

New York State Interagency Black History Month Observance "Cultural Expo: Discovering the African American Legacy"

February 23-24, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Empire State Plaza (South Concourse), Albany

This celebration will include musical performances, cultural craft vendors, ethnic foods, and informational booths. All are welcome.

Highlights:

Wednesday, February 23

■ **Smartel Band - Old School and R&B Music**

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

■ **Presentation of Community Distinction Awards**

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Honorees:

- Sergeant Deon L. Taylor, New York Army National Guard (Posthumous)
- Major General Rosetta Burke, United States Army (Retired)
- Colonel Stephanie Dawson, New York Army National Guard, 369th Sustainment Brigade
- Command Chief Master Sergeant Hardy Pierce, Jr., New York Air National Guard (Retired)
- Master Sergeant Carl A. Patterson, United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- New York National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

Thursday, February 24

■ **Frank Chapman Memorial Institute - Musical and Dramatic Performances by Capital Area Young People**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cosponsors:

- New York State Office of General Services
- New York State Department of Correctional Services
- New York State Department of Health
- New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
- New York State Museum / State Education Department
- New York State Division of State Police
- New York State Thruway Authority
- New York State United Teachers
- Price Chopper



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