

**Juneteenth Cincinnati
39th Annual Festival
June 20-21 2026**



**Don't Miss Mirror Lake Stage & Seasongood Pavilion !!!
Turn Right at the Food Court and Up a little Hill
To Seasongood
Great Music All Afternoon & Evening**

Rest Rooms under Seasongood

Ride disability ride to Seasongood

Recognizing The African Diaspora

African Diaspora describes the mass dispersion of peoples from Africa during the Transatlantic Slave Trades, from the 1500's to the 1800's. This Diaspora took millions of people from Western and Central Africa to numerous regions throughout the Americas and the Caribbean. People are often surprised to learn that slave ships carried almost 5 million enslaved Africans to Brazil and fewer than 1 million to North America.

Parade of Flags

The Juneteenth Festival recognizes that shared history with a parade of the Flags of the Diaspora, displaying some 75 flags representing the origins and destinations of enslaved Africans.

The flag bearers are mostly children-- flags are not heavy and the parade is not very long, ending in Seasongood Pavilion for the Festival's opening kickoff. The flags remain on Seasongood stage throughout the Festival.



Juneteenth Flag

The Juneteenth flag was the brainchild of activist Ben Haith, founder of the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (NJCF). He created it in 1997 with the help of collaborators, and Boston-based illustrator Lisa Jeanne Graf brought their vision to life.

The flag represents the history, and freedom for American enslaved people and their descendants. The bursting star represents a new freedom. The colors communicate that the American Slaves, and their descendants were all Americans.

In the week of Juneteenth the Juneteenth flag joined the U.S. Flag above City Hall and the Hamilton County Courthouse and at the Cincinnati Art Museum.



Cover
James Pate
Poster for Cincinnati Juneteenth
1988

Kids Enjoy All Free

- Face painted Ride Horses
- Pet animals ☐ Play
- Crafts Books
- Magician Balloons



Seasongood Pavilion

Parade of Flags..... 11:00

- Festival Kick off....12:00
- Phil Brown & God's Earth with Love
- Last Boppers1:00
- Ms. Jaz.....2:00
- Positive Vibe...3:00
- Johnny Payne & True Believers...4:30
- Cincy Samba Dancers 5:30
- The Elevation Band....6:00

Lakeside 8:00



Mirror Lake Stage

- Ph'Ness Queen Drill Team...1:00
- YaBreed...1:30
- Kai Kweol CaribbeanDancers...2:00
- Geno...2:30
- Cheryl Reece' 3:00
- Nigerian Ijo Ugo Dancers &Drummers.... 3:40
- Tracy Wilson....4:00
- Jazz Renaissance....5:00
- Rhythm of Soul Band....6:00
- Gillium Jazz Band...7:00



June 21 Juneteenth Fathers' Day Concert

Inspirational Music Seasonal Pavilion

- Malcolm Turner
- Rhetorical Spirits of Praise
- Psalms
- Aranda
- Renee' Hill
- Heavenly Doves
- Praise Ekeng
- JaNice Napier
- Charles Fold Singer



Roots of the Father's Day Concert

The Juneteenth Father's Day concert is a revival of the "June Festival for Negro Music" concert series in Eden Park and the Zoo, which began in 1938, when Black audiences and performers were not very welcome in Music Hall and other venues. The June Festival concerts featured a variety of performances, including Paul Robeson and other nationally known artists as well as the local June Festival choir.

June Festival continued through the late 1950's. Juneteenth Cincinnati revived the annual series in 2005 as the Father's Day concert

2026 Performing Artists



Elevation Band



Ijo Ugo Dancers



Cheryl Renee' & Shorty Starr



Ms. Jaz & JamSet



Positive Vibe Band



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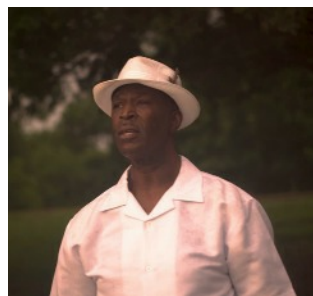




Cincy Brazil Samba Dancers



Praise Ekeng



Malcolm Turner



Heavenly Doves Ministries



Jazz Renaissance



Ron Logan Directs Charles Fold Singers



Moko Jumbies

Afraskan Arts Alliance



**Clarke Morgan
5th Ohio Colored
Troop**



**Reggie Murray
Buffalo Soldier**



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- Ohio Equal Rights Org
- Queen City Metro
- Rank The Vote Ohio
- Renewal By Andersen
- Reign Shop
- Sahaja Meditation
- Sahaja Yoga Meditation
- Seynabou thiam
- Smith
- Southern Bell
- Talbert house
- The Crossroads Center
- Behavioral Health)
- Tom's Travel Coffee
- Traditonal 'African garb
- Warriors for Peace
- WeDoBBQ



Enjoy & Eat !

Aoba Kitchen

- Puerto Rican & Soul Food
- Eempanadas,
- Plantain fries
- Mac'n cheese
- Bannana custard

Flava

- Jerk chicken
- Tacos, jerk mushroom tacos



Foster Foodies

- Loaded Fries,
- Tacos Vegan
- Salmon
- Shrimp & veggie

Kona Ice

Shaved ice

Southern Bell

Chcken wings Hamburger;
Collards & Green Beans

Tom's Travel Coffee

- Wide variety of hot, cold coffees, teas
- Belglan Waffles .

Juneteenth Cincinnati

- Hot Dogs.& Cold pop & Water
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Aunt Flora's Kitchen Truck

- Fresh fish meals & sandwiches
- Peach or apple cobbler

We `Do BBQ

- Rib tips Wings

Cinti Job Corps Chef

- Southern BBQ Chicken
- Smoked BBQ Pork
- Mac & Cheese
- Collard Greens with Smoked Turkey

ISKCON Cincinnati

- Indian Cuisine



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Cincinnati's annual Juneteenth Festival began in 1988 in Kennedy Heights. Juneteenth Cincinnati is 100% volunteer. The Festival is dedicated to promoting a better understanding of slavery, the significance of emancipation, and how that history still affects the lives of all Americans 159 years later.

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Don't Miss our 40th Next Year