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# City of Farmington Hills Celebrates Black History Month with Concerts at The Hawk Theatre

The concerts in February will feature Black performance artists based in metro Detroit

**FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich.** (Jan. 17, 2025) — The City of Farmington Hills invites metro Detroiters to celebrate Black artists during Black History Month with concerts at The Hawk Theatre, part of the City's Special Services Cultural Arts Division.

## Amen-Ra Drummers and Dancers: Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

The Hawk Theatre is pleased to welcome the Amen-Ra Drummers and Dancers back to its Black Box for an evening of African music and movement on Sunday, Feb. 9. The Amen-Ra Drummers and Dancers have been performing in Farmington Hills for many years, including past performances at The Hawk Theatre and in Heritage Park. The Amen-Ra Drummers and Dancers are known for performing around the Detroit metro area, holding drumming and dancing lessons, and even performing as part of Super Bowl XL in Detroit in 2006. Tickets for the allages performance are \$15 in advance at TheHawkTheatre.com, and \$20 at the door.

## Urban Art Orchestra: Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.

Fresh from their Australian tour, the Urban Art Orchestra is making their debut on The Hawk Theatre's Mainstage on Saturday, Feb. 22. Led by GRAMMY-nominated De'Sean Jones, the Urban Art Orchestra features Detroit's finest talent on strings, harp, horns, rhythm, dance and more. Blending the richness of a traditional orchestra with the infectious energy of urban beats, the Urban Art Orchestra is known for pushing the boundaries of musical genres to a captivating fusion that defies expectations. The Orchestra has performed in the past with artists such as Big Sean and T-Pain. Tickets for the all-ages performance are \$25 in advance at TheHawkTheatre.com, and \$30 at the door.

The City of Farmington Hills is one of the largest and most diverse cities in Oakland County. It also has the largest dedicated municipal Cultural Arts Division in the State of Michigan. In addition to programming at The Hawk Theatre, the Division coordinates arts programming for the Farmington Hills community and beyond, including classes, events, and activities in visual and performing arts to expose diverse populations to the arts. The City's Cultural Arts Division also works to empower makers of all ages and abilities in The Hawk Makerspace, an immersive facility that allows makers to access a variety of state-of-the art tools and equipment, as well as a creative community with a wealth of resources and knowledge, to grow a new hobby or skill, from sewing to woodworking and more.

The Hawk Theatre is located inside The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue that opened in 2021. For more information, please contact the City's Cultural Arts Division at 248-699-6709.

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## About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.fhgov.com">www.fhgov.com</a>.

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