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## **CELEBRATE DAYTON'S RICH HERITAGE AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

DAYTON – The Dayton African-American Cultural Festival will showcase live entertainment, cultural demonstrations, delicious food and an authentic African village with authentic arts and crafts. Activities will take place from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 28, at RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Highlights of this year's admission-free event include the Avenue to Health, offering free health screenings and personal wellness information; an arts pavilion with traditional and contemporary African artwork on display at Fifth Third Field; featured African-American writers at the authors' pavilion; a youth pavilion offering activities for tots through teens; and much more. Take a stroll through the African Village and take home something handcrafted that has a distinctive and important story to tell. Vendors will be on hand serving a variety of foods.

Take in the sounds of an authentic African drum ensemble and even learn their art during a drum clinic. Musical groups for the event include performances from Darin Bell, Eldred Coats & Premium Blend, jazz and gospel musicians, the Chicago Steppers, and featuring national recording artist Kelly Price.

Learn all about African and African-American culture with dance groups, a fashion show, henna tattoos, beading, face painting, jewelry, storytelling and more.

Celebrate the Miami Valley's rich cultural African-American heritage and discover Dayton's unique "local flavor." This program is presented by the Dayton African-American Cultural Festival Inc., City of Dayton Patented, the African-American Visual Artists Guild, and Five Rivers MetroParks. For further information, call (937) 477-2427 or go to the website [www.metroparks.org/RiverScape](http://www.metroparks.org/RiverScape) or [www.daacf.org](http://www.daacf.org).

### **ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS**

Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as part of its role as steward of greater Dayton's public lands. Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, sensitive river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages. And, diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to assure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK.

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