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Join Historic Columbia at the 40th Annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture on Saturday, Sept. 22

Neo-Soul Duo, Kindred the Family Soul, to headline free festival

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COLUMBIA, S.C., Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 — Join Historic Columbia at [Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture](#) from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. Now in its 40th year, this free outdoor festival brings musicians, artisans, dancers and storytellers together to celebrate South Carolina’s black history and culture on the grounds of the award-winning Mann-Simons Site.

“We are proud that Jubilee is the longest running festival in Columbia’s modern history,” said Dawn Mills Campbell, Jubilee Steering Committee Member and Historic Columbia Board of Trustees Member. “Since its founding 40 years ago at the Mann-Simons Cottage, the festival has continued to grow and is now one of the region’s largest celebrations of black history, culture and music.”

The music lineup will feature a variety of genres, including R&B, jazz, gospel and soul performances. In honor of the 40th anniversary, [Kindred the Family Soul](#), a Philadelphia-based neo-soul duo, will headline the festival. Kindred first started recording in 2003 for their album *Surrender to Love*, which launched their career with several four-star reviews and two hit singles. From there, they recorded four more albums, and produced a short film to visually accompany their latest. Kindred’s music has garnered them much praise in the industry. In 2004, the group was nominated for a Soul Train Music Award for “Surrender to Love,” and in 2006, they were nominated for a BET Award.

Below is a full list of festival’s entertainment lineup.

11 a.m.	Jubilee Choirs
11:30 a.m.	Barry Dennis
12 p.m.	Aunt Pearl Sue & Singers
12:15 p.m.	Benedict College Concert Choir
12:45 p.m.	Ken Cheeks & The Sunrise Jazz Ensemble
1:15 p.m.	Musical Solutions
2 p.m.	TiffanyJ
2:30 p.m.	Midlands School of Cheer and Dance
3 p.m.	Kindred the Family Soul
5 p.m.	UNISOGHN

Jubilee will also feature storytelling and artist demonstrations, including sweet grass basket making, broom makers, storytellers, reenactors and more. A children's area will be available with educational and family-friendly activities, presented in partnership with DiasporaU. In addition, there will be a variety of outdoor marketplace vendors selling food, beverages, art and ware.

Throughout the day, guests are invited to take house tours of the award-winning [Mann-Simons Site](#) and the [Modjeska Monteith Simkins House](#) for \$1 and take the [African American Historic Sites Bus Tour](#) for \$4. The bus tours will take place at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. The new exhibits and interpretation, which debuted in 2014 at the Mann-Simons Site, have received much praise, including the 2018 Southeastern Museums Conference's Excellence in Exhibitions Gold Award, the 2018 South Carolina Historic Preservation's Stewardship Award and the 2017 National Council on Public History's Outstanding Public History Award.

The festival celebration will kick-off at the [Jubilee Gala](#), which will honor 40 years of support for the Jubilee Festival and Mann-Simons Site. The Gala will be held from 6- 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Seibels House located at 1601 Richland Street. To purchase tickets, visit [Jubilee.org/Gala](#).

Jubilee is made possible by the [festival's generous sponsors](#) and is a free community event that will be held along Richland and Marion streets outside of the Mann-Simons Site at 1403 Richland Street in downtown Columbia. Visit [JubileeSC.org](#) to learn more.

About Historic Columbia:

In November 1961, a small group of individuals intent on saving the Ainsley Hall House from demolition officially incorporated as the Historic Columbia Foundation. Over the next five decades the organization, which was founded on the premise of preservation and education, would take on the stewardship of seven historic properties in Richland County. Today, the organization serves as a model for local preservation efforts and interpretation of local history. Visit [historiccolumbia.org](#) or find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#) for more details.

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Photo Captions:

- **Jubilee Demonstrations:** See demonstrations by South Carolina artists at the 40th annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22.
- **Jubilee Kindred the Family Soul:** Enjoy a headlining performance from Kindred the Family Soul at the 40th annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22.
- **Jubilee Vendors:** Explore a variety of outdoor vendors selling food, beverages, art and ware at the 40th annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22.

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