

ART & SOUL: Hamptons Celebrates Black Artistry

ART & SOUL: Hamptons 2025 Celebrates a Triumphant Weekend of Black Artistry, Culinary Excellence, and Cultural Power



Southampton, New York Jul 24, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - ART & SOUL: Hamptons returned July 18–20, 2025, with a sold-out, three-day cultural celebration that brought together Black artists, culinary masters, tastemakers, wellness enthusiasts, and thought leaders, in the heart of the East End. The immersive experience unfolded across multiple iconic venues, spotlighting the richness of Black creative expression through visual art, Caribbean cuisine, healthy vegan delights, summer cocktails, live music, and spirited conversations.

This year's edition was presented in partnership with the [Southampton African American Museum](#), [Southampton Arts Center](#), and [Ma's House & BIPOC Art Studio](#), with the support from community partners [New England Sweetwater Farm & Distillery](#), [The Wine Stylings of Charles Springfield](#), Early Burdz, and Hidden Gem NY.

Throughout the weekend, invited guests and attendees were treated to:

- Outdoor Art Exhibition featuring artists: Reynoir Lewis, Laura R. Gadson, and Suliman Onque
- Film Screening of 'ERASED', narrated and executive produced by English actor Idris Elba, and a film talkback with executive producer Sean David Johnson, moderated by Brenda Simmons, founder and CEO of the Southampton African American Museum. This special screening is supported by National Geographic
- Private Museum Tour of MA's House & BIPOC Art Studio on the Shinnecock Indian Reservation – led by artist Jeremy Dennis
- Red Carpet Experience captured by published photographer Kurt Leggard
- Live music by flutist Dwayne Kerr (Erykah Badu band)
- Art Walk showcasing BIPOC artists
- Cocktail Tasting Experience curated by Alcohol Sponsor: New England Sweetwater Farm & Distillery who presented Clark & Chesterfield Whiskey, Kingfish Rum, Monadnock Moonshine, Libation, and Ashuelot
- Champagne and Wine Tasting experience presented by The Wine Stylings by Charles Springfield, which included House of Henkel, IBest Wines, The Vice, and HRLM Champagne
- Culinary Tasting Experience by Chef Cheryl Grigg of Chara's Kitchen & Catering, Chef Doug Gee, Chef Anthony of Oh My Deliciousness, Chef Gucci of SMAC, Chef Joe and Chef Kay of Infusery – Caribbean Soul Food Chefs, and Saaz Indian Cuisine
- Food and Beverage participants added delicious flair with soulful wellness offerings from Hampton Gifts and Events, Happy Bubble Soda, The Nourish Spot, PAIJA Tea Co., and K Bloody Mary Mix
- Hamptons VIP Brunch at hotspot 75 Main Restaurant
- Art Opening Reception for resident artist Shaunt'e Lewis at the Southampton African American Museum
- Live Performances by master kora player Yacouba Sissoko, SIYA African Band, and DJ Infmatick
- Champagne Brunch fundraiser to benefit the Southampton African American Museum

Elevating the ambiance were event décor design company Planned by Sue and luxury floral designs by April & Ashley which contributed to the lively celebration and photographed moments of Black joy.

An inspiring mix of cultural influencers, artists, creatives, and thought leaders made an appearance and added their perspective to the weekend. From actors to curators to designers, collectors, and wellness experts, their participation helped elevate ART & SOUL: Hamptons into a true celebration of Black excellence across disciplines. Special guests included award-winning actress Novi Brown (BET's Sistas), philanthropist Jean Shafiroff, architect Peter Marino, beauty influencer Tatiana Lewis, Hamptons socialite and publisher Vanessa Gordon (East End Taste), Hamptons socialite and publisher

Vanessa Leggard (Hamptons MouthPiece), Dr. Georgette Grier-Key (Eastville Community Historical Society of Sag Harbor), host and entertainer Kevin Thompson, preservationist and writer Michael Henry Adams, Donna Roderick (National President of The Drifters Inc.), celebrity fashion stylist Esther Lamour, journalist Nikita Stewart (New York Times), publisher Cynthia Horner (Right ON!), hotelier Dede Gotthelf (Southampton Inn), and Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright (NY Assembly District 76).

“ART & SOUL is not just an event — it’s a declaration of presence, purpose, and power,” said Yaya Reyes, festival producer. “We’re proud to gather the community and celebrate Black creativity in such a meaningful and elevated way.”

Media Partners include the New York Association of Black Journalists, DION Magazine, East End Taste Magazine, Hamptons MouthPiece, Signature Bride Magazine, and Celebrate, Socialize and Explore, which amplified the reach and impact of the event across print, digital, and social media platforms.

VIP guests received thoughtfully curated gift bags featuring brands such as: [Brownkind](#), Vrai Cosmetics, Purpose Jewelry, Tres Kay Beauty, Symphony of Leaves Tea Co., Meloria Forever, First Holistic Wellness, Uberlube, Healing Within Wellness, LUMI Cup, N/UM, Oleaphen, Spry, Uppy!, Anteel Tequila, Lifewithrj Arts, Violet and Ivy Wellness Co., Allure Novembre, and MAYA WINSTON.

To view weekend highlights and stay informed on future programming follow @ArtAndSoulHamptons on Instagram for exclusive content and updates.



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