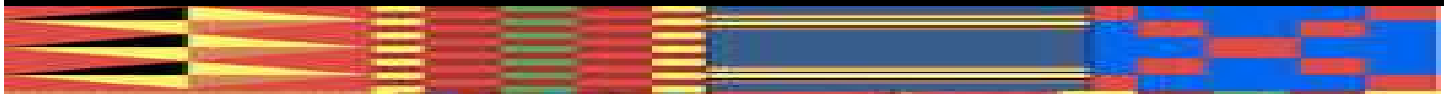


African Fashion: Many Threads - One Cloth



A Celebration of African Diversity in Fashion, Fabric, and Design

Friday, October 27 to Sunday, October 29, 2023

St. James Cathedral Centre – 65 Church St. Toronto M5C 2E9

The Cathedral invites you to an exhibit in celebration of Africa. African Fashion: Many Threads – One Cloth will focus a lens on this vast continent – first and foremost through its textile design and couture but also through music, art, jewellery lectures, storytelling, and cuisine.

With its vibrant colours, bold prints, and flattering designs, African couture reflects the sights and sounds of this resource-rich and culturally diverse region. Small wonder it has become a major player on the global fashion stage – in tandem with the growing prominence of African music, literature, and art.

This year we are proud to salute Africa – the heartbeat of the globe, the cradle of humanity, the crossroads of ancient trade routes. This multifaceted exhibit reflects the efforts of countless volunteers of African and non-African descent – fashion and jewellery designers, models, academics, storytellers, chefs, and musicians.

Please join us at the Cathedral as all eyes turn to Africa.

The Very Rev'd Peter Wall
Interim Dean and Priest in Charge
St. James Cathedral

Friday Evening - October 27 – Gala Opening ¹

- ✚ Fashion show -featuring designers and alumni from George Brown College and Metro Toronto University's fashion programmes.
- ✚ Keynote speakers
- ✚ Demonstration of African headpiece tying
- ✚ Reception featuring storytelling, steel pan music and African finger food.

Guests are encouraged to wear their own African and African inspired fashions

Saturday, October 28 – Full Day Programme ¹

African history, society, culture, economics, and the future of African fashion

- ✚ Lectures and panel discussion by expert speakers
- ✚ Tales of Africa by professional storytellers
- ✚ Poet Laureate George Elliott Clarke presents a poem in celebration of "African Fashion: Many Threads – One Cloth."
- ✚ African drumming and exhibits
- ✚ Lunch will be provided

Sunday, October 29 – Open House – Free to the Public

Ongoing exhibits and a full program of African music in the Cathedral and Cathedral Centre

¹ A \$50 registration fee will be charged and will cover all Friday and Saturday events. Food at the Friday reception and lunch on Saturday are included in the registration fee.

Scheduled Speakers, Presenters, and Musicians ²



Caron Phinney
Toronto
Metropolitan
University



Dr. Suzi Lima
University of
Toronto



Dr. Sara Fee
Royal Ontario
Museum



**Dr. George
Elliott Clark**
Poet Laureate



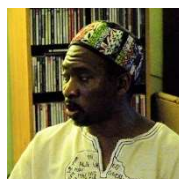
**Dr. Fatima
Hamlaoui**
University of
Toronto



Kesha Christie
Storyteller



Daryl Williams
Steel Pan
Musician



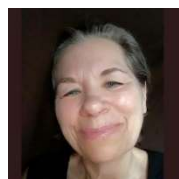
Saikou Saho
African Drum
Musician



Sarah Hood
George Brown
College



**Kobena Aquaa-
Harrison -**
Musician



**Susan ida
Boucaud**
Storyteller



Wairimu Nduati
Speaker



**Jayshree
Khimasia**
Friends of
Textiles- ROM



Maged Zareef
Singer and oud
player



**Dunstan
Morgan**
Speaker



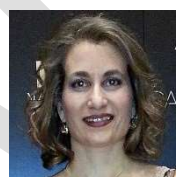
**Yosola
Sholagbade-
Adeoye**
Workshop
Leader



**Anthony
Morgan**
Speaker



Dr. Rita Cox
Storyteller



Rosa Fracassa
George Brown
College

Want to know more? Want to Get Involved?

If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or being a sponsor, or if you are just looking for the most up-to date information on this event, contact:

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² List of speakers and entertainers is current as of publication date and subject to change.

