

ROUTES

A Guide to African-American Culture

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MUSIC • DANCING**

Welcome to new *Routes*. Truly, a decided departure from the old one. From 1977 to 1980, *Routes* magazine was a guide to black entertainment, published from the perspective that black New Yorkers needed a real guide to learn what was happening. (The new guide is really telling them what is happening in the culture.) At the tail end of the 70s, life was relatively carefree, full of glitz & glamour and glittering fun. And *Routes* brought you all that you needed to live the good life.

Unfortunately, however, *Routes* magazine went out of business for many of the same reasons many other magazines fail: lack of capital, lack of sales and a strong case of naivete.

After a ten year hiatus, *Routes* is back in business, but not in the same form, nor for the same reasons. As a highly informative newsletter, *Routes* is ready to, not only, refute the media's false depiction of what we are all about—drugs, violence, sex, incarceration, aimlessness and a people devoid of tradition—but *Routes* is ready to present a different view through our history and contemporary contributions. Publishing *Routes* brings encouragement on two fronts: 1) that the African-American male can get up and try again (we have in our culture what we need to propel us upward and onward, and 2) that the African-American culture is—alive and well—revealing its worth, power and beauty in the many positive happenings occurring in its communities. *Routes*, therefore, is here to bring into focus not only this culture's long history of successes and profound impact, but also its continuing evolvement. To know what I mean just have a look inside.

CABARETS

Carmen McRae
May 22-26
The Blue Note
131 W. 3rd St • 475-8592

Morgana King
May 18-19

George Mraz Quartet
Randy Brecker
Richie Beirach
Al Forster
May 21-26th

Clifford Jordan's Big Band
Every Monday
Condoms
117 E. 15th St
• 254-0960

The Genesis Gospel Singers
May 19

The Gospel Stars of Hartford
May 20

Loup Garou
May 23

Charlie Story & His All Stars
May 26
Southern cuisine
Informal southern cafe setting

Delta 88
332 Eighth Ave/
26th St • 924-3499

Shorty Jackson
(Satchmo's piano player)
May 21

Jeffrey Smith
Every Mon
Southern Gulf Coast cuisine

Gulf Coast Restaurant
489 West St/12th St
• 206-8790

Silver, Jazz
May 22

Fire Water Productions, Jazz Band
May 23

Gordon Dukes
May 24

Miles Watson, Jazz vocalist
May 25

Gena Bredlove, Jazz
May 26

Honeysuckle
507 Columbus Ave
• 496-8095

The African Connection
May 19

Frank Jackson's Soul Kitchen
May 21

Fatback Band
May 22

Dream Warriors & Gang Starr
May 23

Brazilian Energy Sounds Samba, Lambada
May 24

Outra Banda
May 25

Brasil Nuts
May 26

S.O.B.'s
204 Varick St/W. Houston St • 243-4940

The Weather Girls, Izora Armstead
May 23-25

Southern, Cajun & American cuisines
Sweetwater's
170 Amsterdam Ave/68th St • 873-4100

Jackie McLean Quintet
Through May 19

Dorothy Donegan Trio
May 21 to 26
She's 70+ and a real treat!

The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra
Mon. nights

Village Vanguard
178 Seventh Ave South • 255-4037

John Popper of Blues Traveler
May 23

Bernie Worel, (formerly with Parliament)
Funkadelic, & J.J. Jumpers
May 24

Jah Levi and the Higher Reasoning, special guests
Grateful Dread
May 25

Lijadu Sisters--Double Trouble, African Reggae
May 27

Solar Circus
May 28

Rick Danko, Jonas Fjeld, Eric Andersen • David Munyon
May 29

The Subdudes, Acoustic Blue-Eyed Soul, Acoustic Junction
May 30

The Authority • D' Tripp
May 31

Wetland's
161 Hudson St/3 blocks south of Canal Street
966-5244

RESTAURANTS

A Taste of Soul
Southern & Creole cuisines
New Orleans motif
Gene Gardner & the Jazz Recoverers
Thurs, 8-12 pm
248 W. 14th St (Bet. 7th & 8th Aves) • 255-7735

Abyssinia
Traditional Ethiopian cooking
Very informal.
35 Grand St/
Thompson • 226-5959

B. Smiths
Southern & American cuisine
Sophisticated
771 Eighth Ave • 247-2222

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Cacique Jamaican Restaurant

British West Indian cuisine

Primarily lunch hour.

106 Greenwich St
(Rector & Carlyle Sts) • 791-0510

Caribe

British West Indian cuisine

Pleasant and informal. Cash only.

117 Perry St/
Greenwich St • 255-9191

Copeland's

Southern cuisine

A Harlem institution.

547 W. 145th St •
234-2457

Gloria's Country Kitchen

French-Southern style

Informal

Sunday Gospel

Brunch • 273
Church St/ Franklin St • 274-1814

Jerk Paradise

British West Indian

Jerk preparation of meats.

252 W. 29th St
268-7020

Jezebel

Southern/American cuisine

Scarfs, swings and sophistication

630 Ninth Ave/
45th St • 582-1045

La Famille

Restaurant

Southern cuisine

Large and informal environment.

2017 5th Ave/ 125th St • 534-9909

Livi's Restaurant

Caribbean & Southern cuisines

Brownstone setting. Informal

29 E. 126th St/
Mad. & 5th Aves •
831-4931

Lola's

American & Caribbean cuisines

Famous for her

fried chicken

Sophisticated
30 W. 22nd St/5th Ave • 675-6700

Mr. Leo

Southern cuisine

Elegant interior

17 W. 27th St/
(Bway & 5th Ave) •
532-6673

Omjavi

British West Indian cuisine

Primarily lunch hour takeout,

122 Chambers St
(Bet. Church & W. Bway) • 732-1949

Sylvia's

Southern cuisine

Relaxed and informal

328 Lenox Ave •
(126 & 127th Sts) •
966-0660

The Blue Nile

Traditional

Ethiopian cooking

103 W. 77th St/
Columbus Ave •
580-3232

ART GALLERIES

Art Information Center(AIC)

AIC services include cataloging information on over 65,000 artists and 750 galleries and exhibition spaces in New York, maintaining a slide file, and providing low-cost consultancy on how to break into the New York City gallery network.

Dan Concholar •
280 Broadway/
Chambers St •
Room 413 • 227-0282

Carol Byard et als

Urban jungle

May 7-28

Artists utilize a host of media, including video, kinetic and stable sculpture, music and sound effects, they create a vision of Manhattan as an "urban jungle."

Gallery Salreido •
382 West Broadway

The Cinque Gallery

Collage

1st Annual Art

Exhibit and Auction Fund Raiser.

May 19, 2 pm

Jesseye Norman and Neighborhood Artists, Inc. host this event.

560 Broadway/
Prince St • Room 504 • 373-2707 or 560-2098

Essie Green

Galleries

Romare Bearden prints

419A Convent Ave • 368-9635

Miles Davis

Through June 8

Abstract paintings with figuration.

Nerlino

96 Greene St • 966-1661

Sam Gilliam

Through May 25

This exhibition displays five of the well-known "drape" paintings

Sam did 1970-1973

along with the raked, plotted and quilted paintings in

thick acrylic and enamel that were

made this year.

568 Broadway/
Prince St • 966-2820

June Kelly Gallery

591 Broadway

226-1660

Kince Gallery

A diverse roster of artists

415 W. 146th St •
281-7493 • Open Sept. to Feb..

Manhattan East

Gallery

African-American artists

202 E. 76th St
988-5802

By appointment only.

Robertson's African Arts

Small gallery of African artifacts.

By appointment only • 36 West 22nd Street, 4th F • 675-4045

Whitfield Lovell
Algemeon Millet
Fred Wilson
*Maps and
Madness*

Thru the summer
The exhibition
represents an array
of ways art,
through the use of
maps, can chart
political solutions,
ecological dilemmas and the
inner self.

Marine Midland
Bank, • 599
Broadway/
Houston St • 219-
9213

•Brooklyn•

ACCA-Caribbean
& African-
American Artists
718 462-7569

Alexian Fine Arts
African-American
painters, sculptors
& photographers
are a large part of
the collection.

25 Flatbush Ave •
718 638-4773

Gallery Obiagali
African-American
Art

296 New York Ave
• 718 467-3882

Dorsey Gallery
553 Rogers Ave •
(718) 771-3803

Spiral Gallery
637 Vanderbilt
Ave

•Queens•

*Discoveries VI:
The City's
Underknown
Older Artists*

An exhibition of
work by artists, 55
and older.

Through June 29 •
161-04 Jamaica
Ave • 718-658-
7400 • Tues. to
Sat, 10 am- 5 pm
*Comic Relief for
Jamaica Arts
Center*

*Chris Kies, Vinnie
Montalto, Sooty
Mueller, Jim*

*Hines and Red
Johnny* and the
Round Guy, will
perform this
benefit program to
help raise funds
for the center.

Jun 18, 9 pm •
Sticky Mike's Frog
Bar • Great Jones
St/Broadway •
MANHATTAN •
718-658-7400

*Universal
Language
Ensemble*

A multi-cultural
ensemble of dan-
cers and singers,
who explore the
African-American
heritage and traces
the ways in which
the music of
Africa has
influenced
musical develop-
ment in the United
States, South
America, and the
Caribbean.

Jun 1, noon •
Jamaica Arts
Center • 161-04
Jamaica Ave •
718-658-7920

•Westchester•

AC-BAW Gallery
128 So. 4th Ave •
Mt. Vernon • 914
667-7278

•New Jersey•

Living Room
68 Mercer St •
Jersey City •201
309-0499

DANCE

Ishangi Dancers
May 21, 10:30 am
Winners of the
1980 U.N. World
Peace Medal -
dance troupe with
focus on West
African music,
dance and culture.
Aaron Davis Hall
• 650-6900

CONCERTS

Bill Cosby
May 20,21,22, 7:30
& 10 pm

Apollo Theatre •
253 W. 125th St •
864-0372

N.Y. C. Housing
Authority
Symphony
Orchestra 20th
Annual Benefit
Concert

May 19, 2:30 pm
Hilda Harris,
Mezzo-soprano

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NEW YORK, NY 10011

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Through December
*African-Americans
in Space Science*
Through December
Guided tours by
appointment only.
515 Lenox Ave/
135th St
491-2200

Studio Museum of
Harlem

*Memory and
Metaphor*

Romare Bearden
Thru. Aug 11
144 W. 125th St
864-4500

Africa Explores:
20th Century
African Art
Africa Explores
includes 133 works
of art which are
divided between
The Center for
African Art and The
New Museum for
Contemporary Art..
It looks at the
continuing vitality
of traditional art
which coexists
today with a
modern art that is
uniquely African.
The New Museum
houses two large
sculptures by
*Sokari Douglas,
Alali Aru (Festival
Boat) and Church
Ede (Decorating
Bed for Christian
Wake).* The
massiveness and
complexity of the
sculptures are
reasons enough to

see the show.

The Center for
African Art
May 19 through
December 1991
54 E. 68th St (Bet.
Mad. & Lex Aves)
• 861-1200
The New Museum
for Contemporary
Art
May 19 thru August
18, 1991
583 Broadway/
Houston St • 219-
1222

The Caribbean
Cultural Center
The Center serves
as a meeting place
for people of all
ages and back-
grounds who share
a common interest
in the cultural
heritage of people
of African descent.
• 408 W. 58th St/
9th Ave • 307-7420

Pathway to
Freedom: An
African-American
Walking Tour
May 26th & June 23
2 pm
Cultural
anthropologist
Sherrill Wilson,
leads the tour and
traces the history
and development of
the free African
Community of 19th
century.
Lower Eastside
Historic
Conservancy • 97
Orchard St • 431-
0233

Black Film Festival

*The Spook Who
Sat By the Door*
May 23
2:50 & 6:20 pm
*The FBI's War on
Black America*
May 23
2, 5:30 & 9 pm
*The Semon: The
Building of the
National Black
United Front*
May 23
1, 4:30 & 8 pm.
Glory

National Tap
Dance Day
May 24th
1, 4 & 7 pm
Rare films will
include footage on
upwards of 50 Tap
masters.
Art Gallery
The Museum of
African-American
History & Arts
ACP State Office
Building • 163 W.
125th St • 873-
5040/749-5298

•Brooklyn•

William Greaves:
Chronicler of the
African-American
Experience
The retrospective of
African-American
film director
William Greaves
includes over 20
films from his
nearly half-century
career as a film
actor, director, and
producer.

Oneal's HAIR WORKS

122-05 Guy Brewer Boulevard
(across from Popeye's) Jamaica, N.Y.
(718) 527-5511

Appointments can be made, but may not be necessary

Kay George Roberts, conductor
Alice Tully Hall/
Lincoln Center •
Broadway/65th St
• 362-1911

**Midtown Jazz at
Midday**

Keith Ingham,
pianist & Joe
Maranyi,
clarinetist
May 22, 12:30-1:30
pm

Ronny Whyte,
vocalist/pianist &
Frank Tate, bassist
May 29, 12:30-1:30
pm

St. Peter's Church,
the Living Room •
Lexington Ave •
53rd St • 935-2200

**Jazz Mass: Ashton
Beckford Big Band
& Harlem
Renaissance
Orchestra**
May 19 • 5 pm

**Ken Simon
Quartet**
May 19 • 7 pm

**The Roz Corral
Quartet**
May 26, 5 pm

**Zena Foster,
Gerald Hayes &
Jazz Gospel
Quartet**

May 26, 7 pm
St. Peter's Church,
the Living Room •
Lexington Ave •
53rd St • 688-6022

THEATER

Black Eagles
A Leslie Lee play
about the first
African-American
airmen in World
War II • City
Center Theatre •
131 W. 55th St
• 581-7907

**Manhattan Punch
Line**

Outta Control
May 22 & 23, 8 pm
Sketch Comedy
Cabaret

West Bank Cafe •
407 West 42nd St/
9th Ave • All
tickets \$7 • 239-
0827

**Once on This
Island**

A musical, set in
the Caribbean,
about a poor girl's
passion for the son
of a wealthy land-
owner
Booth Theatre • W.
45th St/Broadway
• 239-6200

**Our Young Black
Men Are Dying
And Nobody
Seems To Care**
An original music
play by **James
Chapman** about
the destruction of
young men by drug
abuse, crime,
police brutality,
alcoholism,
poverty and AIDS.
Castillo Cultural
Center • 500
Greenwich St •
941-5800

**Six Degrees of
Separation**
Courtney B. Vance
Set in Manhattan,
about a mugger
who seeks refuge
at an elegant
dinner party.

**Vivian Beaumont
Theater/Lincoln
Center •**
Broadway/65th St
• 239-6200

The Goat
Previews: May 26-
28, 8 pm

A reflective
comedy, set in the
Brooklyn water-
front home of a
African-American
nurse who, with
the aid of an exotic
African god, en-
riches the lives of
lost young people.
Directed by
Beatrice Winde.

Perry Street
Theater • 255-7190

The Legacy
Gordon Nelson's
history of gospel
music, directed by
Elmo Terry

Morgan.

The National Black
Theater • 2033
Fifth Ave • 427-
5615

**The Way of the
World**

Opens May 21
"A classic comedy
of deception and
domination, power
imbalance, getting
screwed for money
and getting
screwed out of
money."

Andre Braugher,
one of the leading
actors.

Casanova

"An astonishing
picture of life and
times of the
world's most
famous
philanderer, as
drawn by himself,
his illegitimate
daughter and a
transvestite named
Bobo."

Erika Alexander
and **LaTanya
Richardson** among
the leading actors.
The Public Theater
• 425 Lafayette St
• 598-7150

• Brooklyn •

**Satan Never
Sleeps**

Comedy-Drama
with music. It's all
about Satan and
how he intervenes
in our lives

Through Jun 30

*Produced &
Directed by*
Marjorie Moon
The Billie Holiday
Theatre • 1368
Fulton St • (718)
636-0918/9

**MUSEUMS &
CULTURAL
CENTERS**

**The Schomburg
Center for
Research in Black
Culture**

*The African
Presence in the
Americas*

Listings are updated weekly.