

# THRIVING!

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## Put your favorite song on the BPRW playlist

June is African American Music Appreciation Month! A great month to appreciate the musical contributions of African American musicians, composers, singers and songwriters in American Culture. This month is about celebrating all of the genres of music with Black roots and influences. Music has always been about sharing life's experiences. From jazz and rhythm and blues to gospel, hip-hop, blues, folk, country and rock and roll, we are sure this music has been the soundtrack to many moments of your life as it has been to ours.



Throughout the month of June, Black PR Wire will honor Black Music Month with a curated Spotify playlist with YOUR favorite songs by Black artists. How can you add your favorite songs to the playlist? Follow us on social media and tell us your favorite songs using the hashtag #BPRWplaylist.

Use the following link to stream the playlists BPRW's Black Music Month Playlist, and let's embark together on discovering new sounds and genres.

## Happy Juneteenth



"Oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever. The yearning for freedom eventually manifests itself." -Martin Luther King Jr.

On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger announced to the people of Texas that all slaves were free in accordance with a Proclamation from the president of the United States. The news was surprising yet exhilarating. Being able to have equal rights, own property and no longer be known as a slave was more than something to celebrate... it was groundbreaking. From this day forward, June 19th became Juneteenth and on June 19, 2021, President Joe Biden proclaimed this day a federal holiday.



## Caribbean American Heritage Month

When we think about the Caribbean, the first image that comes to mind might be the sea life or the warmth of its people. Caribbean people and their descendants have made significant contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Since 2006, June has been designated as Caribbean American Heritage Month by Presidential Proclamation to promote the rich culture and heritage of the Caribbean American people.



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## Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day! Father's Day, June 19, is a day to acknowledge and appreciate the father figures who play an important role in our lives, teaching us important skills like confidence, resilience, kindness and respect.

Black PR Wire salutes and celebrates dads and father figures who have touched many people's lives, be it their children, family, people they have mentored and people at large.

Happy Father's Day!

## Power Profiler: Quincy Jones



Quincy Jones is a musical performer, producer, arranger, and composer. With over 70 years in the entertainment industry, he is considered one of the greatest minds in music and television history.

Jones was born in Chicago and reared in Bremerton, Washington, where he studied the trumpet and worked locally with the then-unknown pianist-singer Ray Charles. His musical studies continued at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1961, Jones joined Mercury Records as an artists-and-

repertoire, and, in 1964, he was named vice president, becoming one of the first African Americans to hold a top executive position at a major American record label. In 1963, Jones won the first of his many Grammy Awards for his Count Basie arrangement of "I Can't Stop Loving You." Jones produced hundreds of records for Mercury but gained global acclaim for his production of "We Are the World," the bestselling single of all time, and Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, the bestselling album of all time.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE 2022

This section is designed to keep you in the know and on the go. Check out some of the latest happenings in Black communities throughout the country this month.

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<p><b>16-20</b></p> <p>THE 5TH ANNUAL BLACK HOLLYWOOD SOUTH BEACH WEEKEND</p>	<p><b>15-19</b></p> <p>AMERICAN BLACK FILM FESTIVAL</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>JUNETEENTH PARADE</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>THE MAVEN MAGAZINE   BLACK WEALTH AWARDS</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>2022 ESSENCE FESTIVAL</p>

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