

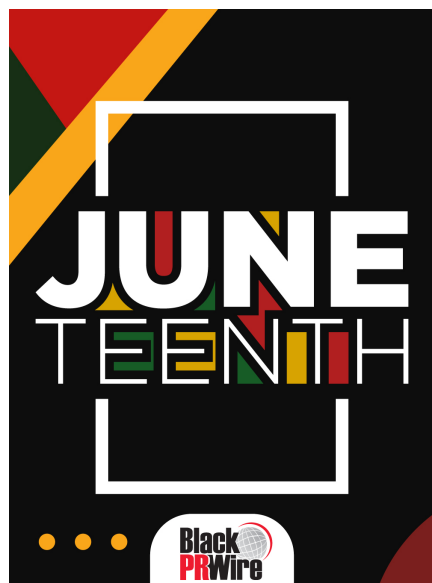
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Happy Juneteenth!



Happy Juneteenth! On June 19th, we celebrate the freedom of African Americans from slavery in the U.S. This momentous occasion was proclaimed a federal holiday by President Joe Biden in 2021.

The day marks the abolition of slavery and the liberation of African Americans. Major General Gordon Granger landed in Texas on this day 155 years ago to declare the ending of slavery. Since then, Juneteenth has been the oldest nationally recognized celebration.

Juneteenth is important to Black culture as it was the beginning of all Blacks finally being seen as people.

We were no longer objects or property that could be torn away from our families and forced into poor conditions that could lead to the death of our ancestors.

Originally, African Americans would celebrate Juneteenth by wearing new clothes, singing spirituals, and attending prayer meetings. Now, we come together to celebrate our rich culture and heritage with music, food, parades, and festivals. Most importantly, we take the time to learn of our past so we can truly understand what we must do as a society to carry the torch and continue the legacy of the many prominent Black figures before us. Happy Juneteenth, everyone!

Caribbean American Heritage Month



June is recognized as Caribbean Heritage Month, a time to honor and commemorate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of Caribbean Americans. The Caribbean is known for its vibrant and diverse cultural landscape, which stems from the region's unique history. This cultural fusion can be seen through its language, music, cuisine, art, dance, and many more.

Within the United States, the Caribbean-American community has played a vital role



Black Music Month

Happy Black Music Month! June is a great month to appreciate the musical contributions of African-American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters. It's a great time to immerse yourself in the music of your favorite black artists and discover new sounds and genres while revisiting songs from the past. Black music is a staple and its legacy will last forever.

Whether it's gospel greats or R&B, classic jazz or smoky blues, pop, rock or hip hop, there is always something to listen to ... just simply let the singers and songwriters speak to you.

Throughout the month of June, Black PR Wire will honor Black Music Month with a curated Spotify playlist with some of our favorite songs by Black artists. Doesn't



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Power Profiler: Common



Common is an artist known for often thoughtful, verbose lyricism and exploring varied sounds. Common was born Lonnie Rashid Lynn Jr. on March 13, 1972, in Chicago, Illinois to educator Mahalia Ann Hines and basketball player Lonnie Lynn Sr. The young Lynn went on to adopt the stage name Common Sense and became an underground rapper who garnered a reputation for relatively thoughtful, progressive lyrics as compared to top-selling rap artists of the time. He released his debut album *Can I Borrow a Dollar?* on the Relativity label.

His next album, *Resurrection*, came in 1994 and featured the single *I Used to Love H.E.R.* followed in 1997 by *One Day It'll All Make Sense*, which included contributions from Lauryn Hill and De La Soul, among others.

After being sued by a band over usage of his performance alias, Lynn simply began to go by Common, as seen with the release of 2000's *Like Water for Chocolate*, a hit album which featured production from Questlove and the single *The Light*, with additional



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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>6-10 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS CONVENTION</p>	<p>12-19 3RD ANNUAL LOWCOUNTRY JUNETEENTH WEEK 2023</p>	<p>14-18 AMERICAN BLACK FILM FESTIVAL</p>	<p>17 JUNETEENTH FEST 2023</p>	<p>17-18 BALTIMORE AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL</p>
<p>17-18 HYDE PARK SUMMER FEST</p>	<p>17-25 HEALDSBURG JAZZ FESTIVAL</p>	<p>19 REAL MEN COOK</p>	<p>25-26 CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS SCHOLARSHIP CLASSIC</p>	<p>29-3 ESSENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL</p>

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