

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Celebrating Africa & the African Diaspora with *CultureFest!*

PHILADELPHIA – In partnership with [Artvolution](#), the Penn Museum will highlight contemporary and traditional practices across Africa and the Diaspora with *CultureFest!*, Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 am–5 pm.

Families can explore cultural connections with live performances, interactive drumming and dance workshops, Adinkra symbol painting, an African-inspired marketplace, jewelry-making, and more. The line-up for [CultureFest! Africa and African Diasporic Cultures Celebration](#) includes:



- ❖ 10:30 am – 11:00 am Fusion dance performance by Culture Shock (hip hop & African movements)
- ❖ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Storytelling with [Keepers of the Culture](#)
- ❖ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Pop-up talk with Danny Simmons, artist & activist, on community art practices
- ❖ 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm [Bearing Witness: Four Days in West Kingston](#) tour with Lead Curator Dr. Deb Thomas
- ❖ 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm **Africa Galleries** Tour with Lead Curator Dr. Tukufu Zuberi
- ❖ 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Interactive dance workshop with Artvolution founder Vena Jefferson
- ❖ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Storytelling with Keepers of the Culture
- ❖ 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Drop-in drumming class for everyone (including beginners) with Malidelphia
- ❖ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Africa Galleries** Global Guide Tour
- ❖ 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm Musical performance by South African Jazz Group
- ❖ 3:45 pm – 4:30 pm Musical performance by Malidelphia

As part of its ongoing *Building Transformation* project, the Penn Museum has unveiled more than 10,000 square feet of reimagined spaces, including its new [Sphinx Gallery](#); a suite of [Africa Galleries](#); a [Mexico and Central America Gallery](#); the renovated historic **Harrison Auditorium**; and its stunning new **Main Entrance**.

#### About the Penn Museum

Since 1887, the Museum has transformed understanding of the human experience. Dedicated to building connections between cultures, the Museum welcomes everyone to uncover the ancient past, gain an understanding of our shared humanity, and find one's own place in the arc of human history. For more information, visit [www.penn.museum](http://www.penn.museum) or call 215.898.4000.



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