

BLACKSPACE SPRING 2019 WOKESHOPS + EVENTS

DURHAM WOKESHOPS

WOKESHOP: Ujima Talks

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street suite 103]

DATES: FIRST THURSDAYS February 7-May 2

TIME: 6:30PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATOR: Mariah M., guest facilitators

DESCRIPTION: This will be a space where members of the Blackspace community come together to discuss issues that we face as Black people in our interpersonal interactions, such as misogyny, patriarchy, sexism, and anti-agapeism. We want to foster a community of knowledge, self-growth, respect and understanding for all.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent

CONTACT: Mariah M. - blackspacepoetry@gmail.com | Pierce Freelon - theblackspaceship@gmail.com

WOKESHOP: The Maroon Room

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street]

DATES: SECOND THURSDAYS, Feb 14-April 11

TIME: 6:30PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Mariah M., guest facilitators

DESCRIPTION: Do you find yourself neglecting the most creative part of yourself? The Maroon Room (TMR) is a place for the student artist to escape to just be an artist.

There are so many demands that artists have outside of the internal call to nourish themselves as writers, poets, painters, visual, and soundscape artists. TMR is a sequester for students to come and decompress, read, and work on their crafts accompanied solitude, soft pillows and snacks. This is a productive space with no

pressure to complete or do anything but be. TMR will also double as office hours for Poetry Program Director, Mariah M. for current and prospective parents and students.

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WOKESHOP: Teach Black | Teach Back

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street suite 103]

DATES: THIRD THURSDAYS, Feb 21-April 18

TIME: 6:30PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATOR: Mariah M., Pierce Freelon, guest facilitators

DESCRIPTION: This is a monthly opportunity for us to learn from each other and share our skills with the group. A more grown version of show-and-tell, where students and facilitators alike share a skill, a project or a process with the broader group.

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WOKESHOP: Blackspace Poetry Writing & Performance

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street]

DATES: 4TH THURSDAYS, Feb 28-April 25

TIME: 6:30PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Mariah M., guest facilitators

DESCRIPTION: Lovers and disciples of poetry will lead writing and performance Wokeshops for young writers of the poetry persuasion. This space is for those that find comfort in their notebooks, who have found their voices on the page and those looking to strengthen their chops as writers. Students are not required but are encouraged to share what's in their hearts and on the pages of their notebooks. These wokeshops will be exploring literary form, performance, and voice with the end goal of being able to convey their written word to an audience.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent between the ages of 13-19

CONTACT: Mariah M. - blackspacepoetry@gmail.com | Facilitator day-of *see calendar

WOKESHOP: Sound Design w/ Rem The Goat

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street]

DATES: Mondays Feb 4-April 29

TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Rem the Goat (Reginald Morin)

DESCRIPTION: Interested in music production, sound design, recording, mixing and mastering? This WokeShop is for you. Come and learn, experiment, record, and get involved with an audio expert.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent

CONTACT: Rem The Goat - remmusiclife@gmail.com

WOKESHOP: Hip Hop

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street]

DATES: Saturday mornings Feb 2 - May 4

TIME: 12PM (noon) - 2PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: J Rowdy

DESCRIPTION: Join a freestyle and theatre performance wokeshop, learn to write lyrics, record and work on our next mixtape, with emcee/founder of the UNC and Med City Cypher, J Rowdy!

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent

CONTACT: J Rowdy - kjrowsey@gmail.com

WOKESHOP: Introduction to DJ and VJ

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 W Main St. Durham]

DATES: Saturday Feb 16

TIMES: TWO WOKESHOPS — 2PM-4PM (DJ Gemynii) & 5PM-7PM (DJ Sinistarr)

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Gemynii, Sinistarr, Pierce Freelon

DESCRIPTION: Participants will learn about the basics of DJing and VJing from Durham-based DJ Gemynii and Detroit's DJ Sinistarr (6-8PM).

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: Pierce Freelon — theblackspaceship@gmail.com

DURHAM EVENTS

EVENT: Black Sugar Dance: a dance party with live African drumming

LOCATION: Motorco Music Hall [723 Rigsbee Rd. Durham]

DATES: Saturday Feb 23

TIME: 8PM-until...

*COST: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door; free for sustainers. *click here to get tickets*

PERFORMERS: Pierce Freelon, DJ Gemynii, DJ Naunaut; VJ Falcon X, VJ Mi'Rage, Wonderpuff

DESCRIPTION: Imagine a Saturday evening with two DJs spinning Hip Hop and R&B with African and Afro-Caribbean drumming, while a two VJs mix visuals of Black media on a projector screen. Sounds pretty sweet, right? Now picture yourself holding a cone of Wonderpuff mango-flavored Cotton Candy with Pop-Rocks sprinkles. You can make this dream a reality on Saturday, February 23rd at Motorco Music Hall when we present: Black Sugar Dance. Sustainers get in free AND get a free cotton candy cone.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: Pierce Freelon —theblackspaceship@gmail.com

EVENT: Med City Cypher

LOCATION: CCB Plaza [201 Corcoran St. Durham]

DATES: Every Friday (unless it's raining or below freezing)

TIME: 9:19PM-11PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: J Rowdy, Pierce Freelon

DESCRIPTION: Every Friday at 9:19PM Durham youth gather in downtown Durham at the bronze bull statue to rap, sing, make beats, and create community together — we call it the Cypher. Youth are challenged to improvise and think on their toes and to build self-confidence and empathy. It's group therapy through Hip Hop! Elements of Hip Hop have roots in ancient African traditions. We've effectively traded one African drum for another: the djembe (an African drum made of goat skin, stretched out over a wooden frame) for an MPC (plastic pads connected to circuits and a motherboard), producing electronic drums that resonate positive vibrations out into the streets. Hip Hop was born in the Bronx, New York, at a time when many Black and Latinx youth were slipping through the cracks of the social safety net. Arts programs were being eliminated from schools, and youth were left with few alternatives, so they took their creative energies to the streets. Durham is at a similar crossroads, with underfunded schools, and historic

disinvestment in the Black and Latinx communities. Meanwhile, as downtown Durham has expanded rapidly with restaurants, hotels, festivals, and bars, youth and people of color are feeling marginalized, and pushed out. The Cypher provides safe space for kids to occupy the heart of our city every week, to speak their truth unapologetically, affirm self-esteem, and help the creative fires inside each of them radiate. In doing so, they transform, not only themselves, but the City of Durham as well.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: J Rowdy kjrowsey@gmail.com or Pierce Freelon — theblackspaceship@gmail.com

EVENT: Northstar Inaugural Concert: Four Women

LOCATION: Northstar Church of the Arts [220 W Geer St. Durham]

DATES: Saturday Feb 16

TIME: 7PM & 9PM

TICKETS: \$15-\$25 *click here to get tickets

PERFORMERS: Kamara Thomas, Tamisha Waden Rissi Palmer & Mavis Swan-Poole w/ Phil Cooke & Darion Alexander

DESCRIPTION: Four of the Triangle's most powerful singers join forces to help officially consecrate NorthStar's stage. "Four Women" will be an evening of storytelling and song sharing of both original material from each of the singers, as well as covers of songs that are sacred to them. Backed by a powerhouse band of Jeremy "Bean" Clemmons (Soul Understated), Darion Alexander (Foreign Exchange) and Phil Cook, this is certain to be a once-in-a-lifetime performance.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: Heather Cook: heather@northstardurham.com

EVENT: Northstar Inaugural Service w/ NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green

LOCATION: Northstar Church of the Arts [220 W Geer St. Durham]

DATES: Sunday Feb 17

TIME: 10:30AM-12:30PM

COST: Free

FACILITATORS: Pierce Freelon, DJ Gemyinii, DJ Naunaut; VJ Falcon X, VJ Mi'Rage, Wonderpuff

DESCRIPTION: Northstar is opening its doors for the first of a monthly Sunday church service. Join us as Jaki Shelton Green leads a service exploring "creativity as medicine". Atiba Rorie and Brevan Hampden will provide live African drumming

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: Heather Cook: heather@northstardurham.com

CHAPEL HILL WOKESHOPS

WOKESHOP: Open Studio

LOCATION: Blackspace Chapel Hill [179 E Franklin St. Chapel Hill]

DATES: Every Tuesday-Friday

TIME: 4:30PM-7:30PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Brentton Harrison, Isreal "True" Settles,

DESCRIPTION: Open Studio is a weekly opportunity for youth to come to Blackspace Chapel Hill and experiment. Read/check out a book, try out a beat making or video editing software on our computer, or just come kick it, listen to music and chill in a space that centers the intersection of Black culture, technology and liberation.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

CONTACT: Brentton Harrison — brentton9225@gmail.com or Pierce Freelon — theblackspaceship@gmail.com

WOKESHOP: Spoken Word/Poetry Writing and Performance

LOCATION: Blackspace Chapel Hill [179 E Franklin St. Chapel Hill]

DATES: Tuesdays Feb 5 — May 30th

TIME: 6:30PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Mariah M., Terrence Foushee

DESCRIPTION: Blackspace hosts weekly writing and performance wokeshops for black and brown teens every Thursday from 6:30PM - 8PM NOW AT OUR CHAPEL HILL studio. Youth aged 13-19 work on developing their writing skills, and performance techniques to take their work from the page to the stage! Poetry wokeshops are facilitated by program director/ poet Mariah M. Terrence Fouchee and others.

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WOKESHOP: WOMANISM WEDNESDAYS

LOCATION: Blackspace Chapel Hill [179 E Franklin St. Chapel Hill]

DATES: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

TIME: TBD

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Joyce Malanda

DESCRIPTION: Womanism Wednesdays is new program for young women, led by Black women, and celebrating Black women; exploring womanist literature, culture and building solidarity and community.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and brown Womyn, femmes and gender non conforming folks only, please.

CONTACT: Joyce Malanda — malandaj@live.unc.edu or Pierce Freelon — theblackspaceship@gmail.com

CHAPEL HILL EVENTS

EVENT: Youth Open Mic

LOCATION: Vibehouse 405 [405 West Franklin St. Chapel Hill]

DATES: THIRD FRIDAYS: February 15-April 19

TIME: 6PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Mariah M.

DESCRIPTION: Open Mics are BACK! We're in Chapel Hill this month. We'll be at Vibehouse 405 every third Friday until May! Come and hear what the youth of Chapel Hill has to say. Want to share your work? Have you been looking for a place to commune with other writers? Come thru! This event is public, meaning it's open to all creeds of people. The mic is reserved for those 18 or below. Hosted by Mariah M.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

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