



# Nia

CULTURAL  
CENTER

JUNETEENTH  
2024

Visit Galveston, the birthplace of Juneteenth.





# Overview

The Birthplace of Juneteenth, Galveston Island, holds a special place in United States history where on June 19, 1865, Union Army Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, freeing 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas; more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth finally became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021.

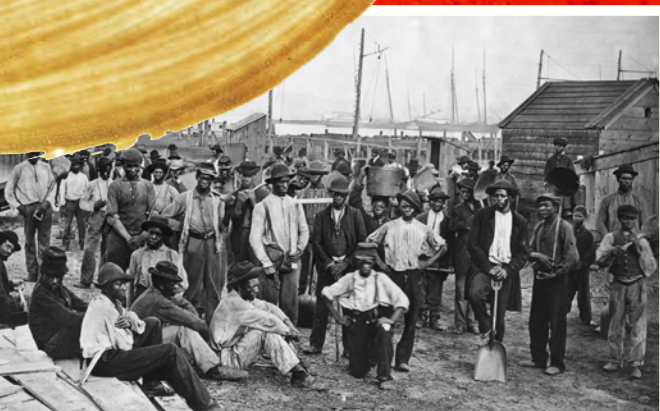
The richness of Galveston's Black history goes well beyond celebrating Emancipation and the abolition of slavery. The Island is home to the first African American secondary school and public library in Texas. World-renowned Heavyweight Champion, the late Jack Johnson was a Galvestonian, so were the late greats like Grammy award winning artist, Barry White; educator and community activist Jessie McGuire Dent (founder of Delta Sigma Theta); and entrepreneur Andrew Augustus "Gus" Allen. Nia Cultural Center has long fought to preserve the knowledge of African American accomplishments and heritage on the island, holding dear the historic sites and monuments that live on to tell the story.

Galveston, Texas, is known for its 32 miles of coastline, bustling maritime port, cultural celebrations, and rich history and heritage. The island offers diverse experiences like none other to visitors from all over the world. **To celebrate Juneteenth, this significant moment in history from the place "Where It All Began," Nia Cultural Center plans to offer a one-of-a-kind experience. The public is invited to enjoy one or all of our Juneteenth 2024 fun-filled celebrations and exceptional cultural events.**





# Our Purpose



Nia Cultural Center's Juneteenth Celebration honors the legacy while raising awareness of the true birthplace of Juneteenth in Galveston, Texas. This inclusive approach of activities, insightful lectures, and special events offers a unique opportunity for people visiting the island to experience the culture and heritage of "Absolute Equality" in a way never displayed to the cultural traveler.

With an array of local events, tours, and immersive experiences, we invite the world to know and understand why Galveston Island is so special. Although many celebrations paying homage to the significance of Juneteenth will take place nationwide, Nia's Juneteenth celebration festivities through June offer a more memorable and fulfilling opportunity for visitors to make their pilgrimage to Galveston to retrace the footprints of the enslaved who once walked the island in search of FREEDOM and the torch carried forward by their descendants.



# Juneteenth Events

**Juneteenth Lecture  
Series | Jené Watson**  
Maud Cuney Hare:  
Daughter of Galveston,  
Citizen of the World

**SAT  
JUNE  
01**

**SAT  
JUNE  
08**

**Emancipation Gospel  
Celebration**  
Featuring: Fred Hammond  
(Headliner) and The Stinson Five

**Juneteenth Lecture  
Series | Anthony Brogdon**  
Good Black History: Black  
Business Owners of the 1800s

**MON  
JUNE  
17**

**FRI  
JUNE  
21**

**An Evening with the  
Kinsey family at the  
Rosenberg Library**  
Partnership with the  
Rosenberg Library to host the  
Kinsey Family

**Juneteenth Lecture Series**  
**| Dr. Araminta Sorrell**  
The Great Storm of 1900  
and its Impact on Black  
Galvestonians

**SAT  
JUNE  
22**



NIA CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

# Emancipation CELEBRATION

## Gospel



**FRED  
HAMMOND**  
GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST

**THE STINSON 5**



## Event Descriptions



### Juneteenth Lecture Series | Jené Watson



*Maud Cuney Hare: Daughter of Galveston,  
Citizen of the World*

Maud Cuney Hare (1874-1936), the daughter of Norris Wright Cuney, was a godmother of Creole music and dance as expressed in the Americas.

The stories that Maud passed forward on the stage and on the page connected continents and bridged knowledge across decades and centuries. Her Allied Arts Center, built in Boston during the New Negro Movement, was a place where young black creatives could use art as a tool to elevate themselves and their families creatively and spiritually. As a traveler, folklorist, performer, and public intellectual she cleared a path upon which powerhouses like dancer Katherine Dunham and writer Zora Neale Hurston would subsequently travel.

About Jene Watson: Galveston native, Jene Watson, a writer and educator, explores the connections between arts, cultures, and traditions across the African diaspora. Her travels fuel her passion for multicultural children's literature, which she shares

through Nsoroma Bookshelf and her published works. Committed to inspiring young minds, Jene fosters intercultural understanding through public programs and presentations at prestigious conferences.

### Emancipation Gospel Celebration

The Nia Cultural Center will host the 3rd Annual Emancipation Celebration, celebrating the legacy of Juneteenth including Black art, culture, and people.

This year's concert will take place on **June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7 p.m.** at the Grand 1894 Opera House located at 2020 Post Office Street in Galveston. Headlining the concert are Grammy Award-winning recording artist Fred Hammond and Galveston's own The Stinson Five, promising an electrifying night of music and celebration.

This event will honor pioneers on the national and local levels (Kelton Sam, Rev. D.N. Benford, and Leon Phillips) who have made their mark in history by fighting for freedom, equality, and justice for African Americans. We will also recognize four church denominations had their Texas roots in Galveston: Avenue L Baptist, Reedy Chapel AME, St. Augustine Episcopal, and Holy Rosary Catholic.





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## Juneteenth Lecture Series | Anthony Brogdon

*Good Black History: Black Business Owners of the 1800s*

About Anthony Brogdon:  
Detroit native Anthony Brogdon

champions “Good Black History” as an author, filmmaker & podcast host. His #1 bestseller Black Business Book chronicles Black entrepreneurship, while his documentary Business in the Black toured internationally. He currently hosts Strong Inspirations, a podcast celebrating Black history.



## An Evening with the Kinsey family at the Rosenberg Library

In partnership with the Rosenberg Library to host the renowned Kinsey Family. This event will

feature a lecture and book signing. Seating is limited.

About the Kinsey Family: World travelers Bernard and Shirley Kinsey turned their passion for collecting into a cultural mission. After amassing art and artifacts abroad, they embarked on a journey to explore their own African American heritage. The Kinsey African American Art & History Collection, now led by Khalil Kinsey, celebrates Black achievement across centuries through this award-winning traveling exhibition. Artifacts and art from The Kinsey Collection's traveling exhibition can be seen at the Holocaust Museum in Houston until June 23.



## Juneteenth Lecture Series | Dr. Araminta Sorrell

*The Great Storm of 1900 and its Impact on Black Galvestonians*

On September 8, 1900, a powerful category four storm changed the lives of the 37,789 Galvestonians

forever. Learn how African Americans living in Galveston at the time of the storm responded to the events of the worst natural disaster in American history. How did Black survivors manage to stay alive during the storm? How did they save loved ones? How did they participate in the recovery effort? What was life like for them during the construction of the sea wall and the raising of the island? This lecture will provide hidden research about the resiliency and tenacity of Black Galvestonians on September 8, 1900, and the days that followed.

About: Dr. Araminta Coleman Sorrell is a Galveston resident, a City Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA), and a retired educator. She is certified by the state of Texas as a secondary social studies and K-12 special education teacher. She earned a PhD in education from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Dr. Sorrell is a frequent volunteer at the Nia Cultural Center and is the Vice President of the Galveston United Juneteenth Alliance. Dr. Araminta Coleman Sorrell, the owner and operator of Juneteenth and Beyond Guided Tours, born and raised in Washington, D.C.



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Co-Presenter of Emancipation Awards

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