



SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT THE YMI

NEWS + UPCOMING EVENTS | JUNE 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

Save The Date for September 11-13

ASHEVILLE GOOMBAY FESTIVAL

2026

GOOMBAY

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026

JUNETEENTH on The BLOCK
S. Market Street & Triangle Park

Family Friendly 10 am - 8 pm

Free & Open to All including scheduled & ticketed events

ROLLERSKATING Vibe & Glide ON EAGLE ST 5-8

LIVE music, book signings, Black vendor marketplace, historical tours, Denim & Diamonds

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10 AM YMI Tours
- 11 AM Boosting the Block Luncheon & Dedication
- 1 PM Ujamaa Marketplace Triangle Park, Juneteenth Holiday Celebration in the Park
- 2 PM Local Authors + book signing at Noir Rima Viseley-Flad
- 3 PM YMI Juneteenth Soiree: Denim & Diamonds (\$) Live Music @ LEAF
- 5 PM Vibe & Glide Outdoor Skate Party hosted by Eagle Market Sts
- 5 PM YMI & The Foundry Courtyard Lounge w/ OG Synergy

ONGOING PROGRAMS

IMPACT [!?!&]

JUNETEENTH AND CIVIC SEASON ART EXHIBITION



June 19 through July 10, 2026

This annual exhibition seeks to consider art as political and the political as art. **Impact [!?!&]**, created by a number of artists, seeks to guide us into provocative and charged conversations using a number of mediums.

Locations: YMI Suites and YMI Art Galleries

Ujima Fitness Classes WITH KELLY WHITE

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. & Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Join us for community-centered fitness and wellness.

Location: Dickson Meeting Room (Basement Level)

JUNETEENTH 2026 TOUR OF THE YMI
JUNE 19, 2026

TOURS EVERY TWO HOURS

10 AM NOON 2 PM

FREE TICKETS

AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM

YMI Tours

Friday, June 19

Sean Palmer will lead an in-depth tour, sharing history that reaches back to the era of reconstruction. Join the walking tour at 10 a.m., noon, or 2 p.m. Reserve tickets at www.eventbrite.com.

Location: YMI Cultural Center

Black Experience Book Club

Thursday, June 25 from 6-7 p.m.

Held every fourth Thursday and hosted by alexandria ravenel. Explore literature that centers the voices, histories, and futures of the African Diaspora. To RSVP, please contact alexandria ravenel at alexandria@ymiculturalcenter.org.

Location: Noir Collective

Ujamaa Marketplace

Friday, June 19 at 1 p.m.

Shop with local vendors from the diaspora. Find exactly what you need and want in our Ujamaa Marketplace.

Location: Triangle Marketplace

Art After Dark, July Edition

Friday, July 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

Join us for our new and contemporary gathering that celebrates Black Art and Black Social Life.

Location: YMI Suites

YMI Cultural Center

The Links

DENIM DIAMONDS

Juneteenth Soiree

Live Music by Full Effect Band | Drinks by Bar Barbies

FRIDAY | JUNE 19TH | 3-6PM

YMI Cultural Center | 39 S. Market St, Asheville NC 28801

Early Bird \$25 | Door \$35

Purchase tickets at ymiculturalcenter.org

Proceeds support the YMI Art Gallery programming

Denim & Diamonds

YMI JUNETEENTH SOIREE

Friday, June 19 from 3-6 p.m.

Join the Links in raising money for the YMI's art collection and exhibitions. Wear your denim and come dance the afternoon away! Featuring live music and a bar. Earlybird tickets are \$25; \$35 at the door.

Location: YMI Auditorium

ART AFTER DARK

A FIRST FRIDAY KICKBACK

3 JULY 2026

7PM UNTIL...

FREE ENTRANCE

39 S. MARKET STREET, ASHEVILLE, NC 28801

KUJICHAGULIA ORGANIZATIONS IN RESIDENCE

Alpha Ascension Scholarship

Saturday, June 20

Hosted by the Alphas of Asheville.

Location: YMI Auditorium

Juneteenth through Performance

Friday, June 19, 7:30-9 p.m.

Presented by the Black Diamond Group. \$10 suggested donation (pay as you can).

Location: Story Parlor, 227 Haywood Road in Asheville