



The
Black Love
Experience

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The Black Love Experience is back to celebrate the Washington DC area creative community through expressions of love and the arts.

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Washington, DC (December 16, 2016) - One of the largest gatherings of Black artists and creatives in the Washington DC Metro Area is back for its fourth installment of The Black Love Experience. **On February 18, 2017, Nubian Human Boutique Lounge** hosts the event that can only be described as "a party, pop-up, concert, or gathering of any kind would be an understatement". The evening will once again be held at the **Anacostia Arts Center** located in **Southeast DC**. The Black Love Experience promises an eclectic blend of arts, music, shopping, food, live entertainment and thought-provoking, interactive sessions. "It's a congregation that goes deeper than male/female adoration. This is a moment of communal healing and has proven to resonate far past this night alone. It is loving us as Black people through various mediums and possess a kinetic energy that cannot be contrived or duplicated. You've got to feel it for yourself." says Founder, Anika Hobbs.

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As a launch pad celebration for two of the most highly-revered occasions of the season, Black History Month and Valentine's Day, the Black Love Experience amplifies the spirit of February by fusing diverse forms of creativity and expressions of love in one space. **DJ Underdog** (OkayAfrica and Afropunk) returns to provide

the musical stylings. Spotlight artist **Shani Crowe**, ~~Barbers~~ **Braided** photographer best known for her exhibit : A collection of photography highlighting intricate braided hairstyles and recent hair stylist for singer Solange on Saturday Night Live (SNL). Crowe will adorn the space and hold the stage to demonstrate the comradery within African-American hair salons and barbershops. Other artists include illustrator **Llanakila**, interactive artists **Intellectucool**, workshops on energetic balance and yin/yang interplay. The boutique team known for featuring uniquely crafted cultural goods along with subscription box **Ujamaa Box**, has curated 30 Black-owned businesses featuring clothing, accessories, sundries, and more for a **West Elm** sponsored pop up shop. Additional artists and details added daily.

Last year's Black Love Experience sold out and the organizers have since expanded the space to include the Honfleur Gallery and The Hive. Artists, vendors, volunteers and sponsors are encouraged to contact the event organizers at the following address: www.blackloveexperience.com. A portion of ticket sales will benefit a local organization or program.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend. Please email omolayonkem@gmail.com or visit blackloveexperience.com to request limited press passes.

Event Details:

The Black Love Experience

Saturday, February 18, 2017

7:00pm – 11:00pm

Anacostia Arts Center - 1231 Good Hope Road SE, Washington, DC 20020

Tickets: Early Bird (until sold out): \$17; Advanced: \$25; Door: \$45

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Black Love Experience Pitch Ideas:

- Black History Month Events
- Black History and Self Love
- Black Arts During Black History Month
- Heritage and Pride
- African American Arts in Historic Anacostia (Southeast DC)
- Unconventional Date Night
- Black Lives Do Matter: Commerce, Art, and Culture

About Nubian Hueman

Founded by Anika Hobbs, Nubian Hueman Boutique Lounge features cultural apparel, accessories, and beauty brands, along with art of all mediums from around the globe. Their myriad of talented designers bring ethnic influences to modern silhouettes and product lines by using traditional patterns or ingredients. Nubian Hueman concentrates on (but is not exclusive to) brands and artists that provide growth opportunities and/or a portion of its proceeds to not-for-profit organizations, fair-trade, or socio-developmental causes. The Nubian Hueman Boutique Lounge serves as a means to promote collective interaction, community development, and global responsibility through a fresh and artistic platform. nubianhueman.com