



BLACK THEATRE DAY 2025 EVENTS

Do you have an event that is not on this list?

Let us know at info@thecraftinstitute.org

<i>Date</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Event Details</i>
Starting 09/11	West	Willie Agee Playhouse	<p>Inglewood, CA: UN-Erasable Solo Festival</p> <p>The Un-Erasable Solo Festival is a bold theatrical gathering spotlighting stories too often silenced. In an era where narratives are under attack, these solo performances stand as acts of defiance, raw, unfiltered, unforgettable.</p> <p>Tickets: \$15</p>
Started 09/13	Midwest	Honey Pot Performance	<p>Chicago, IL: Honey Pot Performance's Summer 2025 Programs</p> <p>Support arts and culture on Chicago's Westside! In the spirit of HPP's 2025 campaign "We care for ourselves, as we care for others" our programming year focuses on creative development, community engagement/offerings, and revenue generation toward sustainability.</p>

			<p>Saturday, September 13: A Praise Song for Memory - Material Traditions and Methods for Storytelling Through Quilting</p> <p>Saturday, September 20: Between Hip-Hop, Juke and and House - Chicago's Street and Club Dance Culture From the 80's On</p> <p>Saturday, September 27: DJs in Dialogue - The Economics of the Booth</p> <p>Saturday, October 11: Archive Training Day (National Archive Month)</p> <p>Sunday, November 9: The Butterflies: Lifting Women Up in Dance Music</p> <p>Tickets: Free</p>
Starting 09/17	Mid-America	The Ensemble Theatre	<p>Houston, TX: Akleelah and the Bee Written by CHERYL L. WEST Based on the screenplay by DOUG ATCHISON Directed by EILEEN J. MORRIS</p> <p>Preview: Begin September 17 September 19 - October 12, 2025</p> <p>On September 17th, we will dedicate a preview performance of Akeelah and the Bee at the George W. Hawkins Mainstage Theatre, located at The Ensemble Theatre. Before the show begins, a special pre-show announcement will highlight the significance of Black Theatre Day.</p> <p>Tickets: \$25 - \$30.</p>
09/17 6pm local time	South	Lumpy Grits Artistry	<p>Shreveport, Louisiana: Lumpy Grits Artistry Celebrates Black Theatre Day</p>

			<p>An inspiring evening of student, professional, and community artists showcasing the power of Black Theatre through performances and recognition awards.</p> <p>Tickets: \$25</p>
09/17 6pm local time	South	The Birmingham Black Repertory Theatre	<p>Nashville, Tennessee: Denim & Diamonds: A Country Music Dinner Theatre Experience</p> <p>Explore the legacy of country music in the South through an engaging dinner theatre experience in the heart of Nashville, TN (food included)</p> <p>Tickets starting at \$55</p>
09/17 4pm - 5:30pm local time	Mid Atlantic	NY Public Library for the Performing Arts	<p>New York, NY: Black Theatre Day Panel</p> <p>Panel discussing the Syncopated Stages: Black Disruptions to the Great White Way Exhibition (details below) and its late curator, Michael Dinwiddie at the Bruno Walter Auditorium. A panel discussion with our exhibition's advisory committee covering the exhibition, Black Theatre Day, and the work of Michael Dinwiddie</p> <p>Tickets: Free</p>
09/17 6:30pm local time	Mid-Atlantic	Curated by Michael Dinwiddie	<p>New York, NY: Syncopated Stages: Black Disruptions to the Great White Way Exhibition Opening Reception</p> <p>Curated by the late Michael Dinwiddie, Syncopated Stages: Black Disruptions to the Great White Way explores how Black</p>

			<p>artists transformed the New York stage and how their work still reverberates today.</p> <p>Tickets: Free, RSVP ASAP</p>
09/17 7:30pm	Mid-Atlantic	The Essential Theatre	<p>In honor of Black Theatre Day, The Essential Theatre will host a virtual panel on Wednesday, September 17th 7:30 pm (EDT) to promote the Sunday September 28th 2:30 pm (EDT) ceremonial reading of, “Rock of Ages, by Iska, Directed by Kaia Calhoun, MFA.</p> <p>You can gain access to both presentations by visiting www.theessentialtheatre.org. More info at info@theessentialtheatre.org.</p>
09/18 1pm local time	Mid-Atlantic	Rattlestick Theatre	<p>New York, NY: Potliqka</p> <p>by Celeste Jennings directed by Goldie E. Patrick Sept. 18th @ The Center 1pm</p> <p>Potliqka is a Black history epic about the Antebellum south from 1790 – 1820. The 3 main plotlines track the lives of James Hemings, the founding father of soul food as we know it, Esther, Freeman, and Missy, a southern family divided by slavery, enslavement, and faith, and Abina Kisi, Yawo Abayie, Ama Nanny, a family that can both remember and track the middle passage and their stolen Ghanian culture. This story is about love, loss, and freedom, told through the powerful perspective of soul food.</p> <p>Please note this reading will take place at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, located at 208 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011.</p>

			Tickets: Free
09/18 7pm local time	Mid-Atlantic	New York Theatre Workshop	<p>New York, NY: BLACK THEATRE NIGHT at SATURDAY CHURCH, Thursday, September 18, 7PM at The New York Theatre Workshop.</p> <p>Book & additional lyrics by Damon Cardasis & James Ijames Music & lyrics by Sia Additional music by Honey Dijon Directed by Whitney White</p> <p>Save 30% on tickets when you use the code BTN</p> <p>Audiences who attend black theatre night will see the show and be invited to a post show party immediately after. Location for party is TBD.</p>
09/18 6:30pm - 9pm local time	Mid-Atlantic	The Billie Holiday Theatre	<p>Brooklyn, NY: Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary</p> <p>Join the Billie for a special screening of Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 PM. The life and work of legendary jazz musician John Coltrane, including commentary from Denzel Washington, Carlos Santana, Common, Cornell West, Bill Clinton and others. There will be a conversation with esteemed Coltrane experts in the documentary.</p> <p>Tickets: \$10</p>
Starting 09/19	New England	Front Porch Arts Collective	<p>Boston, MA: The Mountaintop by Katori Hall Directed by Maurice Emmanuel</p> <p>September 19 - October 12, 2025</p> <p>The Mountaintop is a gripping reimagination of events the night</p>

			<p>before the assassination of the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On April 3, 1968, after delivering one of his most memorable speeches, an exhausted Dr. King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel while a storm rages outside. When a mysterious stranger arrives with some surprising news, King is forced to confront his destiny and his legacy to his people. The Mountaintop runs from September 19 - October 12 at the Modern Theatre in Downtown Boston.</p> <p>Tickets: \$5-50.</p>
09/19 7pm - 9pm local time	Mid-Atlantic	The Billie Holiday Theatre	<p>Brooklyn, NY: Community Conversation: Artists and Activism</p> <p>In recognition of Black Theatre Day, The Billie will launch its 2025-26 season with a town hall event exploring the role of artists as changemakers.</p> <p>The event will focus on the history, role and continued importance of black theatre in addressing the social and political concerns of black and brown communities.</p> <p>Featuring a film screening of Black Theatre: The Making of a Movement, directed by the legendary Woodie King, Jr. in 1978. The film explores the birth of a new theatre out of the Civil Rights activism of the 1950s, 60s and 70s. It is a video encyclopedia of the leading figures, institutions and events of a movement that transformed the American stage.</p> <p>Tickets: Free</p>
09/22 6pm local time	Mid-America	BlackStage HTX	<p>Houston, TX: Blackstage HTX September Link Up</p>

			<p>Come through in your fan gear, connect with Black creatives, and test your skills in Battle of the Brains trivia hosted by Callina Anderson.</p> <p>Vibes. Laughter. Community. Don't miss it!</p> <p>Comment on their IG to RSVP</p>
Starting 09/26	Mid-America	Jubilee Theatre	<p>Forth Worth, TX: Jubilee Theatre presents I GOT THE LAST LAUGH! Inspired By The Life and Times Of Jackie "MOMS" Mabley</p> <p>Playwright: James E. Carter Director: D. Wambui Richardson</p> <p>Step into the world of Jackie "Moms" Mabley — a trailblazing comedian, fearless truth-teller, and one of the most influential voices in American entertainment. Through humor, heart, and unapologetic wit, this production celebrates her groundbreaking career, her resilience in the face of adversity, and the laughter that made her a legend.</p> <p>Tickets: \$28</p>
10/25 11am - 3pm	South	The Black Drama School	<p>Durham, NC: Tickets for Books & Bevs with The Black Drama School go on sale on Black Theatre Day!</p> <p>The Black Drama School is hosting a fundraiser to support our upcoming educational programs. Join us for drama, food, music, books & bevs and a curated shopping experience with Bright Black Candle Co.</p> <p>Early bird tickets will be on sale for \$25 on Black Theatre Day only.</p>

			More information can be found on our website at theblackdramaschool.org/booksandbevs
--	--	--	--