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### MEDIA ADVISORY:

### Banneker-Douglass Museum Hosts Annual Kwanzaa Celebration (Virtually)

<p><b>WHAT:</b></p>	<p>Join Banneker-Douglass Museum as we celebrate the seven principles of Kwanzaa through musical performances, games, crafts, and more! The program will include: a special percussive musical performance; Zawadi (gift making) session; a Kwanzaa feast cooking tutorial; a discussion on the importance of community and intergenerational engagement; a virtual lighting ceremony; and a “Buy Black” marketplace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Opening:</b> Sabriyah Hassan, Director of Programs, BDM  <b>Percussive Performance:</b> Don "Baba" Babtunde, The Last Poets  <b>Kwanzaa Gifts (Zawadi):</b> Director Chanel Compton  <b>Introduction of Kwanzaa Feast and Mourning Discourse:</b> Sabriyah Hassan  <b>Kwanzaa Feast (Karamu):</b> Charles Wilson, The Klassic Chef  <b>Mourning Discourse:</b> Nikki Brooks, Curator  <b>Introduction of Cheryl McCleod:</b> Sabriyah Hassan  <b>"Kwanzaa and Well-Being of the World: Lifting and Uplifting the 7 Principles:"</b>          Cheryl McLeod, Commissioner, Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture  <b>Closing:</b> Sabriyah Hassan</p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to register.</p>
<p><b>WHO:</b></p>	<p>Banneker-Douglass Museum</p>

<b>WHEN:</b>	Friday, December 11, 2020 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<b>WHERE:</b>	Streamed on the BDM <a href="#">Website</a> , <a href="#">Facebook</a> , and <a href="#">Youtube</a> pages.

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### **About Banneker-Douglass Museum**

The Banneker-Douglass Museum is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and the State of Maryland's official museum of African American heritage. It serves to document, interpret, and promote African American history and culture through exhibitions, programs, and projects in order to improve the understanding and appreciation of America's rich cultural diversity for all. The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Please check prior to coming given the COVID-19 pandemic). Admission is free. To learn more, visit <http://bdmuseum.maryland.gov>.

### **About the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives**

The [Governor's Office of Community Initiatives](#) mission is to serve as an executive branch coordinating office for the governor that connects Marylanders to economic, volunteer, and human service opportunities by meeting with Marylanders at over 700 engagements every year. This office also houses the [Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism](#), [Volunteer Maryland](#), [Banneker-Douglass Museum](#), as well as [faith-based outreach](#), and the governor's [ethnic, cultural](#), and [WWI](#) commissions. Learn more by visiting our website at [goci.maryland.gov](http://goci.maryland.gov) and connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).