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MCDONALD'S AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced the schedule for the McDonald's African American Family Day, titled "A Family Reunion: Family - Love - Peace - Respect – Unity," from noon to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

"This event will be a true family day, celebrating the richness of African American culture," said Commissioner Destito. "I would like to offer special thanks to our longtime sponsor, McDonald's for bringing the community together to celebrate our cultural diversity."

The traditions and contributions of the African American community are celebrated through music, art and dance featuring many family-oriented activities. The Ohio Players will deliver all their funk hits, such as "Fire," "Love Rollercoaster," "Who'd She Coo?" and "Skin Tight". Grammy winner Evelyn "Champagne" King will perform her disco favorites including "Love Come Down," "Betcha She Don't Love You" and "Shame." The Capital District Community Voices of Praise, numerous local choirs, dance groups, theater troupes, local talent contest winners and Nanny's Double Dutch will also perform.

Offstage, kids' activities include, Operation Safe Child, student theatrical troupes, pony rides, arts and crafts, clowns and face painting. Everyone will enjoy the Hamilton Hill Arts Center African Village, health screenings, a replica of the Emancipation Proclamation on display at the New York State Museum, and more.

"The Owner/Operators of the McDonald's restaurants of the Capital Region, and their managers and crew are proud to be sponsoring the African American Family Day," according to Renee Reardon, President of the McDonald's Co-op of the region. "Our founder Ray Kroc once said, 'We have an obligation to give something back to the community that gives so much to us'. African American Family Day in Albany has become such a significant event in our community. We're thrilled to be here."

Main Stage Schedule Noon – 7:00 pm

Noon	Opening Song and Prayer
12:30 pm	Nanny's Double Dutch
12:45 pm	PL Youth Ahzie, Dance
12:50 pm	Plaza Lites-Teen, Adult
1:15 pm	Plaza Lites-Youth
1:20 pm	Annette Harris Jazz Group
1:50 pm	Plaza Lites-Teen, Adult
2:20 pm	Alan Weeks and S.T.O.P. Dance and Drums
2:45 pm	Nanny's Double Dutch
3:15 pm	Presentations-McDonald's, Tubman Character Representation
4:30 pm	Evelyn "Champagne" King

5:00 pm Nanny's Double Dutch
5:30 pm Surgarfoot's Ohio Players
6:45 pm Electric Slide

Gospel Stage Schedule Noon – 5:00 pm

12:10 pm Gospel Open Mike
1:00 pm Wilborn Temple Male Chorus, Wilborn Temple First COGIC
1:25 pm Katera Edwards, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
1:30 pm Israel Male Chorus
2:00 pm Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Schenectady, Dance
2:15 pm Jerry Ford, Gospel Rapper
2:30 pm Mali Woods, Music
2:45 pm The Davidic Dancer, Dance
2:55 pm Barry Taylor, Christian Comedy
3:10 pm Arthur Danzy, Gospel Music
3:25 pm Duryea A.M.E. Zion Church Male Chorus with Linda Mallory Mitchell,
4:00 pm H.I.P.H.O.P. and Community Praise Dancers
4:15 pm Women of Faith, Music/Dance
4:30 pm One Accord, Music

Community Stage Schedule 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

1:15 pm DJ Var Da Allstar
1:25 pm Jerry (KMJ), Music
1:30 pm Kings and Queens Drill Team
1:45 pm Pac Man Finest, Dance
1:50 pm Nanny's Double Dutch
2:00 pm Oynx, Dance
2:10 pm Netavia/Walters/Asianique Cooper, Music
2:15 pm Future Passion, Dance
2:20 pm Oshane Davis, Rap
2:25 pm Dynatic Dancers
2:30 pm TashaNe Windley M.A.P.P., Music
2:35 pm HD, Rap
2:40 pm Nu Vision, Dance
2:45 pm 2 Hot 4 U, Dance
2:50 pm Lakeesha Rice, Music
2:55 pm Bogie and Quan, Rap
3:00 pm Vega, Rap
3:10 pm Mr. Cheeks, Music/Rap
3:30 pm Mr. Bass, Demo, Azhie, Lil G, Music/Rap
3:55 pm Katera Edwards, Music
4:00 pm Derrick Morris, Poet
4:05 pm Tammy Cobb, Comedy
4:15 pm Marl Bob-Semple, Community Partner Moment
4:20 pm Above Average, Dance
4:25 pm D. Colin, Poet
4:30 pm ATG, Rap
4:45 pm Urban Guerrilla Theatre, Poets
5:15 pm Loyal Mist Rapper, Music/Rap
5:30 pm TAMEKA AMAR, Music

Free parking will be available at East Garage and at the Cathedral.

For more information and performance updates on McDonald's African American Family Day find the Empire State Plaza on Facebook at facebook.com/empirestateplaza, on Twitter at twitter.com/plazaevents, call the OGS Special Events Office toll free at 1-(877) 659-4ESP, or visit our website at www.empirestateplaza.org.

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