OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

UBUNTU: Collaborative Community Art Making
noon–4 pm, Shady Grove
Join artist Maya Freelon Asante for an art making workshop for all ages. Visit the UBUNTU collaborative community work after the celebration, September 30 to October 7. Project will be both indoors and outdoors.

Talking Drums with Shabutase
noon–3 pm, Ellipse
Create a talking drum with members of the Shabu Family.

African Wax–Cloth Art Making
noon–5 pm, Lowes Pavilion Grove
Discover the vibrant cloths that inspired Yinka Shonibare’s Wind Sculpture II, and create your own banner using wax-resist techniques.

African Gallery
noon–5 pm, East Building, Level A
Experience our expanded collection of African art, featuring masks, ceramics, ceremonial art, and contemporary work by notable artists such as El Anatsui and Victor Ehikhamenor.

Cultural Connections
noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, East Building, Level A
Meet experts in African culture and art for a hands-on experience in the gallery. Ibrahim Said—Ceramics, Amponsah Opoku and Brand Africa Group—Kente Cloth

Kente Cloth–Inspired Art Making
noon–5 pm, East Building, Level A, Studio 4
Candy Carver and Nadjib Assani lead guests in exploring color and pattern inspired by kente cloth designs.

Threads of Experience
noon–5 pm, East Building, Level A, Studio 3
Embroidery, magnets, and weaving on our floor-to-ceiling loom!

Tribute to Baba Chuck
noon–5 pm, East Building, Level A, near Studio 4
Choreographer Chuck Davis, America’s foremost master of African dance, died in May this year at age 80. Share words of tribute in front of a costume he used with his renowned dance company that made its home in Durham.

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Food Trucks
11:30 am–3:30 pm and 5:30–9 pm, East Building Lawn

Evening Event
SOLD OUT Concert: Angélique Kidjo; Kaira ba opens 6:45 pm (Gates open 5:30 pm), Amphitheater

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Today ONLY, Box Office in East Building
Dual/Family membership regular $75, Today $60
Free exhibition admission, discounted or free movies, concerts, lectures, programs, and much more!

Generous support for the Threads of Africa celebration and concert is provided by Lee and Libby Buck.

Support for drum residency, drum making, and performance by the Magic of African Rhythm is provided by the North Carolina Museum of Art Catawba Valley Fund. Additional support is provided by the Broyhill Family Foundation.


This event was developed in partnership with the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission.

SHUTTLE VANS to PNC Arena parking leave regularly from the Plaza. Last shuttle leaves NCMA at 10:45 pm.

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