

Saturday, August 17, 2013

### **Pancakes & Poetry**

An opportunity to enjoy a great breakfast at one of Bronzeville's hotspots while witnessing performances by some of Wisconsin's leading youth.

### **Mark My Words**

By Local Filmmaker Brad Pruitt

This feature-length documentary invites you to spend 24 hours with some of the nation's most talented spoken-word artists. Inspired by the recent poetry renaissance flourishing from coast to coast and around the globe, *Mark My Words* explores the sheer power of the spoken word and its ability to transform people and community. Anchored by a powerful live poetry and music showcase, the film draws together many diverse threads, weaving a colorful tapestry of emotion and hope.

This compelling story about passion, struggle, and love will reach and challenge audiences everywhere. It touches on the eternal dilemma of balancing work life with life work. It is about how an artist answers his or her calling while paying their bills. It is about figuring out how to feed the spirit and the family. It is about finding one's poetry, one's voice.

### **Current & Past Work**

<http://vimeo.com/28422206>

### **Bio & History**

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0699219/>

### **Bronzeville Legends Poetry Showcase**

Some of Milwaukee's best poets share their gift of the spoken word.

SUNDAY, August 18, 2013

### **Empowerment Sunday**

Churches and organizations in the Bronzeville District have been asked to encourage their members to give of their time & talents to the surrounding neighborhood in a concerted effort of neighborhood improvement.

### **Bronzeville Beautification Projects**

Volunteers will embrace the Bronzeville District through a neighborhood clean-up & various service projects.

MONDAY, August 19, 2013

### **Bronzeville: A Historic Analysis (Panel discussion)**

A panel discussion with Milwaukee Historians, Bronzeville business owners and participants giving their analysis of the Bronzeville of old and sharing their experiences.

#### Panelists

**Reuben Harpole** - One of Milwaukee's most noted local historians who has been described as "Milwaukee's Unofficial Mayor", as well as an activist and community connector.

**Clayborn Benson** – An award-winning photojournalist who currently serves as the Director of the [Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum](#), which he founded in 1988.

[www.wbhsm.org](http://www.wbhsm.org)

**Lamarr Franklin** -Served as the Former chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center for Veterans under former Governor Jim Doyle's administration, chair of the Historic King Dr. BID Board, and now co-owner of Bronzeville's most notable lounge, [Garfield's 502](#).

[www.garfields502.com](http://www.garfields502.com)

TUESDAY, August 20, 2013

### **MKE Business Now - Bronzeville Business Resource Workshop**

This workshop is designed for existing Bronzeville area small businesses and residents interested in opening a business in the Bronzeville District.

Participants will have an opportunity to participate in the following workshops:

- 1. Business 101- Basics of Business**
- 2. How to Finance Your Business**
- 3. City Resources Available to Assist Businesses**

*\*Seating is limited, first come first serve.*

### **Bronzeville Mixer at Garfield 502**

This event is an opportunity for current and prospective business owners to meet and mingle while discussing business opportunities in the Bronzeville District.

*\*light refreshments will be served*

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2013

### **Guided Trolley Tours of Bronzeville**

A trolley tour will be conducted by the **Department of City Development** highlighting the best kept secrets of the Bronzeville District.

*\*limited seating, first come first serve*

*(<http://city.milwaukee.gov/DCD>)*

*Sponsored by: [www.1527astor.com](http://www.1527astor.com)*

### **Andre Lee Ellis & Co.- A Party in Bronzeville**

This event will be an evening of entertainment from some of Milwaukee's great musicians and performance artists.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013

### **Healthy Food Demonstration**

Want to learn how to prepare foods in a healthy way? **Growing Power**, a Milwaukee-based national leader in urban farming will show you how. Who knows, maybe Growing Power founder **Will Allen** will stop by!

([www.growingpower.org](http://www.growingpower.org))

### **Health Screenings**

Take advantage of free health screening during Bronzeville Week at **MLK Heritage Health Clinic**.

Blood pressure and glucose screenings  
Pap and Mammograms (*to those who qualify*)\*

*\*To check qualifications contact Pamela Clark at (414).267.2655*

(<http://www.mhsi.org/>)

### **Preview Gallery- Art Comes Back to Bronzeville**

Presented by: **Oasis Project**

Preview the works organized by the Oasis Project, “Art Comes Back to Bronzeville” is an art showcase spotlighting various mediums. Bronzeville has a rich history of being an artistic hub & with honoring the past, we are moving toward the future in present day. The following artists will be showcasing:

Sonji Hunt

Della Wells

Kari Garon

Laci Coppins

Fatima Laster

Sherman Pitts

Mutope Johnson

Mikal Floyd Pruitt

Anwar Floyd Pruitt

Christopher McIntyre

Ras Ammar Nsoroma

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2013

**Gallery Night: Art Comes Back to Bronzeville**

Presented by: [Oasis Project](#)

"Art Comes Back To Bronzeville", organized by the Oasis Project, will be an art showcase spotlighting various mediums with a live painting element, including Ras Ammar Nsoroma on site to create commissioned portraits, along with an interactive panel discussion entitled **"Ask the Artists" at 7PM on Friday, August 23rd**. Bronzeville has a rich history of being an artistic hub & with honoring the past, we are moving toward the future in present day. The following artists will be showcasing:

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

**Bronzeville Market Place**

Vendors with a wide array of wears, art and food will be on hand to sell their goods while local artists perform throughout the day.

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If you did not get to catch the fabulous artwork on Friday, the works will continue to be on display.