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Igbo Festival
and
Naming Ceremony Update

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Press Release: 2017 Igbo World Festival of the Arts, Language and Culture is set for July 27, 28, and 29th, 2017.

Why Igbo Village?

Logistics for attendees (Local & International):

Inspirational Youtube videos

Online Registration and incentives **NOW available**

The Council of Igbo States in Americas is again, ready for its 2017 annual epoch making World Igbo Festival of the Arts, Language and Culture which holds on July 27, 28, and 29 2017, at Igbo Farm Village, Staunton, Virginia, U.S.A..

This year's World Igbo Festival of the Arts, Language and Culture is being organized by CISA in concert with The Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton, Virginia, U.S.A., and in collaboration with all apex Igbo communities from Abia State, Anambra State, Delta State (Anioma), Ebonyi State, Enugu State, Imo State, Rivers State, Igbo World Assembly (IWA), Nwannedinamba, U.S.A. etc. and other sister Igbo Cultural Associations in Canada, United States of America, Europe, and Asia.

This event will showcase Igbo traditional naming ceremonies, traditional weddings, traditional Dance, Music, Nollywood Films, Books and Literary Works of Igbo Authors in Igbo and other Languages that rewrite and challenges some of "Igbo /black mythical narratives". The highlight of the event will be a rendition/reenactment of the legendary 'Ohaofia War Dance' - a historical demonstration of Igbo heroism, Igbo Pride, and Great Igbo Culture and Heritage.

We are anticipating that many Royalties, (HRM), Governors, and VIPs, Ohaneze Ndigbo, Nollywood Actors will be in attendance; partnering with CISA and other Igbo Organizations in promulgation of our language, culture, and celebration of the contributions of over 5 million the Igbo Americans and their value added to the landscape.

Reserve July 27-29th weekend for your family summer get away in Virginia to attend the Festival. We are encouraging All the Igbo Organizations from across the globe to take part in the Planning and execution of the Igbo Cultural extravaganza.

Last year we had over 29 Igbo Organizations partnering with CISA for the Event and we are looking for more than 100 Igbo groups to be a part of this event.

There will be exhibition of various Igbo Pre-historic artifacts tools and instruments from the past drawn from various parts of Igboland and Igbo World Civilization.

As usual, there will be participation from many Igbo Organizations, Associations and Clubs in U.S. Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Columbia alone, and many more from Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and South America and South Africa.

The event will showcase cultural dances from Anioma (Delta), Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo and Rivers states. CISA is committed to working, collaborating and partnering with all, to leverage Ndiigbo in Diaspora as a strategic partner on Igbo advocacy. It is our goal to advance Igbo Culture, Language and Arts in Americas and across the globe through this annual promulgation of our Language, Tradition and Culture.

Why Igbo Village?

Don't miss an opportunity to visit an Igbo Farmstead that represents the architectural patterns showcasing the areas from which the most number of Africans came as slaves to Virginia. The Igbos were greater in number than all the other enslaved Africans put together in Virginia in the 1700s when tobacco was the mainstay of the colony's economy. Some estimates put the number of Igbo imported from the Bight of Biafra at 40% of all the import to Virginia by 1775.

Their number continued to increase to the point that tobacco planters on the valley west of the Blue Ridge replaced their white indentured servants with Igbo slave workers". The Igbo were among the first settlers, they were among those to cross the Cumberland Gap and open the gateway to the west.

In addition to making the tobacco the mainstay of the Virginian economy, they also provided the labor in the Black Belt that made cotton king. They have continued to contribute to nation building and culture in the United States. "The Igbo Farmstead (Ụ́lọ́/ Ụ́nọ́ Ubi Igbo" in Staunton is, like the English, German, and Irish Farmsteads, "a tangible tribute to the Igbo settlers who helped to develop the frontier culture in America as well as in the territorial expansion of the United States."

Logistics for attendees (Local & International):

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Registration & Incentives:

- **INDIVIDUAL: (Single): Registration Before March 31th, pay **\$55**: 1st April to June 1st **\$65**: June 2d to July 27th **\$75** .**
- **COUPLE: Before March 31th Pay **\$75** : 1st April to June 1st **\$85** : June 2d to July 27th **\$100****
- **GROUP REGISTRATION: Before March 31th, **\$500** (for a batch of 10 people + **\$50** for additional person) June 2nd, Group of 10 \$750 after June 1st**
- **STUDENT (6-18): Before June 1st **\$12** : After June 2nd **\$15****

Link to online registration

⋮ <https://tickets.frontiermuseum.org/Info.aspx?EventID=9>

Reserve your room(s):**NOW!**

Call Phone: [\(540\)886-5000](tel:5408865000) .

Reserve your room at [Comfort Inn](#) where the crowd and the actions are while the room last. At [Comfort Inn Staunton](#), 1302 Richmond Avenue, Staunton, VA. 24401; Call Phone: [\(540\)886-5000](tel:5408865000) . Please quote 'CISA 2017'

Igbo sirì na adìghì eji akpata atafue a baa
ogaranya! (No one is enriched by throwing
away one's hard-earned money, moreso to the
treasury of Nwa Bekee!)

This year's World Igbo Festival is shaking the
land already! We are expecting a crowd of Igbo
lovers and patriots from all over the world -
Europe, South Africa, Mali, Canada,
Nollywood, and Ohanaeze including many Igbo
political juggernauts fresh from the recent
Nigerian elections. **Ọ ga-akpotu akpotu!!!!**

BROCHURE: This is an opportunity for all our supports, well-wishers and "all around good guys" in support of our community development initiatives to come forward leave their imprints on the landscape through this Museum worthy "Brochure".

LOGISTICS:

Premium Pages:

Back Cover Beginning Bid - \$1000

Inside Back Cover: Beginning Bid - \$750

Inside Front Cover: Beginning Bid - \$550

Regular full page : Beginning Bid - \$100

Regular Half page : Beginning Bid - \$75

Payment Information:

Check (cheque) for Brochure and or donation to CISA community development initiatives should be made Payable to CISA

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Inspirational Youtube videos;

Some of why you must be there. Click the links to view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKJupNAe-5w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV-n5klIwPo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35tgPdGyzG8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCwBgDa8ok4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-8oDuoLp9c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhxbQVRcFFo>
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Unsf71tgpFQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouwczJ_qQo

Look for the 2017 Festival Programmes in our March publication.

Stay blessed,

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