



Utah Pride Center and the Utah Black Artists Collective Partner Up to Celebrate Black History Month

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Salt Lake City, UT — February 4, 2024 — The Utah Pride Center (UPC) is thrilled to announce an exciting partnership with the Utah Black Artist Collective (UBLAC) to celebrate Black History Month with a series of engaging and inclusive events. This collaboration highlights the intersection of Black and LGBTQIA+ voices, showcasing the incredible talents of Utah's Black artists and fostering meaningful conversations about culture, identity, and community.

“As the CEO of the Utah Black Artists Collective, I am beyond excited about our new collaboration with the Utah Pride Center. This partnership embodies our belief in the transformative power of unity,” said Wynter Storm, Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Black Artists Collective. “Together, we aim to showcase the beauty in our diversity and emphasize the importance of intentional community collaboration. By coming together as one, we not only celebrate our unique identities but also strengthen the bonds that tie us all as a vibrant and inclusive community.”

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Queer History Fireside Chat: Wynter Storm

Date: Wednesday, February 12th

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Utah Pride Center, 68 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Join Wynter Storm, Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Black Artist Collective and Salt Lake City Weekly's "Best of Utah - Best Local Poet", for an insightful Queer History Fireside Chat.

Pride in Our Diverse Heritage Art Gallery Showing

Date: Tuesday, February 18th - Friday, February 28th

Time: 4:00PM - 8:00PM (Monday - Friday)

Reception: Saturday, February 22nd 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: Utah Pride Center, 68 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Experience a stunning two-week art gallery exhibition featuring works by talented artists from the Utah Black Artist Collective. The theme: *Pride in Our Diverse Heritage* celebrates the rich cultural traditions and contributions of Black artists while emphasizing the strength found in the diverse identities within both the Black and LGBTQIA+ communities. It invites artists to explore and express how their unique backgrounds and experiences intersect, showcasing the beauty and complexity of their identities.

Don't miss the reception on February 22nd, where you can meet the artists and connect with the community.

“As QUEER as the Eye Can SEE” Movie Nights

Date: Friday, February 28th

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM (Monday - Friday)

Location: Utah Pride Center, 68 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Concluding the month-long celebration, Utah Black Artist Collective will host “As QUEER as the Eye can SEE Movie Night.” This ongoing series will alternate between hosting organizations and feature films spotlighting Black LGBTQIA+ voices. Following each movie screening, there will be opportunities to discuss the films in a group setting. The first screening will be the critically acclaimed 2016 film, *Moonlight*, a powerful story about a young African-American man grappling with his identity and sexuality while experiencing the everyday struggles of childhood, adolescence, and burgeoning adulthood.

“We are beyond excited to collaborate with the Utah Black Artist Collective for this incredible celebration of Black History Month,” said Chad Call, Executive Director of the Utah Pride Center. “This partnership allows us to highlight the beautiful intersections of Black and LGBTQIA+ identities while providing a platform for powerful artistic expression and meaningful community dialogue. We look forward to strengthening our bonds and creating a lasting impact together.”

About Utah Pride Center

The Utah Pride Center, based in the heart of Salt Lake City, Utah, is a community center dedicated to uniting, empowering and celebrating Utah’s diverse LGBTQIA+ community. The Utah Pride Center is a private 501(c)(3) organization that produces and funds the annual Utah Pride Festival and Parade, as well as year-round programs and events that directly serve the queer community. For more information about the Utah Pride Center, visit www.utahpridecenter.org. For more information on the Utah Pride Festival and Parade, visit www.utahpride.org.

About Utah Black Artists Collective

The Utah Black Artists Collective presents African American artists and their work throughout the state of Utah. UBLAC promotes diversity in the arts by supporting Black artists, musicians, dancers, and creatives, also mentoring and encouraging youth to share their unique voice through creativity. For more information about the Utah Black Artists Collective visit www.ublac.org.

