

EVENTS –MARCH 2011, WEEK 1

Hey Ya'll! I'm Sade Turnipseed your host of Delta Renaissance; I would like to thank all of my Delta family for the heartfelt empathy and sincere wishes of comfort for my family and me as we continue to process the painful loss of my father, on Valentine's Day. He indeed is my heart and will be loved and treasured forever. And now for your cultural arts updates:

Well, African American History Month has come and gone, but we continue the celebration of our rich cultural heritage every day, here in the Delta. There are so many places to go and learn about the people, be enriched by their art, read their words and enjoy the internationally renowned cuisine. One of the places I really hope everyone makes an attempt to visit is the cultural arts center in Indianola, called da' House of Khafre. On Tuesdays they offer Jazz and Blues workshops by Dr Alphonso Sanders, which are immediately followed by the Delta Dub Dance party. On Wednesdays, Gloria Johnson teaches Line Dance classes. On Thursdays the Young Publishers' Network meets to encourage young writers to explore the world of literary arts as a career. The writing workshops are followed by open mic sessions called "Express Yo' Self."

This Friday da' House welcomes to their Front Porch Stage Mr. Columbus Toy and Mr. Chris Ivey, both are the Young Guns of Southern Soul. The show starts at 9pm with DJ Magic Mike, Lady L and High Roller.

This Saturday, da' House will be the place where Japanese Blues Man Yugo Sato will perform in the Delta for the first time. Mr. Sato will perform along side legendary blues man Mickey Rogers and his band. This is the show to see at 9pm. Mr. Sato will also present for the very first time in the Delta a Japanese Blues workshop on Sunday, as part of the Cultural Competency project offered by Khafre, Inc. All events will take place at da' House located at 105 Main St in historic Downtown Indianola. Call 347.8198 for more information.

Now if that's not enough to keep you busy throughout the coming weeks check out: Guachoya Cultural Art Center who will be hosting the Annual St. Patrick's Day Party and Fundraiser Saturday, March 12 at their Center. The evening of fun, starts at 6:30 p.m. Contact Tracy Gore for reservations at 870-265-6077.

Or, go by the Cottonlandia Museum to see their exhibit entitled, "In Your Hands: The Making of African American History in the Delta." The exhibition is extended through March 26. The Cottonlandia Museum is located at 1608 Highway 82 West. For more information, call Cheryl Taylor at 662-385-6911.

And, finally the Greenville Renaissance Scholars are recruiting 6th grade students to participate in Camp Renaissance 2011. Applications are due March 18th for more

information please contact Mary Hardy at 662.378.3813.

NOW Please do what ever you can to support the arts and culture here in the Delta, like attending one of these great events.

And don't forget to tune in DELTA FOX-10, every Saturday at 1:30pm, to see the full version of "Delta Renaissance." This week we are having yet another stimulating conversation with one of the Delta's finest educators and artists. This has been Sade Turnipseed inviting you all to stay connected to your culture, right here on WABG and DELTA FOX-10.

If you have any cultural arts announcements that you would like to share please send the information to: deltarenaissance@aol.com, or fax it to 662.887.2900. And as usual you can always check out all the events online at www.DeltaRenaissance.com.