



# SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT THE YMI NEWS + UPCOMING EVENTS | APRIL-MAY 2026

### Black Experience Book Club

*April 23 from 6 to 7 p.m.*  
Community members are invited to gather for conversation and reflection centered on the book *Happy Land*.  
Location: YMI Art Gallery



### Jazz & Soul Sessions with Kelle Jolly & Will Boyd: Season Finale

*April 24 at 7 p.m.*  
*April 25 at 3 p.m.*  
The finale performance of the season. Two days of dynamic jazz and soul featuring Kelle Jolly and Will Boyd. Tickets available on Eventbrite.  
Location: YMI Auditorium

### First Fridays - Art After Dark

*May 1 from 7 p.m. until*  
Join us for our new initiative that celebrates Black Art and Black Social Life.  
Location: YMI Suites



### Ujamaa Marketplace

*May 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*  
Support local vendors and entrepreneurs at this vibrant community marketplace in anticipation of Goombay.  
Location: South Market Street

### The Black Tie Wedding and Special Events Expo

*May 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*  
Tour the YMI and meet Black wedding and special event experts. Special discounts! Throw your next event here.  
Location: Throughout the Building

### Mosaic Realty Art Walk & Benefit

*May 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.*  
Join us for our charity fundraiser and raffle to help benefit 11 art galleries, 11 raffles, 11 non-profits.  
Location: YMI Suites

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### TARAH SINGH ART EXHIBITION "Reframe - The Deconstruction of Constructs"

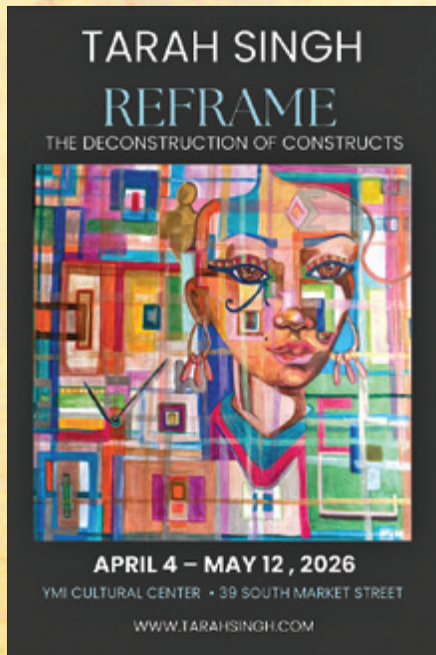
*April 4 through May 12*  
Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend visits by request.  
Location: YMI Art Gallery

### ArtEarthSoul Collective Exhibition

*through April 18*  
Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend visits by request.  
Location: YMI Suites

### Ujima Fitness Classes WITH KELLY WHITE

*Tuesdays at 6 p.m. & Saturdays at 10 a.m.*  
Join us for community-centered fitness and wellness.  
Location: YMI Building - Dickson Meeting Room (Basement Level)



### Tarah Singh Art Reception

*April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.*  
*May 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.*  
Join the YMI for a reception celebrating Tarah Singh's creative contributions. Visit [TarahSingh.com](http://TarahSingh.com).  
Location: YMI Suites

**SAVE THE DATES**

**JUNETEENTH**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 19  
Art, Tours, and a Southern Soul Night

**GOOMBAY**  
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

YMI CULTURAL CENTER  
WEDDINGS  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
PARTIES

**THE BLACK Tie Expo**

LOOKING FOR BLACK & MULTICULTURAL VENDORS - GO TO EVENT PAGE

SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND  
10AM-3PM

TIX AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE

THURSDAY, MAY 7  
**ART WALK & Benefit**

YMI Cultural Center

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MOSAIC REALTY  
COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE

Ward Caldwell, Anthony Thomas, Ben Friddell

Check Out all the local vacation raffle packages @ [MOSAICARTWALK.COM](http://MOSAICARTWALK.COM)