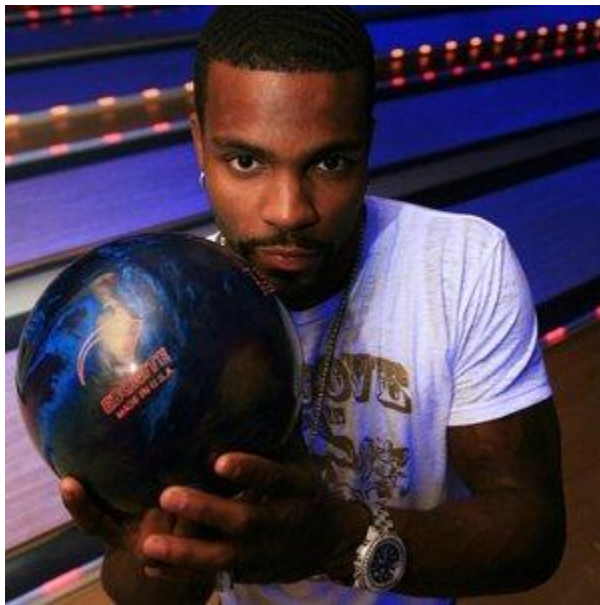




D-scene: June 16-22

Views and clues inside Detroit's party scene

By Ese Esan



Allied Mania

Artists will converge on **Wayne State University's** campus this weekend for the 12th annual **Allied Media Conference**, which not only shows how utilizing communication tools can transform the community, but familiarizes visitors to Detroit's vivacity through music.

The three-day conference takes place Thursday through Sunday and includes workshops like "How to Build a Computer from Recycled Parts," "Beatmaking," "Mobile Phone Journalism," and dozens more. It will also feature a vendor exhibition area and a media lab with ongoing technology and art projects.

"The AMC is important as a knowledge-exchange between Detroit and the rest of the country," says Jenny Lee, program director at Allied Media. "People travel from hundreds of cities and towns to learn from the ways Detroit is solving problems with creative, community-based tactics. They also bring with them resources and ideas that leave a lasting impact in Detroit year-round."

Detroit's **Monica Blaire** and Invincible will host a strategy session on "Creating a Music-based Economy for Detroit's Future," and there will be a series of nightly live music events (free for registered AMC participants). A bowling/karaoke party will be held at the **Majestic Complex** with performers Tamar-kali, Defiance, Crime and more (\$8 for non-registered participants) Friday, and Miz Korona, Mark Flash, Jessica Care Moore and others will hold it down at **MOCAD** Saturday (\$10 suggested donation for non-

registered participants).

“There is a vibrant media-based economy growing in Detroit, and the music community is a big part of that,” Lee says. “Through the AMC, we are cultivating local and national audiences for Detroit artists but also demonstrating how music can, and should, be deeply connected to the work of community transformation.”

The Allied Media after party, free to everyone, will be held at **Cass Café** and feature D.C. DJs Rat Trash Radius and Mothersheister; Detroit DJ and Allied Media Program Director DintheD; Allied Media Operations Director DJ Mike M.E.D.O.W. who will spin some disco; and Latin DJ pre-Columbian.

For more information, program schedule, advance registration and a housing message board, visit alliedmediaconference.org.

After party: 8 p.m. Sunday, Cass Cafe, 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit, 313.831.1400. Free.

Braylon Edwards charity weekend

In preparation for his celebrity basketball game Saturday at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor, Detroit-native **Braylon Edwards**, a wide receiver for pro football team the New York Jets, will host a meet and greet Friday at the **Corner Bar** in Birmingham.

Expected attendees include Michigan’s Mike Hart, running back for the Indianapolis Colts; safety Kerry Rhodes and Steve Breaston of the Arizona Cardinals; actor Quinton Aaron (a.k.a. Michael Oher from the 2009 film “The Blind Side”) and former University of Michigan football player LaMarr Woodley of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Tax-deductible tickets for the Corner Bar event are \$125 and benefit the [Braylon Edwards Foundation](http://BraylonEdwardsFoundation.org), a nonprofit organization established by Edwards to raise money for projects that promote education and healthy living among the youth. The ticket price includes an open bar.

Tipoff for the **celebrity basketball game** is at 8 p.m. and players include Mark Sanchez, Darrelle Revis and Santonio Holmes, Edward’s teammates from the New York Jets; NFL stars Hart and LaMarr and Ryan Mundy of the Pittsburgh Steelers. A portion of the proceeds from the game will be donated to the University of Michigan Women’s basketball scholarship.

Between the game and the meet and greet, you’re sure to get a healthy dose of interaction with the sport celebs, but if you still need more, there will be an afterglow event at **MBarGo** following the game.

Tickets to the game are \$10 for general admission, and the afterglow cover is \$20.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit braylonedwardsfoundation.org.

Meet and greet: 6-9 p.m. Friday, the Corner Bar, 100 Townsend, Birmingham, 248.594.6272. \$125.

Freedom: A Juneteenth Celebration

Everyone is invited to commemorate the 145th anniversary of Juneteenth with an afternoon of music, food and a membership drive to benefit the **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** at the inaugural Juneteenth celebration at **Beans & Cornbread**.

“It really is about fun and fellowship,” says Jay B. Marks, one of several organizers of the event. “There’s no production or presentation. We’re celebrating what happened on that date in 1865. It’s always important to celebrate our history. We attribute much of our success today to the work of our ancestors. “

Juneteenth is an annual event held on June 19 that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

“Juneteenth is important because it not only celebrates the freedom of the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, it recognizes the end of slavery in America,” says Daphne McDuffie, one of the event organizers. “It’s a time to reflect, embrace our history and move forward with community-development and self-awareness.”

While guests celebrate the past, Detroit DJs Bruce Bailey and Vernon English will spin everything from hip hop to house music in the restaurant’s Red Velvet Room and intimate Sidebar. Giveaways include Ralph Ellison’s novel “Juneteenth,” books and CDs by local authors and artists, t-shirts and museum memberships.

“We thought it’d be most appropriate, being Juneteenth, that we have a push to support the Charles H. Wright,” says Marks who admits that his membership lapses from time to time to due forgetfulness. “The Museum is our museum that tells our story, and the museum needs our support. I try to maintain my membership but I forget like everyone else.”

The goal of Saturday’s membership drive is to get 145 new, renewal or gift memberships to the Museum of African American History in celebration of the 145th anniversary of Juneteenth. Membership levels start as low as \$5 per year and the museum is offering one-time-only discounts of \$19 off family memberships and \$6 off individual memberships.

“The average Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History member is 50 plus years old,” McDuffie says. “We’re hoping to attract members between the ages of 25 to 45 years old. The museum is a jewel that should be enjoyed by the community. Detroiters and suburbanites. Young and old.”

3-8 p.m. Saturday, Beans & Cornbread, 29508 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, 248.208.1680. Free.

Nightlife Napkin Notes

Sunday Funday

Ferndale’s **Rosie O’Grady’s** has launched a new weekly event called **Sunday Funday** featuring DJ Capt’n 20 and percussionist Jared Sykes. The event, which features \$3 mimosas, \$3.50 Bloody Mary’s and a \$5 mojito bar, will be held each week on the patio with special performances throughout the summer from John Arnold, DJs Prevu, Whip, Tom Keeling, Hush and more.

Sundays, Rosie O’Grady’s, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, 248.591.9163.

Sunset at the Zoo

The **Detroit Zoo’s** annual **fundraiser, Sunset at the Zoo**, takes place Friday with proceeds helping support the renovation of the lion habitat. This fierce fiesta includes fare from more than 40 metro Detroit restaurants and libations from 10 area bars. There will be a live music stage as well as raffle drawings.

7-11:30 p.m. Friday, Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, 248.541.5717. \$125 (\$75 tax deductible) for Zoo members; \$150 (\$100 tax deductible).

SPARK!

Looking for a special Saturday night electric charge? Make sure and stop through Royal Oak’s new art space and studio, founded by Kelly Frank and Alison Wong, for the opening night of its new exhibit Spark.

Spark is a specially-themed show centered around "collaboration." Selected works from nine different artists will be paired with nine other artists who are charged with the creative task of responding to those original selections with pieces of their own. The creative response between the artist pairings and the subsequent dialogue formed through that connection will be the evening’s focus.

6-9 p.m. Saturday, Butter, 814 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. www.butterprojects.info

