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Cardi B receives ASCAP Voice of the Culture Award

2nd Annual Shades of Black Ball returns to Detroit this June:
A call to illuminate and uplift black children in education

PRNewswire/ -- The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) announced multiplatinum, Grammy-winning superstar Cardi B will be honored with the distinguished ASCAP Voice of the Culture Award.

Cardi B made history in 2020 as the first woman to receive the esteemed ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Songwriter of the Year Award two years in a row, adding to her multiple ASCAP accolades, including eight ASCAP Pop Music Awards and a whopping 23 ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Awards.

Last year, Usher was the recipient of the distinguished award.

"Cardi B has left an indelible mark on the culture of hip-hop by redefining and challenging the norms for women," said ASCAP Chairman of the Board and President Paul Williams. "Having broken through countless barriers with her unapologetic authenticity and talent, she continues to use her voice to advocate for and inspire others, a true testament to her undeniable impact. We are proud to present Cardi B with this year's ASCAP Voice of the Culture Award."

Cardi B was presented with the award at a private, invitation-only event celebrating ASCAP's top hip-hop, R&B and gospel songwriters on June 8 in Los Angeles.

Cardi B is among the most significant musical artists of all time, regardless of genre, gender or generation. Among her seemingly endless list of accomplishments, she stands as the highest-certified female rapper of all time on the RIAA's



"Top Artists (Digital Singles)" ranking, the female rap artist with the most RIAA diamond certifications, and the only female rapper with multiple billion-streamers on Spotify, where her chart-topping, Grammy-winning, four-times RIAA platinum-certified debut album, *Invasion of Privacy*, remains the most-streamed album by a female rap artist to date. All 13 tracks on *Invasion of Privacy* are now certified at least platinum, and the smash 2018 album also includes the history-making diamond-certified "Bodak Yellow."

With an extensive list of awards, nominations and high-profile honors, Cardi B's additional nods include nine total Grammy Award nominations, eight Billboard Music Awards, six Guinness World Records, five Spotify One Billion Streams Awards, six American Music Awards, four MTV Video Music Awards, three iHeartRadio

Titanium Awards, six BET Awards, 14 BET Hip Hop Awards, inclusion on TIME's "TIME100: The 100 Most Influential People of 2018," being named Entertainment Weekly's 2018 "Entertainer of the Year" and Billboard's 2020 "Woman of the Year," along with countless other triumphs. In 2021, she was named Playboy's first-ever Creative Director in Residence and founding member of Playboy's creator-led platform. Since then, Cardi B has been featured on chart-topping singles including platinum-certified "Tomorrow 2" with GloRilla and gold-certified "Put It on the Floor" with Latto. In 2024, Cardi B came out swinging with dual releases "Like What (Freestyle)" and "Enough (Miami)," before collaborating on Rob 49's "On Dat Money" and Megan Thee Stallion and GloRilla's "Wanna Be (Remix)."



PRNewswire/ -- The Sankofa Scholarship Collective will host its 2nd Annual Shades of Black Ball on Friday, June 20th, an evening dedicated to honoring Black brilliance and raising essential scholarship funds for Detroit youth. Taking place at the iconic Garden Theater from 6PM-11PM, the Ball is more than an event—it is a declaration of what's possible when we boldly center Black children, protect their futures, and invest in their dreams.

Following the success of its inaugural year, this year's Ball arrives at a pivotal moment. As national efforts to dismantle Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) gain traction, programs that support and uplift Black students face unprecedented threats. The Shades of Black Ball stands as both a joyful resistance and a critical fund-raising engine.

With this year's bold theme, "Not Like Us," the Shades of Black Ball embraces the unique, unmatched brilliance of Black students—those whose potential too often goes unsupported in systems not designed for their success. This night serves as a joyful resistance and a critical fundraiser.

Since its founding by professor, activist, and education advocate Dr. Rema Reynolds Vassar, the Sankofa Scholarship Collective

has awarded scholarships and provided direct financial support to students pursuing higher education—breaking down economic barriers and expanding access to opportunity. This year's Ball has already raised funding for 40 scholarships for students from middle school to grad school—and the support keeps growing.

"This Ball is our reminder and our resistance," says Dr. Rema. "In a time when support for Black children is being politically stripped away, we choose to gather in power, in purpose, and in joy. We are here to fund futures, light imaginations, and protect the brilliance that lives in our communities. The Shades of Black Ball isn't just needed, it's necessary."

Proceeds will support:

- A new summer leadership intensive for middle and high school students
- Scholarships for Detroit-area youth
- A sustainable fund to support Black students long-term

Guests can expect an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing, and inspiration. The night will honor community leaders, highlight student success stories, and raise critical funds to expand the organization's reach across Metro Detroit schools.

Celebrate Juneteenth: Liberation and Legacy at Greenfield Village

PRNewswire/ -- The Henry Ford invites the community to honor freedom, culture, and Black American heritage during Celebrate Juneteenth: Liberation and Legacy, a day-long commemorative event taking place on Thursday, June 19, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Greenfield Village.

Juneteenth, now a federally recognized holiday, marks the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This special event will spotlight the enduring legacy of emancipation through immersive programming, historical reenactments, music, food, and community engagement.

Highlights Include:

- Live Performances and Living History
- Selected of God performs freedom songs of the Civil Rights era at Town Hall.
- Rev. Robert Jones brings 1930s blues to life at the Mattox Family Home.
- DJ Jungle 313, in partnership with Spin Inc Detroit, spins contemporary tracks and teaches kids to DJ.
- Taslimah Bey Quartet performs lively ragtime during the 1910s Cakewalk Vi-gnette.
- Sky Covington's Trio will be performing jazz, blues, and a tribute to Billie Holiday
- A historic reenactment of the 102nd United States Colored Troop Company C shares stories of Black soldiers post-Civil War.
- Emancipation Party & Historic Cooking Demonstrations



• At the Mattox Family Home, guests will witness authentic cooking demonstrations using seasonal recipes from African American cookbooks. These dishes—including BBQ ribs, greens, potato salad, devil's food cake, and hibiscus tea—will also be served at A Taste of History restaurant.

Black-Owned Business Day at Detroit Central Market

Shop and support over 25 Black-owned vendors and nonprofits. From artisan foods and crafts to books, beauty, and community building, the marketplace showcases the depth and diversity

of local Black entrepreneurship.

Featured vendors include:

- Motor City Popcorn
- Sepia Coffee
- Kids Like Mine
- Elle Jae Essentials
- Bags to Butterflies
- Opal Grove Games, and more.
- Interactive Family Activities
- Contribute to a giant collaborative mural with The Coloring Museum.
- Join youth-centered music education activities at the Spin Inc Detroit station.
- Cooking demonstrations with Chef Robbie Bursey at Stand 44.
- Join us as we reflect, celebrate, and build community through powerful storytelling, music, food, and connection. Celebrate Juneteenth: Liberation and Legacy at The Henry Ford honors not just a moment in time—but a continued pursuit of justice, unity, and joy. The celebration is free for members or included with village admission.

For full event details, tickets, and more, visit THF.org/juneteenth.

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