

Festival of the Arts at the African American Civil War Museum (AACW)

1925 Vermont Avenue NW; 202-667-2667; <http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/>

- Welcoming Reception, Thursday, September 22, 7-9pm (Museum)

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 - *Malcolm X Drummers & Dancers 12:30-1:30 (Memorial)
 - ***Free shuttle service from AACW to Mall, 12noon-8pm.**
- The Ideal Watchfest , Watch Party and Marketplace, at Academy for Ideal Education, 4501 Dix Street, NE, Saturday, September 24. Contact: 202-269-3186; www.idealacademy.org
 - *Doll Making Workshop, African Drum and Dance, African Market Place w/exhibitors & vendors-Above activities from 10am-2pm
 - *Intergenerational Dance Party: Music and dancing from Boogie Woogie to Beyonce Era 5pm-9pm
- Watch Party and Exhibit: 1960 Mississippi Photo Exhibit and Students for Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Exhibit at Church of Scientology, 1424 16th Street, NW Saturday, September 24, at 9am-2pm. Contact: 202-797-9826 <http://www.scientology-washingtondc.org>
- Exhibit: Art Exhibit at Gallery: Champagne Breakfast and Viewing Party, including hot catered meal and mimosas. Serengeti Gallery, Park Central 7919 Central Avenue, Capital Heights, MD. Saturday, September 24, 9am -12noon. Cost: \$25. Contact: 301-808-6987; serengetigallery@gmail.com
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- 15th Annual DC Jazz Preservation Festival saluting America’s jazz heritage. Saturday, September 24, 12noon-dusk at Westminster Church, 400 I Street, SW.
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- Sunday Service Jazz with Bobby Felder and the Capitol All-Stars Big Band Jazz Ensemble
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- Concert: “Singing Our Song”, a concert of hymns and traditional gospel music written by great gospel and hymn composers such as Charles Tindley, Thomas Dorsey, Lucy Campbell and many others. Sunday, September 25, 3pm at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, NW. Contact: 202-667-1078 <http://www.vabc.org>.
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Watch Parties: September 24, 10am-12pm Opening Ceremony

Churches

- *Asbury United Methodist Church
926 11th Street W (corner of 11th & K Streets)
202-628-0009; www.asburyumcdc.org
- *Allen Chapel AME Church
2498 Alabama Ave SE
202-581-1500; <http://www.acamec.org>;
AllenChapel@acamec.org
- *Church of Scientology
1424 16th Street NW
- *Florida Avenue Baptist Church
623 Florida Avenue NW
202-667-3409; www.flavbc.org
Fabc@aol.com; (Includes historical exhibit)
- *Galbraith AME Zion Church
1114 6th Street NW; 202-289-1580

Other Venues

- *Academy for Ideal Education
62 T Street NE
- *African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Avenue NW
- *Ben's Chili Bowl
1213 U Street NW
- *Ideal WatchFest
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www.idealacademy.org
admin@idealacademy.org
macda@aol.com
- *Serengeti Gallery, Park Central 7919
Central Avenue, Capital Heights, MD,

*Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue NE
202-269-5090
www.israelbaptistchurch.org
info@IsraelbaptistChurch.org

*Metropolitan AME Church
1569 M Street NW
www.metropolitanamec.org

*Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
3000 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
202-581-6521
<http://www.pabc-dc.org/homr/html>

*Plymouth Congregational UCC
5301 North Capitol Street NE

*Shiloh Baptist Church
1500 9th Street NW

Champagne Breakfast & Viewing Party
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Tickets: \$25 per person; After 9/10- \$30

*United States Navy Memorial Park
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Tour

"A Tour of the DC National Guard", September 24 2016.
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3000 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
202-581-6521
<http://www.pabc-dc.org/homr/html>

- Plymouth Congregational UCC
5301 North Capitol Street NE
- Shiloh Baptist Church
1500 9th Street NW

- Embassy of Trinidad & Tobago. Friday, September 23, 7pm at Howard University Cramton Auditorium, 2455 6th Street NW, **Contact**