



Black History Month celebration features noted artist: Global Village

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In celebration of Black History Month, David Driskell, an artist and world-renowned scholar of African-American art, will speak at a noontime worship service on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the **United Church of Christ's** Amistad Chapel, 700 Prospect Ave. in downtown Cleveland.

Driskell has exhibited his own works and lectured about art throughout the world. In 1998, the University of Maryland established the **David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the African Diaspora**, honoring his 44-year career as an artist, educator, philanthropist, collector and historian.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton presented Driskell with the National Humanities Medal, noting that Driskell ". . . has focused attention on black artists, sparking worldwide interest among art lovers, critics and historians and enriching the cultural heritage and history of our nation."



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Art collector David Driskell, shown at the University of Maryland in 2000.

Combating domestic violence: Asian Services in Action Inc., a nonprofit group working to empower Northeast Ohio's Asian immigrants and refugees, has launched a program to address domestic violence in the Asian community.

The Northeast Ohio Asian Women's Leadership Initiative has been created to challenge barriers facing battered or sexually abused women in the Asian community. The barriers include limited English, pressure from within the community to keep quiet and a lack of knowledge about the legal system.

The project is a collaboration of the Korean, Indian, Laotian, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese and other Asian communities.

It is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Help for immigrants: The **Legal Aid Society of Cleveland** is offering free legal advice to immigrants needing help with obtaining citizenship.

The society is holding a free naturalization clinic from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at its office, 1223 West 6th Street in Cleveland.

The program is first-come, first-served and requires people to bring their important papers. For more information call, 1-888-817-3777 or visit www.lasclev.org.

Middle East expert speaks: Princeton University professor Amaney Jamal, an expert on the Middle East, will speak at two forums here this month.

At 12 p.m. on Thursday, Jamal will be part of a community conversation, "Charting the Arab and Muslim Experience," at the **Islamic Center of Cleveland**, 6055 West 130th St. in Parma. The event is free and open to the public.

At noon on Friday, Jamal will speak at the **Cleveland City Club**, 850 Euclid Ave. downtown Cleveland. Reservations are required. Call 216-621-0082.

Celebrating independence: Cleveland's Lithuanian community is celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day, Feb. 18-19 with a concert, folk dance and a worship service.

At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, a musical program and folk dances, followed by refreshments and dancing, will be held at St. Casimir Lithuanian Parish hall, 18022 Neff Rd., Cleveland.

At 9:45 a.m. on Feb. 19, there will be a flag raising at the church, followed by Mass at 10 a.m. For more information call, 216-235-5212 or email lb.cleveland@yahoo.com.

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