

Media Package

21st Annual!



Black History Month
Celebration™

Come out and be a part of
history!

www.blackhistorymonthcelebration.com

Sunday February 19, 2012, held at the Holiday
Inn London, 864 Exeter Road in the Wellington
Room. This is held at 3:00 p.m. Wheel chair
accessible:

21st Annual!

Black History Month

Celebration™....reflecting back On February 24, 1991 the Annual Black History Celebration™ was launched for the city of London. This was spear headed and implemented by Justine D. Turner. The day was chosen to honour Black History Month and as a dedication and celebration to the Beth Emmanuel church that suffered a fire a few months before. Surprisingly and gratefully the church survived with just some internal damage that was repairable. The celebration was held at the historical heritage church, the Beth Emmanuel Church, located at 430 Grey Street every year until 2004. This church is part of the British Methodist Episcopal (BME) churches across Canada. The Beth Emmanuel church embodies years over centuries of history. It was built in 1856 by the hands of run away slaves who fled here to London. This was 23 years after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1833 (the freedom of slaves). London was a safe haven for run away slaves fleeing from the Southern United States. They felt that London was as an inland city safe from kidnappers bent on taking them back to the United States.

In 2004 the Annual Black History Month Celebration uprooted their venue from the Beth Emmanuel church and continued the celebration at the Holiday Inn London located at 864 Exeter Road. It continues to be spearheaded by Justine D. Turner, Just Eventz and assisted by Pastor Kenrick Sharpe, in partners with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.



Ribbons represent **Racial Unity**. This was incorporated by Justine Turner in 1998. It has been worn at the Annual Black History Month Celebration™ for 12 years.

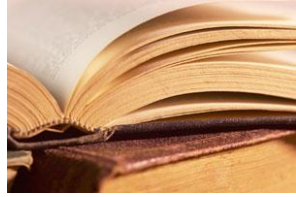


Thank you to all of our performers and guest speakers who participated the 20th Annual Black History Month Celebration Featuring Rosemarry Sadlier, Justine Turner, Errol Blackwood Injaband (Errol Blackwood, Craig Ruddock, Ray Ruddock, Billy Stergiou) , Full Circle (Jerry Hooper, John Montgomery, Harry Swallowel and William Turner) , Sandy Annunziata, Roger Caranci.

Come out and see the 20th Annual Black History Month Celebration™ on Sunday, February 20th, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.. Held at the Holiday Inn London, (864 Exeter Road). This will be bigger than ever. You can't miss the soul food dishes. Free of cost event!



21st Annual!



A Part of our Heritage...



William Hall, born in 1825 in Summerville, Nova Scotia received the Victoria Cross, the highest British military award for bravery.

The campaign for the end of slavery gained momentum in Great Britain and it was expected that slaves in the British colonies would soon be set free. Finally, on the 28 August 1833, the House of Commons in England approved the Emancipation Bill which was earlier introduced by Thomas Buxton.

The final Act, which would come into effect on 1 August 1834, stipulated that:

(1) Immediate and effective measures would be taken for the abolition of slavery throughout the British colonies.

(2) All children born under the passing of the Act, or under the age of six shall be free.

(3) All slaves over the age of six years would have to serve an apprenticeship of six years in the case of field slaves, and four years in the case of others.

(4) Apprentices should work for not more than 45 hours per week without pay, and any additional hours for pay.

(5) Apprentices should be provided with food and clothing by the plantation owner.

(6) Funds should be provided for an efficient stipendiary magistracy, and for the moral and religious education of the ex-slaves.

(7) Compensation in the form of a free gift of 20 million English pounds should be paid to the slave owners for the loss of their slaves.

The Emancipation Act successfully ended one phase of a long and bitter

21st Annual!

struggle against a system which transformed people into beasts of labour with absolutely no human rights. Actually, slave society regarded the African slaves as mules and even referred to the offspring of a European and an African female slave as a "mulatto", meaning literally a "young mule".

Thank you for your support! Black History Month Celebration™ Coordinator, Justine D. Turner. Telephone Number: 519-642-7434 Toll Free Number:

1-866-870-8983 e-mail address: Justine@blackhistorymonthcelebation.com



Free of Cost Event!

Who Will Be Performing For the 21st Annual Black History Month Celebration™ on Sunday February 19, 2012, held at the Holiday Inn London in the Wellington Room. This is held at 3:00 p.m. Wheel chair accessible:

21st Annual!

Expect well over 400 people to be at this event!

Errol Blackwood Injaband

Full Circle

Rosemary Sadler President of the Ontario Black History Society.

Local singers and performers

**Come out and be a part of
history!**