

41ST ANNUAL BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL
CULTURAL DIVERSITIES: SONGS TO SING, STORIES TO TELL

ORATION COMPETITION – VIDEOS DUE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Our community's youth is our top priority. In order to continue the tradition of the Anniston Museums and Gardens' annual Black Heritage Festival and keep our community safe, the 41st Annual Black Heritage Festival has transitioned to **virtual**.

The Oration Competition will be *pre-recorded and privately streamed for competition judges and the festival coordinator on Saturday, February 20, 2021*. Following the streaming, the winners' videos will be posted to the Anniston Museums and Gardens social media pages. All participant videos will be uploaded to our website, www.ExploreAMAG.org, and the Anniston Museums and Gardens' YouTube channel the week of February 22, 2021.

Children interested in participating in the 41st Annual Black Heritage Oration Competition may ask their teacher or guardian to record their oration and send the video to the Anniston Museum of Natural History's Facebook page via Messenger, Anniston Museums and Gardens' Google Classroom (Class Code: l5nqrcz), or schedule a time to record at the museums (schedule attached below). **We encourage participants to upload and submit videos between Monday, February 1 – Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Videos will not be accepted after Tuesday, February 16, 2021.**

Leading up to the event, the Anniston Museums and Gardens will be posting interviews with oration competition judges, festival volunteers, and the festival coordinator on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. To go *behind the scenes* of the annual Black Heritage Festival, be sure to follow us on social media!



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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There are 3 ways to upload your video for the 41st Annual Black Heritage Orator Competition:

1. Send videos to the Anniston Museum of Natural History’s Facebook via Messenger
2. Upload participant videos to Anniston Museums and Gardens’ Google Classroom (**Class Code: 15nqrcz**)
3. Schedule a 15-minute appointment to record your presentation at the Anniston Museum of Natural History or Berman Museum. See schedule below. To reserve your recording time, email sburke@annistonmuseum.org or call 256-237-6261. Walk-ins are accepted and will be recorded in the order they arrive.

	Anniston Museum of Natural History	Berman Museum
Sunday, January 31/February 7		1:00-4:45pm
Monday, February 1/February 8		2:00-4:45pm
Tuesday, February 2/February 9	2:00-4:45pm	
Wednesday, February 3/February 10	2:00-4:45pm	
Thursday, February 4/February 11	2:00-4:45pm	
Friday, February 5/February 12		
Saturday, February 6/February 13	2:00-4:45pm	12:00-4:45pm
	Anniston Museum of Natural History	Berman Museum
Sunday, February 14		1:00-4:45pm
Monday, February 15		1:00-4:45pm
Tuesday, February 16	2:00-4:45pm	
Wednesday, February 17	NO VIDEOS ACCEPTED	NO VIDEOS ACCEPTED
Thursday, February 18	NO VIDEOS ACCEPTED	NO VIDEOS ACCEPTED
Friday, February 19	NO VIDEOS ACCEPTED	NO VIDEOS ACCEPTED
Saturday, February 20	Winners Announced by 3:00pm	Winners Announced by 3:00pm