



2017 Festival of the Arts, Language & Culture

FRIDAY JULY 28 PROGRAMME

Arrivals, Registration, Tours, Workshop

- 9:00 am Registration and check-in station opens. All attendees must register and obtain a badge that allows access to event venues.
Venue: Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia (FCMV) entrance gate
- 9:30 am Recommended: Tour of Igbo Village and other exhibits inside FCMV
- 11:30am Igbo heritage and learning workshop
Venue: FCMV Pavilion
- 1:00 pm Lunch Break (Lunch on your own)

Meet & Greet, Reconnection Ceremony

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:50 pm

Venue: Obi Ndigbo a.k.a Igbo Village

- 4:00 pm CISA members meet with Ohanaeze President
Venue: TBD
- 4:45 pm Other Igbo leaders and attendees meet and greet Ohanaeze President. Video and photo opportunities
- 5:15pm Seating of dignitaries and recognition of Igbo leaders present. All Igbo leaders - from home and Diaspora are strongly encouraged to attend this gathering. **Please be on time.**
- 5:30 pm **Reconnection Ceremony** - Highly recommended for all audiences. Following the ceremony, roasted yams, palm oil and palm wine will be shared with the newly reconnected Igbo relatives
- 6:50 pm Guests leave Obi Ndigbo for FCMV Pavilion (venue of the next event)

Reception, Town Hall Meeting & Presentations



Time: 7:00 pm – 1:00 am

Venue: FCMV Pavilion

- 7:00 pm Guests arrive FCMV Pavilion, mix and mingle
- 7:10 pm Introductions by the MC and CISA Festival Planning Committee Chair
- 7: 20 pm Opening prayer
- 7: 25 pm National Anthems – American and Nigerian
- 7:30 pm Breaking of Kola nuts
- 7:45 pm Brief remarks by CISA President
- 7:50 pm Presentations on Igbo agenda, issues and solutions
- 8:30 pm Dinner
- 9:15 pm Town hall meeting with Ohanaeze President General, Chief. Barr. Nnia Nwodo
- 10:00 pm Brief remarks by Ohanaeze President, followed by fundraising for Ohanaeze
- 10:35 pm Cultural presentation and/or Dance
- 11:00 pm Introduction of CISA initiatives, followed by fundraising for CISA initiatives
- 11:35 pm Dance, Dance, Dance
- 12:05 am: Vote of thanks by CISA Festival Planning Committee Chair
- 12:10 am Dancing continues until closing of the event.



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SATURDAY JULY 29 PROGRAMME

Learning and Network Programs (Various Age Groups)

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Venue: FCMV Pavilion (different sections)

Naming Ceremony

Children's learning program: story-telling, hair tie/styling, etc.

Young adult program: Igbo traditional courtship and marriage process. Youth career opportunities at home and Diaspora. Q&A, etc.

Adult learning program: How to greet like an Igbo man/woman in various settings. Travel, career, and relationship-building opportunities in Igbo communities. Q&A.

All Ages: See and touch African drums. Basic drumming or dance lessons

Igbo Cultural Music, Dance & Masquerade Extravaganza

Time: 10:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Venue: Obi Ndigbo a.k.a Igbo Village

10:30am Naming Ceremony

12:00 pm Guests arrive Obi Ndigbo a.k.a. Igbo Village. Audience mix and mingle. Photo opportunities, video interviews, etc.

12:15 pm Introduction of dignitaries

12:25 pm Opening prayer



- 12:30 pm Breaking of kola nuts
- 12:40 pm Brief remarks by CISA President, CISA Chair of the Board, Eze Nri (or other Eze on behalf of the royal fathers), Ohanaeze President
- 1:00 pm Light lunch/snacks is served – Free. More food options and beverage available for purchase
- 1:45 pm Recognition of various Igbo cultural groups
- 2:00 pm **Cultural dances & displays from various Igbo states.** Highly recommended. **Don't miss it!**
- 3:45 pm Miss Igbo USA presentation
- 4:00 pm Audience mix & mingle. Photo & video opportunities.

BREAK

GALA NIGHT

Time: 6:30 pm – 1:00 am

Venue: FCMV Pavilion

- 6:30 pm Arrival of guests, mix and mingle, photo and video opportunities, light refreshments, music, vendor exhibits, business card exchange, silent auction commences
- 7:00 pm Guests and groups are seated
- 7:10 pm Introduction of MC, recognition of Igbo leaders and organizations, brief comments by CISA Planning Committee Chair
- 7:25 pm Opening prayer
- 7:30 pm National Anthems: American and Nigerian
- 7:35 pm Breaking and serving of Kola nuts



- 7:45 pm Remarks by CISA President and CISA Chairman of the Board
- 8:00 pm Remarks by Ohanaeze President
- 8:10 pm Dinner is served – **Free**. Discounted beverage (water, beer, wine and liquor) also available for purchase.
- 8:45 pm Music and dance
- 9:00 pm Presentation of new CISA-sponsored community initiatives and programs
- 9:10 pm Fundraising for CISA community initiatives and programs
- 9:50 pm Dance, Dance, Dance
- 10:10 pm Cultural and other presentations by representatives of Igbo states, Virginia state government/Frontier Culture Museum, African American community (especially Igbo relatives confirmed through DNA testing)
- 10:45 pm Ask Igbo leaders. This is an interactive session to encourage direct exchange between the audience and Igbo leaders.
- 11:10 pm Raffle ticket sales (s)/ Auction/ Fundraising
- 11:20 pm Dance, Dance, Dance
- 11:55 pm Vote of Thanks by the Chairman, Festival Planning Committee
- 12:00 am Dancing continues until 1:00 am or Floor Manager announces closing of the event.