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Southampton, New York Aug 7, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - On **July 19 & July 20, 2024 ART & SOUL: Hamptons**, in partnership with the **Southampton African American Museum** and the **Southampton Arts Center**, curated a weekend filled with art and cultural experiences attracting visitors from all over the country. The weekend festival celebrates influential and emerging BIPOC artists living in the Hamptons community and beyond. The series of experimental events encourages people to visit Southampton to engage and connect with artists of color, as well as support art and cultural organizations who are passionate about diversity in the arts.

Day One kicked off at the Southampton Arts Center — a hub that is helping to strengthen arts and culture for the entire community. Invited guests and attendees were entertained with live music by flutist Dwayne Kerr. Featured artists include **Art Sims** and **Reynoir Lewis**. A culinary tasting presented by the **Black Culinary Expo** featured **Chef Sandy Pierre of 1804 Fyete**, **Chef Ronica Copes of Five**

Star Crab Cakes, **Chef Cheryl Grigg of Chara's Kitchen & Catering**, **Chef Shernell Prescott of KP Customized Kreationz**, **More Popcorn** and **Tasty Isles** by KP Customized Kreationz, **Chef K Martin of 13 Spice N' Everyting Nice**, **Chef Ann of Creative Kitchen**, **Chef Doug Gee of Gee It's Good!**, **Banana Pudding by Jaya**, and **The Nourish Spot**. [New England Sweetwater](#) presented a sipping experience showcasing their spirits and cocktails that are handcrafted in New Hampshire at their family-owned distillery. To enhance the Hamptons experience, **Piper-Heidsieck Champagne** poured bubbly and chatted about champagne. The **American Heart Association** hosted a wellness lounge and gave away summer stylish tote bags, light up rings, and tons of other goodies. **Beautiful Amore Skincare** hosted a beauty bar where they gifted their popular vegan body butter and served Issa Rae's new prosecco. A short film screening of **Wouldn't Be Nuthin'**, a love story starring **Tristan Mack Wilds** (The Wire) and **Shannon Thornton** (P-Valley), added another level of entertainment. Following the film, Brenda Simmons of the Southampton African American Museum moderated a film talkback with co-writer/co-producer **Greg Cally** that left the audience wanting to know more about the Black love drama. The evening concluded with the **Art After Dark** after party hosted in the sculpture garden, with a music set by **DJ CJ** who kept the celebration going.

Day Two began with a private guided museum tour of **Ma's House & BIPOC Art Studio** led by **Jeremy Dennis**. Guests learned about the history, culture, and contributions of the **Native American Shinnecock Tribe**. Following the art tour, visitors participated in the **Art Walk**. The first stop was at the **Southampton African American Museum** (SAAM), founded by **Brenda Simmons**, who premiered the latest collection by artist **Alvin Clayton**. The second stop was at the **Southampton Arts Center** where various artists had their artwork featured in the **'Beyond The Streets: Post Graffiti'** art exhibition. The third and final stop was at **Hidden Gem NY**, a home décor and lifestyle boutique owned by sisters and business partners **Tanya Willock** and **Temidra Willock-Morsch**. After some shopping in the Hamptons, a VIP brunch was co-hosted by **Brown Skin Brunchin'**, **Piper-Heidsieck Champagne**, and **Rare Champagne**, and held at brunch hot spot **75 Main Restaurant**. Guests enjoyed sipping champagne in a spacious dining room and private outdoor garden.

Later in the evening, the festival wrapped up with an art opening reception celebrating artist **Alvin Clayton's** residency at the **Southampton African American Museum**. Clayton's collection "Reflections of Time: Through the Eyes of a Caribbean-American Artist" is open to the public for viewing through October 2024. A fireside chat moderated by the Southampton African American Museum followed. Live music and entertainment was provided by Keisha Martin and The Jamrock Soul Xperience band, master kora player **Yacouba Sissoko** and **SIYA** African band, and a special performance by ballet dancer **Audrey Borst**. A screening of **CROWN**, a short film that celebrates Black hair, was presented by co-writer/co-director **Karisma Jay**, who participated in a conversation about celebrating Black hair, along with Black hair expert **Zakkiyah Pasley** and performer **Audrey Borst**. The screening was powered by **Ziggy Inspired, LLC**, an organic hair care brand. The panel discussion was moderated by **Brenda Simmons**. Caribbean soul food catered by Chef Sandy Pierre of **1804 Fyete**, complimented the Caribbean summer cocktails sponsored by **New England Sweetwater**. An after party ended the night with music vibes by **DJ Infmatick**, and guests were excited as they picked up their swag bags.

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EVENT PARTNERS

[SOUTHAMPTON AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM](#) was founded and created by Brenda Simmons to promote an understanding and appreciation of African American culture by creating programs that will preserve the past, encourage learning and enhance the life of the community.

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ABOUT ART & SOUL: HAMPTONS

ART & SOUL: Hamptons is a weekend festival designed to highlight, showcase, and celebrate art created by influential and emerging Black, Indigenous and Artists of Color living in the Hamptons and beyond. It was created by Yaya Reyes, who curates a series of experimental events to encourage people to visit Southampton to engage and connect with artists of color, as well as support art and cultural organizations who are passionate about diversity in the arts. The weekend consists of an art walk, an outdoor art exhibition, culinary experiences, spirit and cocktail tastings, live music and entertainment, film screenings, fireside chats, VIP lounges, supporting local Black-owned businesses, and learning about the Native American Shinnecock tribe.

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