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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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2nd Annual Black History Program to be held in City Hall

Aldermen Khalif J. Rainey and Russell W. Stamper, II invite city residents to bring family and friends to attend the **2nd Annual Black History Program** on **Friday, February 23 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in the **Milwaukee City Hall Rotunda**, 200 E. Wells St. The 2018 program, with the theme “the Souls of Black Folk,” will be a festive celebration of African-American culture.

The event will begin with an African drumming performance by **O.N.F.Y.A. H.**, opening remarks from Aids. Rainey and Stamper, a libation by **Adekola Adedapo**, and a rendition of the Black National Anthem by **Trinity Harris**. The program will also feature a performance by Milwaukee School of Excellence students **Savannah Patterson** and **Aryn Fears** as well as a poetry performance by **Ajamou Butler** and **MVP Speaks**, followed by a moment in history musical presentation by Aids. Rainey and Stamper. Finally, **Vel Phillips** and her advocacy for the African-American community will be honored with the **Living Legacy Award**.

“As Black History Month reaches its pinnacle, we wanted to again have a community-wide celebration of African-American culture,” Ald. Stamper said. “Our program will have compelling speakers and performances that exemplify the ‘soul of black folk.’ I invite all city residents to attend our program and celebrate African-American culture with us.”

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“This event truly is a celebration of Black History Month,” Ald. Rainey said. “With the numerous speakers and performances from all generations, this year’s Black History Program is a true reflection of African-American culture today.”

The free program will close with food and refreshments. A live broadcast of the program will air on the City Channel and at milwaukee.gov/citychannel.

Working as cosponsors for this event with Aids. Rainey and Stamper are **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, and Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton.**

Reasonable accommodations can be made with at least 72 hour notice before the event by calling (414) 286-3475.

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