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BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S ANNUAL

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Celebrate Black History Month at the Detroit Historical Museum's annual African American Family Day on Saturday, February 11th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is excellent FREE opportunity for families of all ethnic backgrounds to learn about African American history and culture.

African American Family Day 2006 features a full day of entertaining workshops and programs for the whole family to enjoy, featuring local musical artists, poetry, storytelling, crafts, vendors, and free samples of traditional African cuisine.

Featured local artists include R& B singer Penny Wells at 2 p.m., recording artist and poet Jamaal "Versiz" May at 1 p.m., gospel singer K.J. Alexander at 12:30 p.m., the Michigan State University Gospel Choir at 3:30 p.m., the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Ensemble at noon, and Jasmine DuBois -- a Diana Ross lookalike and impersonator who will be in the Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection exhibit. For the children, storyteller Ivory D. Williams kicks off the event at 11 a.m., and a craft activity area will be open all day led by students from the College for Creative Studies. You can also meet members of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Museums' Black Historic Sites Committee.

In addition, visitors can purchase African wares at the Vendor Marketplace located in the Streets of Old Detroit, spotlighting local entrepreneurs like Ancient Science Body Oils and Creams, Annie's Girls Dolls by Michelle Sapp, Aquarius Press, Minnie's Cakes, Nubian Essence, Our Own Image, Sista Girl Greeting Cards, and more.

Admission is free all day for the Museum and the special programs. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 5-18, and free for children 4 and under. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.