



SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2007 ROCHESTER, NY

News

For Immediate Release

Freedom Festival is Sunday at 2-6 p.m. Free – Bring the Whole Family! Entertainment, Tours, Arts & Crafts, Food and More!

Rochester, NY—September 29, 2007—The Frederick Douglass International Underground Railroad Conference concludes today with a Freedom Festival for the general public from 2-6 p.m. at Susan B. Anthony Square on Madison Street.

The community is invited to come together and celebrate our community's unique heritage and contributions to freedom and to pay tribute to Frederick Douglass, one of our own and America's greatest freedom heroes.

Enjoy free entertainment, historical reenactments, tours of area historic places including the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood and the Susan B. Anthony House, and more activities for the whole family. The festival is sponsored by 13 WHAM TV, Bausch & Lomb, Susan B. Anthony House and Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Association.

More Festival Highlights!

- Program Info & Free Bookmarks – visit the 13 WHAM / CW 16 Booth
- Food and beverages available for purchase from Café Underground Railroad, MJ Daily Bread, Hallelujah Royal Heritage Teas and Abbotts Ice Cream
- Underground Railroad Historical Dolls - Patricia Iacuzzi
- Display of books written by Rochester students on Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony.
- Display on the student literacy project "Youth Voices from the Underground Railroad," a youth component of the Conference, which will continue throughout the academic year in several Rochester schools and neighborhood centers.
- Have your picture taken with Frederick Douglass at the "Let's Have Tea" sculpture by Pepsy Kettavong courtesy of Kodak at its KODAK Network Northstar Photo Kiosk. Take your photo home that afternoon.
- Voter registration booth, courtesy of the League of Women Voters

Program

2:00 - 2:10

Nat Turner Drum Circle

2:10 - 2:30

Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Keith Jenkins Emcee

Dr. Alfreda Brown, FDIURC Chair

Commissioner Reeves, City of Rochester

Hanif Abdul-Wahid, County of Monroe

Deborah Hughes, Dir. Susan B. Anthony House

2:30- 3:00

Spiritual performed by Nadine Carey

Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist, Publisher "The North Star"

Anna Murray Douglass, Wife of Frederick Douglass

Rosetta Douglass, Oldest Daughter of Frederick Douglass

Susan B. Anthony, Friend of Frederick Douglass, Suffragist

3:00-3:30

Jefferson Avenue 7th Day Adventist Church Sanctuary Choir

Thomas Warfield & Nadine Carey Performance

3:30 - 4:00

Harriet Jacobs, Author, "Incidences in the Life of a Slave Girl"

Fiddlers of the Genesee, Civil War era songs

4:00 - 4:30

Gerald Hunt, Dir. Frederick Douglass Resource Center

Pepsy Kettavong. Sculptor, "Let's Have Tea"

Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony

Speeches: "Friends of Frederick Douglass"

William Lewis, Retired Principal & Board Member

Andrea Johnson, Student Oratorical Winner

Jolissa Woods, Student Oratorical Winner

4:30 - 5:00

Mt. Olivet Church Choir Performance

Sojourner Truth, 19th Century Women's Rights Lecturer

Jacob P Morris, Barber & Abolitionist

5:00 - 5:30

Rev. Jermain Loguen, King of UGRR Syracuse

Harriet Tubman, Moses of the Underground Railroad

Isaac Post, Rochester Businessman & abolitionist

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5:30 - 6:00

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2007 RocCity Teen Slam Team, Freedom themes

Frederick Douglass Final Words

Frederick Douglass spent 25 years in Rochester. He became the most celebrated African American of the 1800s, a visible public representative of African Americans and the public conscience of a great moral struggle familiar to all Americans. In 1847 Rochester, Douglass launched an assault on slavery through the power of the press, establishing the *North Star*, one of the most influential African American antislavery papers.

Agenda, Fees, Registration & Presenter Information

Register at the door. For details see <http://www.workforcediversitynetwork.com/iur>. The full Conference fee including all keynotes is \$150. Tickets for keynote events may also be purchased individually except for the Juan William's keynote, which is sold out for non full conference attendees.

Conference Organizers and Sponsors

The Conference is presented by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Rochester/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission, and made possible through the generous support of Xerox, The Community Foundation, Monroe County, the City of Rochester, Heritage New York, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester Institute of Technology, Senator Jim Alesi, the University of Rochester, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Janet Buchanan Smith Charitable Checking Account, RG&E, Wegmans, Bausch & Lomb, 13WHAM TV, Alstom Signaling Foundation, Workforce Diversity Network, Rochester City School District, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, and the Winters Family Fund to Promote Diversity and Inclusion.

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