

Alliance News



January 2024



Advocating and providing support for students and families throughout their time in Worthington Schools.

WABFE welcomes any families with Black children enrolled in the Worthington Schools District,
and also provides the chance to collaborate with and learn from Black educators within the district.



Coming Up

Jan. 15, 11 a.m.—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration, Worthington United Methodist Church

Jan 11, Jan 19, Feb 20-The McConnell Arts Center is excited to host I Am Because You/We Are, showcasing April Sunami's latest body of work-Flyer attached

Feb. 3, Feb. 10, March 9, 2-4 p.m.—Black Joy Film Series, McConnell Arts Center (The Woman King, Wakanda Forever, The Princess & the Frog)-Flyer attached

Feb 4, 2-4 p.m.-A Conversation with Ta-Nehisi Coates-

https://www.worthingtonlibraries.org/calendar/20240204/conversation-tanehisi-coates

Feb. 21, 7p.m.—WABFE Monthly Meeting, Topic: College Planning



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Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and designate WABFE to help support

Membership Dues

With the new school year, we ask every supporting family to pay dues for 2023-2024. WABFE membership is \$25/family. Funds collected will be used to support student scholarships. Payment can be made at www.PayPal.me/wabfe (or use QR code at right) and contact information can be provided here. WABFE is a registered Ohio nonprofit.



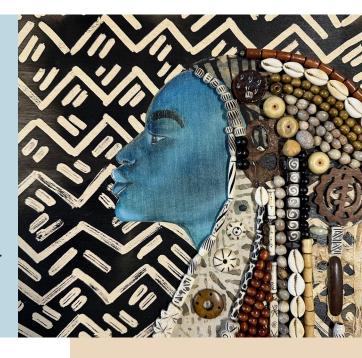


THIS IS YOUR EXCLUSIVE EARLY INVITATION TO REGISTER!

The McConnell Arts Center is excited to host I Am Because You/We Are, showcasing April Sunami's latest body of work—a poignant celebration of her mother and the resilient women who have influenced her life. The collection will not only highlight the strength and grace of these women but also spotlight the artistic contributions of past and present members of Creative Women of Color, weaving together a vibrant tapestry of diverse voices and stories.

The public is welcome to an opening reception **January 11, 2024 from 6 - 8 p.m. DJ Krate Digga** will provide entertainment in the Schott Lobby for the opening reception.

All programs are free and open to the public! Register today to reserve your space!





The Role of Community in Art Making

On **Friday, January 19, 2024 at 7 p.m.**, the MAC will offer "The Role of Community in Art Making," an artist panel hosted by April Sunami with Janet George, Wendy Kendrick, and Gaye Reissland, focused on the role of community in art making. The panel will include a O+A with the audience.

REGISTER HERE



Resin Workshop

Additionally, the MAC is thrilled to offer a Resin Workshop with April Sunami on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 6 - 8 p.m.** Resin is part science, part art and all fun! Participants in this workshop will learn the basics of resin, creating their own amazing masterpiece that will last for decades to come. **Space is limited for this workshop, so participants must pre-register!**

REGISTER HERE





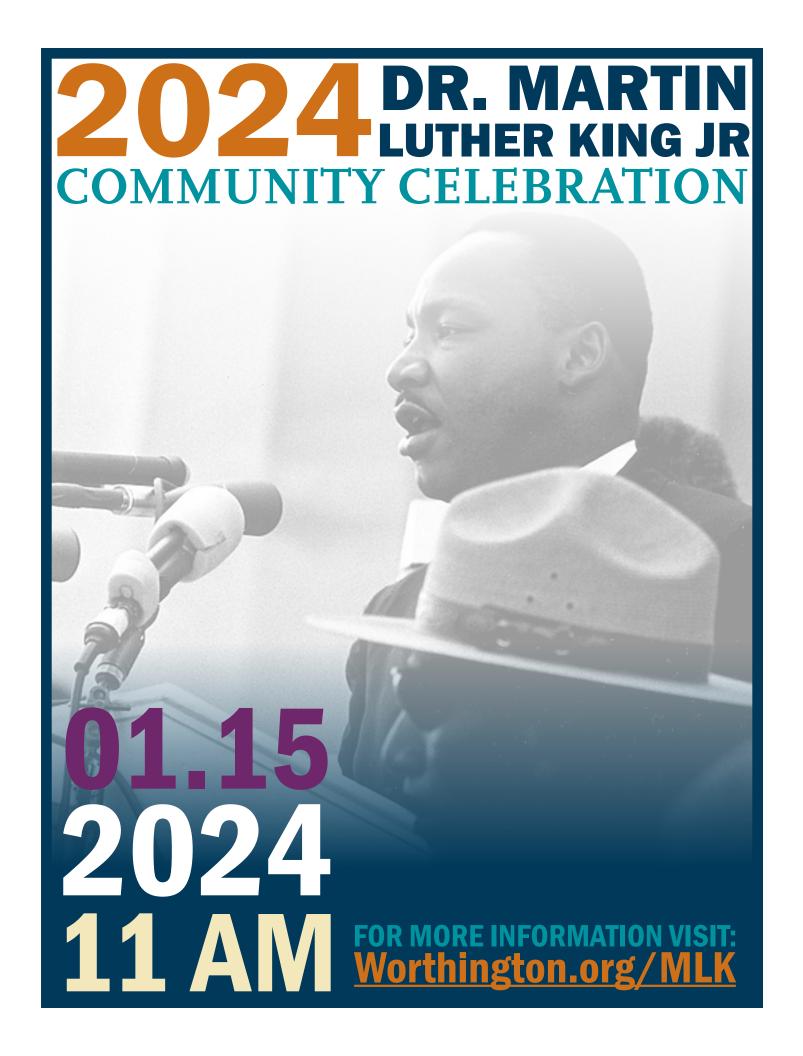


This engagement is supported by the Arts Midwest GIG Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Ohio Arts Council.



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Celebrate Black joy and the Black experience!

BlackJoyE

A Family Film Series



Saturday, February 3: "The Woman King"



Saturday, February 10: "Wakanda Forever"



Saturday, March 9: "The Princess and the Frog"

2-4 pm

The series is presented in partnership with the Worthington Alliance of Black Families and Educators and the McConnell Arts Center, and sponsored by the Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries.

McCONNELL ARTS CENTER, 777 Evening Street

SCREENINGS ARE FREE, but seat reservations are required; you may do so at mcconnellarts.org (no-show seats will be released at 2 pm).

Refreshments will be available for purchase.









