

## New Mexico Black History Month 2012 Festival

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The New Mexico Black History Month 2012 Organizing Committee has prepared a month of creative, educational, and engaging programming for the entire month of February. The New Mexico Black History Month 2012 Festival begins Friday, February 3 and continues until Sunday, February 26, 2012

. A full calendar of events is available on the New Mexico Black History Month 2012 website, [www.nmblackhistorymonth.com](http://www.nmblackhistorymonth.com)

Sponsored by the City of Albuquerque, the Office of African American Affairs and Bernalillo County each event in February focuses on one of five major areas: culture, cuisine, health, positive youth development and education. The Black History Month 2012 Festival events include: "Roots Revival," an original cabaret performance by A-list Albuquerque artists, a Cotton Club Gala sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter and the New Mexico Divine Nine Council featuring Bernard Purdie and Friends; an open discussion with Vertamae Grosvenor, author of *Vibration Cooking*, and "Masters of Motown" featuring artists performing top hits from Motown.

Cathryn McGill, founder/director of The Black History Month 2012 Organizing Committee says of the planning efforts, "The 2012 Black History Month Festival is an opportunity to build and strengthen community from the inside out. Organizations within the African American community are historically coming together to produce a slate of activities that will be universally appealing." Co-Chairs of the event are Gene Grant and Cecilia Webb.

The New Mexico Black History Month festival encourages New Mexicans to learn about the contributions that African-Americans have made to the state and to the nation throughout the years. More information about dates and times of the Black History Month Festival events are located on the New Mexico Black History Month website, [www.nmblackhistorymonth.com](http://www.nmblackhistorymonth.com).

*The mission of the New Mexico Black History Month Organizing Committee is to preserve the rich cultural heritage that African Americans have made to the state of New Mexico and the United States*

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