



AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION?
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AFRIKIN is a collaborative arts platform for the presentation of conscious culture and positive media through live events. Our goal is to advance the ingenuity and promise of our people through the arts. AFRIKIN has established a reputation for curating interesting and dynamic works that educate, inform and empower diverse audiences interested in authentic cultural programming.

MISSION: The AFRIKIN experience promotes connectivity, culture, oneness, human rights and justice, as expressed through the arts. We believe that art speaks louder than words and has always been a peaceful way to foster understanding between opposing sides. *Culture transcends language and race.* The world's African origins bind us together in kinship – acknowledgement of this reality called for the creation of AFRIKIN.

THE EVENT: AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION? acknowledges and recognizes 400 plus years of African history. We share the untold stories of the ancestors' journey from Africa to the New World through art, fashion, food, innovation, performance and talks. Patrons experience the devastation of the past while recognizing our legacy and questioning America's ongoing diversity and inclusion challenges - a testament to just how far we have come as a people...

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ART: AFRIKIN Art is multicultural – from all continents and presented from a worldview and intercultural aesthetic. AFRIKIN presents art that tell the stories from the perspective of the indigenous people and new captives - the unwritten and unspoken tales of terror, trials and triumphs. Artifacts, images and primary sources offer a new context of this pivotal time in American history, a tapestry of truth. **AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION?** includes digital art, fine art, multimedia, photography and works on paper, allowing attendees to gain a new understanding and walk away educated and enlightened.

FASHION: AFRIKIN Fashion recognizes over 400 years of statements made through apparel and accessories. From the introduction of a new religion to the demands of the Civil Rights Movement, fashion has always spoken volumes, sharing accounts of oppression and depression, joy and celebration. The clothing and adornment featured in **AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION?** reflect the effect of local politics and society at large through the eyes of the people. Designers from Africa, Asia, the Americas, the Caribbean and Europe will present their interpretation of these events.

FOOD: AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION? offers a unique ancient culinary experience to transport guests to locations and times never encountered, yet somehow familiar. We curate some of the finest in handcrafted world cuisines by notable chefs for the enjoyment of event attendees and patrons. Our open bar features sponsored pairings and wine tastings tickling the palate and creating sensory memories for years to come.

INNOVATION: The AFRIKIN Innovation Consortium views the universe through the eyes of the creative mind. With invited entrepreneurs, founders and leaders in thought, we examine the genius born of necessity throughout the past four centuries - the ways in which innovation was the key to survival and advancement and how it has contributed to today's newly established sphere of Afrofuturism.

PERFORMANCE: The AFRIKIN Performance experience features singers, players of instruments, and dancers from various parts of the earth to provide a perspective on how different cultures occupying the same space and time, converge with. This expansive approach allows for the growth and progression of our music as a universal language, producer of joy, and instrument of peace - our movement illustrating the ways body language speak to our souls. The live performances of **AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION?** offer untold stories from generations past.

TALKS: AFRIKIN Talks brings together scholars, artists, curators, and cultural industry leaders to inform, empower, and share human and capital resources. The discussions, keynotes and symposiums of **AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION?** examine the arrival of the first Africans to the New World and how that experience has led to the long and unfinished journey toward full equality. These important and impactful conversations are vital to raising awareness of societal issues and examining history. The event will also include workshops on nation-building, from entrepreneurship in Africa, to banking and cryptocurrency matters.

TEAM AFRIKIN: We are a dedicated and accomplished group of fine arts, entertainment, international relations, marketing, media and production professionals who together pool our expertise to create cultural events unlike any other. As a leading provider of live entertainment in the U.S., our services range from event management and programming to booking first-rate performing artists and developing effective campaigns. Our team's unparalleled skill in creating new experiences with a social impact, demonstrates how creative people use their efforts to solve problems.

SUBMISSIONS: To submit your art, collection, company, product, or content-related proposal for **AFRIKIN 2019: COMMEMORATION?**, contact us at submission@afrikin.org.

DONATE: We appreciate any donation you can offer so that we can continue to raise the profile of our people. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact us at donate@afrikin.org. As always thank you for the support. We Are AFRIKIN...