall.

This class will be an eye-opening exploration of the traditional Jamaican dance forms from which dancehall grew and developed, paying tribute to what came before.

All these classes are appropriate for dancers with a minimum of 6 months of dance training.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SAT 22

The Living Room talks Activism



22 October

Saturday, 6.30pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £8

The Living Room is a nostalgic and celebratory event where speakers get to reminisce on their experiences at the same time as educating us all.

Joined by experienced and young activists, the sofa will seat yet another significant night of conversation in front of a live audience.

This event is part of Rehearsing Utopia, a series micro-commissioned by Rich Mix that invites artists to imagine their visions of the future."



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SUN 23

AfroDance Xplosion Legends (Workshops)



23 October

Sunday, 11am-5.45pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £60

Come experience the legacy of legendary dance pioneers from Africa and the African diaspora through these fantastic workshops.

11.00am-12.30pm

Umfundalai Technique: Contemporary African Dance with Dr C. Kemal Nance

Umfundalai is a contemporary African dance technique that comprises its movement vocabulary from dance traditions throughout the African diaspora, including the continent of Africa as well as the Americas. On the shoulders of Katherine Dunham, Kariamuwelsh developed Umfundalai to explore the "essence" of African-informed movement and the ways in which it empowers contemporary choreography. She describes it as "an approach to movement that is wholistic, body centric and organic. ...an open, fluid and porous technique, absorbing new ideas and directions as it evolves."



Umfundalai is over 50 years old and is taught in major institutions throughout the US including Temple University, University of Illinois, Morgan State and Oklahoma Universities. Women are encouraged to wear lapas (fabric worn around the waist) and men are encouraged to wear shokatoes (drop-crotched pants) for Umfundalai classes and workshops.

12.45-2.15pm

Jamaican Dancehall with Steve Cornwall. Welcome to Dancehall Masterclass. Let's time travel!

Dancehall was created under an umbrella with reggae, ska, and rocksteady from the 70s to the 90s, and was crucial to the way the style developed into what Dancehall is today.

In class, we will acknowledge those who paved the way for dancehall, like Mr. Bogle, Beenie Man & Elephant Man and shine light on the ones bringing us forward to a new era of dancehall such as Ding Dong & LaaLee, Pata Skeng just to name a few.

Classes will be in 4 sections. Starting with a warmup to find your groove, moving across and around the space to create a vibe, in center we build the energy then finally put everything together with choreography that fuses every era of Dancehall.

2.30-4.30pm

Traditional African Dance from the Ivory Coast with Georges Momboye

The traditional African Dance workshop from the Ivory Coast will include learning several of the traditional rhythms from the rich culture of the Ivory Coast. Come enjoy this traditional class with one of the maestros of African Dance in West Africa. This workshop will be accompanied with live music.

4.45-5.45pm

Panel Discussion.

The panel and closing will include a line up of teachers/ choreographers and a chance for the participants to discuss and ask questions about the festival. There will also be closing pictures. The panel and discussion is open to all attendees of the festival.

Book for a Weekend Workshop Pass. This will include all 6 workshops!

🏠 www.richmix.org.uk/events/afrodance-xplosion-2022-sunday-workshops

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SUN 23

Baby Broadway Gospel



23 October

Sunday, 3.30pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

**Admission: adults: £9/£7
2-16-year-olds: £5
(under 2s go free)**



Baby Gospel is an uplifting family concert of soul, Motown and gospel music, featuring the astonishing vocal talents of London's CK Gospel Choir.

The whole family can enjoy singing and clapping along to hits by Marvin Gaye, Bob Marley, Adele, Jackie Wilson, Pharrell and more - as well as some traditional Gospel songs and nursery rhymes!

CK Gospel Choir are a versatile professional group from London who are united by their love of gospel music and have provided backing for artists such as Beverley Knight, Peter Andre and Alfie Boe.

 [www.poplarunion.com/event/
baby-broadway-gospel-special](http://www.poplarunion.com/event/baby-broadway-gospel-special)

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

MON 24

Duugsi



24 and 26 October

**Monday and Wednesday,
6.30pm**

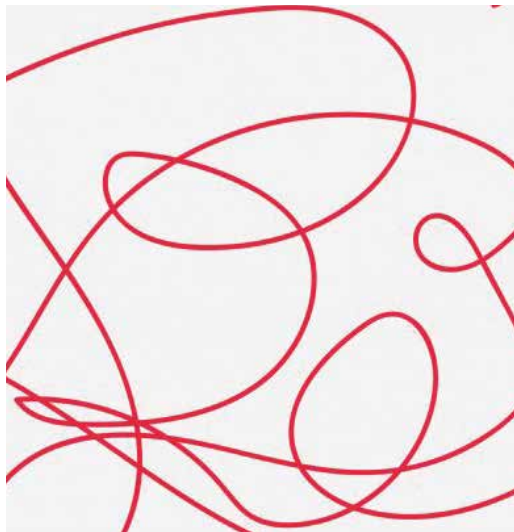
**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £10

Enjoy brand-new theatre performances as part of Somali Week Festival. Presented by Kayd Somali Arts and Culture & Side Eye Productions "Duugsi" is a comedy based on a group of five teens who upon discovering their Islamic studies teacher is missing entertain themselves by telling an anthology of famous Somali urban legends with their own modern twist.

This evening will see the third collaboration between Kayd Somali Arts and Culture and Side eYe in creating a brand-new play for 2022 following on the success from sold-out plays Araweelo, HOME, and Muna Knows It All.

Please note: Some seats for this event will have a restricted view. Seating is unreserved and on a first come first served basis.



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
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MON 24

Story Boarding Workshop with Jade-Marie Joseph



24 October

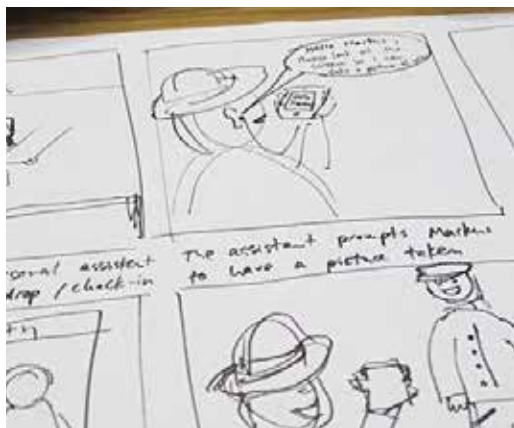
Monday, 7pm

Online

Admission: Free

Every great film starts with a story board...

Learn how to create your own with Jade-Marie Joseph! To celebrate Black History Month, Purple Moon Drama have won a bid to create a short film. Our youth board voted and we've decided to create a documentary inspired by the saying: 'The Comeback Is Stronger Than The Setback'. The documentary will look at true and inspiring stories to emphasise how even through tough times, we can always come back stronger. We want to produce real stories from real creatives, predominantly those from marginalised backgrounds. In preparation for the film we are running 3 online workshops free to anyone in our network, taking you through all aspects of film making. Jade-Marie Joseph will be running our first session on Story Boarding. Jade-Marie is an actress and film maker. She created, produced, filmed and edited her documentary 'LIFE: How We Live' in 2013. It went on to then be broadcast on



BBC three fresh. 'LIFE' received acclaim from viewers and was rated as one of the best by the BBC three fresh team. Since then she has gone on to write and had a short play of hers performed at Theatre Peckham's scratch night; now she is currently in the works of writing a new film based on mental health. In this workshop you will learn how to create your own story board for film and have the opportunity to send us a submission to be our film's creator. We're looking for clever concepts that we can make happen over the course of 3 shoot/edit days. Anyone is welcome, even if you're not planning to submit!

To book:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/storyboarding-workshop-with-jade-marie-joseph-tickets-414047365817

www.purplemoondrama.co.uk

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
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TUE 25

How to Have Fun in a Civil War



25 October

Tuesday, 6.30pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £10

UK Premiere of *How to Have Fun in a Civil War*, written and performed by Somali playwright Ifrah Mansour. Minnesota-based Somali playwright and performer Ifrah Mansour revisits her childhood memories during the 1991 Somali Civil War to confront violent history with humour and provide a voice for the global refugee stories of children.

How to Have Fun in a Civil War, is a one-act multimedia play, which explores war from an idyllic viewpoint of a seven-year-old Somali refugee girl. The play weaves puppetry, poetry, videos and multiple oral stories taken from community interviews to tell a captivating story about resilience while pushing audience to engage in a healing process that is still raw for survivors of the war.

Written & performed by Ifrah Mansour
Directed By Lindsey C. Samples
Sound Design By Peter Morrow



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

WED 26

Shoot day workshop with Aaliyah Mckay



26 October

Wednesday, 7pm

Online

Admission: Free

Ever wondered what happens on the day of a film shoot? Aaliyah Mckay will be giving us an exclusive low down!

To celebrate Black History Month, Purple Moon Drama have won a bid to create a short film. Our youth board voted and we've decided to create a documentary inspired by the saying: 'The Comeback Is Stronger Than The Setback' The documentary will look at true and inspiring stories to emphasise how even through tough times, we can always come back stronger.

We want to produce real stories from real creatives, predominantly those from marginalised backgrounds. In preparation for the film we are running 3 online workshops free to anyone in our network, taking you through all aspects of film making. In this workshop, Aliyah Mckay will be giving us an insight into how a shoot day works. Aaliyah is a screen director with a range of experience



across film, factual entertainment, show series and music videos. She works intensely to create forever evolving stories and visuals where culture, imagination and identity meet.

To book:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shoot-day-workshop-with-aaliyah-mckay-tickets-414068017587

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

THU 27

Father's Day



27 October

Thursday, 9pm

**Genesis Cinema, 93-95 Mile End
Road, E1 4UJ**

Admission: £7.50

**100 free tickets are available for
Tower Hamlet's residents on a first
come first served basis. Attendees
will be able to go to Genesis' box
office on the day to claim their
tickets.**



A grieving mother distances herself from her husband; a criminal introduces his son to a dishonest life; and a young woman cares for a father she never truly loved. Zaninka, a masseuse in her mid 40s, just lost her only son. Mukobwa, mid 20s, faces the dilemma of donating a lobe of her lung to a father with a murky past. Kadogo, a young boy, roams the city with her father, a small-time crook with anger management issues.

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2022 marks the 30th anniversary of the Raindance Film Festival, the UK's leading indie film festival, and this year's edition will be a celebration of 30 years of independent film in the UK. Running 26 October – 5 November, Raindance will revisit some of the most pivotal films from its archive in a series of special screenings. Raindance will also look towards the next 30 years with a programme of fresh, relevant, and radical world premieres as well as a selection of must-see titles cherry-picked from the international film festival circuit.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

FRI 28

Editing workshop with Tsipora St Clair Knights



28 October

Friday, 7pm

Online

Admission: Free

So you've finally shot your film, but now what? Learn the principles of editing with Tsipora St Clair Knights. To celebrate Black History Month, Purple Moon Drama have won a bid to create a short film. Our youth board voted and we've decided to create a documentary inspired by the saying: 'The Comeback Is Stronger Than The Setback' The documentary will look at true and inspiring stories to emphasise how even through tough times, we can always come back stronger.

We want to produce real stories from real creatives, predominantly those from marginalised backgrounds. In preparation for the film we are running 3 online workshops free to anyone in our network, taking you through all aspects of film making. In this workshop, Tsipora St Claire Knights will be showing us how editing post production works.



To book:

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SAT 29

Grand Union Orchestra and guests – Song of Africa

29 October

Saturday, 7pm

**St John on Bethnal Green, 200
Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9PA**

**Admission: Pay what you can afford.
Bar available from 6.30pm (card
only)**

Musical commemoration of Black History Month.

For its 40th Anniversary year, the Grand Union Orchestra commemorates Black History Month with a specially devised show bringing together different generations of musicians and singers to explore and celebrate the influence of diverse African traditions on our society today.



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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SAT 29

Black Girl



29 October

Saturday, 1pm

**Genesis Cinema, 93-95 Mile End
Road, E1 4UJ**

Admission: £ 12.50

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come first served basis. Attendees
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A Senegalese woman is eager to find a better life abroad. She takes a job as a governess for a French family, but finds her duties reduced to those of a maid after the family moves to the south of France. In her new country, she is constantly made aware of her race and mistreated by her employers.

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Over the past 30 years, UK cinemagoers have come to Raindance and joined us in discovering some of the greatest independent films ever made," says Raindance founder Elliot Grove "What will Raindance's next landmark moment be? Join us in cinemas or via streaming in 2022 and see what you discover!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SAT 29

Black History Month Celebration



29 October

Saturday, 2pm

**St Pauls Church, St Stephens Road,
Bow E3 5JL**

Admission: Free

Celebrating Black History Month is about acknowledging the past, creating a current legacy and passing on the mantle to future generations. This is also a celebration after the traumas of lockdown and within the current economic climate.

Following the past few years of Coronavirus and lockdowns this is an opportunity to spread some happiness and cheer amongst the community. Come along and sign up for a free workshop. Learn how to make bath products, have a head massage with a Reiki Master, a budgeting coach session, decorate your own tote shopping bag, and represent your country flag with beaded bangles and crafts. Learning

**Black History
Month Celebration
at
St Paul's Church
29th October 2022
at 2pm**



Free Interactive Workshops

Guest Speakers

Candid Conversations

Open Mic Contest

Karaoke

Music and Dance and much more!!

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2022

St Paul's Church, St Stephen's Road, London E3 5JL

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a new skill or engaging in an activity is calming and therapeutic. Join the celebration, enjoy the atmosphere and feel inspired. There will be speakers and a candid conversations area, not to mention a sing along Karaoke session with songs from years past and present.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
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SAT 29

Spirit of the Village



29 October

Saturday, 1pm

**Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road,
E1 6LA**

Admission: £24

Village101 will be championing change-makers and celebrating Black excellence, activism and cultural innovation. Join them for a day of panel discussions, stalls, pop-up performances and a special musical extravaganza.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

SUN 30

Black-Owned Makers Market



30 October

Sunday, 10am-4pm

**Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street, Poplar,
E14 6TL**

Admission: Free

This October, as part of Poplar Union's Black History Month celebrations we will be bringing back our Black-Owned Makers Market. Here you will find a variety of black-owned and run start-ups and businesses from clothing and accessories to the finest health and beauty products..



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black-owned-makers-market](https://www.poplarunion.com/event/black-owned-makers-market)

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Daughters of the Dust



2 November

Wednesday, 9pm

Genesis Cinema, 93-95 Mile End Road, E1 4UJ

Admission: £7.50

100 free tickets are available for Tower Hamlet's residents on a first come first served basis. Attendees will be able to go to Genesis' box office on the day to claim their tickets.

A languid, impressionistic story of three generations of Gullah women living on the South Carolina Sea Islands in 1902. At the dawn of the 20th century, a family in the Gullah community of coastal South Carolina - former West African slaves who adopted many of their ancestors' Yoruba traditions - suffers a generational split. Young Haagar wants to move to the mainland away from tradition-bound matriarch Nana. Former prostitute Yellow Mary gets a cold shoulder when she returns to the island with her female lover, especially from her sister Viola.

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Raindance launched back in 1993 with the World Premiere of *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*. Tarantino's iconic *Pulp Fiction* made its UK debut at Raindance in 1994. In 1999, Raindance hosted the UK premiere of ground-breaking found footage documentary *The Blair Witch Project*. We hit the bullseye again in 2000 with the UK premiere of Christopher Nolan's *Memento*. And in 2004, we presented Park Chan-wook's neo-noir thriller *Oldboy*, a classic of modern South Korean cinema.

Nanny



5 November

Saturday, 6.20pm

Genesis Cinema, 93-95 Mile End Road, E1 4UJ

Admission: £12.50

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Aisha, an immigrant nanny is faced with a reality that threatens to shatter her American dream. Aisha is an undocumented nanny working for a privileged couple in New York City. As she prepares for the arrival of the son she left behind in West Africa, a violent presence invades her reality, threatening the American dream she is painstakingly piecing together.

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