

2020 Events In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Here are some highlights of Denver/Boulder area events commemorating Dr. King. For more events in your area, please check your city's website, universities or other online searches.

MONDAY, JAN 13, 2020

Prayer Vigil and MLK Jr. Commemoration Opening Ceremony

5:30 - 7 p.m. - Aurora Municipal Center

[Info](#)

The Aurora Community of Faith will host a prayer vigil, followed by the City of Aurora's Community Relations department's kickoff of a week of MLK events. Get the details [here](#).

Shoebox Stories Live: UndocuAmerica Series in honor of MLK Jr.

Jan 13 -17 - 7-9pm at The Dairy Arts Center, Boulder

There are 5 dates for this event, each with different Boulder County leaders

[Info](#)

Motus Theater partners with five Boulder County organizations - Center of the American West, Boulder Chamber, Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, Boulder JCC, and League of Women Voters where Boulder County leaders step into the shoes of people who are undocumented by reading their personal stories aloud on stage.

TUESDAY, JAN 14, 2020

Shoebox Stories Live: UndocuAmerica Series in honor of MLK Jr.

See January 13th for info and description.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15, 2020

Shoebox Stories Live: UndocuAmerica Series in honor of MLK Jr.

See January 13th for info and description.

MLK Jr. Community Celebration: "The Words Ring On"

6 p.m. - Heritage Event Center, Aurora

Free event - no RSVP is necessary

[Info](#) or call 303-739-7280

Featuring Grammy-winning artist Dorinda Clark-Cole, presentation of the Human Relations Commission MLK Jr. Legacy award, a reading by Aurora Poet Laureate Assetou Xango and the announcement of The Words Ring On Art, Poetry & Essay Contest winners.

THURSDAY, JAN 16 & FRIDAY JAN 17, 2020

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Blood Memory

FREE Film Screening & Discussion

6-9 pm – First Universalist Church of Denver

Hosted by the Racial Justice Task Force at First Universalist Church of Denver

[Info](#)

This screening and discussion of the award-winning documentary uncovers the untold history of America's Indian Adoption Era – a time when nearly one-third of children were removed from tribal communities nationwide. Through one brave woman's story, we learn about the effect of adoption and dislocation on children taken from their homes, families and culture.

SATURDAY, JAN 18, 2020

33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Business Awards luncheon

Celebrating Content of Character

11:45am – Hilton Denver City Center Hotel.

[Info](#)

This annual event will celebrate the 2020 honorees for their exemplary social responsibility in adhering to the ideals of Dr. King: Dr. Jandel Allen-Davis; Ball Corporation; Colorado Coalition for the Homeless; Nita Mosby Tyler; the Women's Bean Project, John Yee (posthumously) and Bishop Dr. Acen Phillips.

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

by NAACP of Boulder County and Second Baptist Church

(see flyer attached to this email)

12-4pm – Second Baptist Church, Boulder

Free and Family Friendly!

[Info](#)

This exciting event includes a lunch bar and a celebration in the arts. Guests include: Norma Johnson performing an original work of poetry composed for the event; Rev. Dr. Almella Starks Umoja whose father was the Chief Strategist for Dr. King's planning committees; a performance by the Colorado Heritage Community Choir; and our panel of presenters: Isabella Dzidefo, Rev. Pedro Silva and Karia White.

Denver Black Equity Summit 2020

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - New Hope Baptist Church, Denver

[Info](#)

This all-day event will focus on equity in business, education, government and community, with presentations by the City and County of Denver Equity Team, the DPS Equity Team, the Colorado Black Round Table, Equity in Denver Black Community Leadership Hearing Panel, and the presentation of the Commitment to Equity awards.

SUNDAY, JAN 19, 2020

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MLK Community Celebration

6:00 - 7:30pm - First United Methodist Church of Lafayette

[Info](#)

This event includes outstanding performances by Boulder County choirs and featuring the Colorado Heritage Community Choir (CHCC) under the direction of Tad Ko-riath and Mario McCorvey. Our special guest is the Honorable Judge Carolyn Wade Blackett.

Gospel Brunch With TMG and Two Sistah's Eats

2:30 to 5 p.m. - Jazz at Jack's, Denver

[Info](#)

This celebration of MLK Jr. includes music by Timothy Martin and Greatness, and food provided by Two Sistah's Eats.

MONDAY, JAN 20, 2020 - MLK DAY

Motorcade and Wreath-laying

Hosted by city of Aurora Community Relations

7 a.m. - gather at Aurora Municipal Center

7:30 a.m., motorcade departs led by Aurora Police Department

8 a.m., program and wreath-laying, Martin Luther King Jr. Library

8:30 a.m., departure to Marade in Denver

[Info](#)

35th Annual MLK Marade

Welcome to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Colorado Holiday Commissions "Marade." This parade is the *Only* one of its kind in the nation.

Program 9:30am / Marade starts 10:45am - Denver City Park

[Info](#)

[Five Things to Know Ahead of This Event](#)

Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Leadership Summit

12 - 4 p.m. - Manual High School, Denver

[Info](#)

This Colorado Black Round Table program is designed for high school and middle school students, with discussions of black history, career options and civic responsibility. There will be a special session for parents.

JustUs

Motus Theater presents autobiographical performances by formerly incarcerated people of color.

Family Friendly Performance & panel discussion

4:30 pm - The Dairy Arts Center, Boulder

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Free & Open to the Public – First Come, First Served. No Advance Reservations

NOTE: This performance is a modified version of the entire performance featured at 6:30pm. (see below)

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6:30pm - The Dairy Arts Center, Boulder

[Info](#) **Age Advisory: 18 years old**

The Boulder County premiere of *JustUs: Stories From the Frontlines of the Criminal Justice System*. This “Unplugged” performance features seven people who were formerly incarcerated telling autobiographical stories about the damage **done** in the name of justice. Music by jazz great Robert Johnson and pianist Adam Bodine.

For more info and tickets: <https://www.motustheater.org/justus-monologues>

MLK Jr. Rodeo of Champions - The Greatest Show on Dirt!

6pm - Denver Coliseum

[Info](#)

[Video](#)

You do not want to miss seeing 4 generations of Black Cowboys and Cowgirls for an action packed evening! Gather up your family and we will see you at the MLK Rodeo of Champions!

3rd Annual Martin Luther King Day Talent Showcase

6:30-8:30pm - The Avalon Ballroom, Boulder

[Info](#)

The 2020 Martin Luther King Day Talent Show of Boulder is a celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As such, its goal is to bring the community of Boulder together for a night of dance, and music, and excitement as well as raise funds for SPAN.

TUESDAY, JAN 21, 2020

Inheritance

A play by Norma Johnson, directed by Jada Suzanne Dixon

(see flyer attached to this email)

Co-presented by Community Foundation Boulder County and the Longmont Museum

6:30 pm - Longmont Museum

FREE - Reservations Strongly Recommended

[Make your reservation](#)

[For more information and the study guide](#)

The play, commissioned by Curious Theater, will be followed by a talk-back with the playwright and the performers. This is a show people are talking about!