

Celebrating life -- Celebrating struggle Message from Mumia Abu-Jamal

Dear sisters, brothers, friends, comrades, children...

On the MOVE. I thank all of you for sharing this day with us and people like Pam Africa for being the spark for making it happen.

Before I begin, let me ask all of you - all of you - to join in applause for our freedom movement, all of our movements for freedom. Thank you.

That movement - this movement - has lasted longer than many contemporary movements. It has fought against monstrous odds, against lies, slander, threats and state terrorism. Yet it's still here, still pungent, still moving. So for real, for real this is a celebration of more than life -- it's a celebration of struggle.

It's a celebration of resistance in the age of the "New Jim Crow" which we know ain't really so new. It's seen as upsetting the apple cart for we all live in a false peace today. Because of the politics of today we live in an age of bliss. We're at the high watermark of Black politics, right?

How can we be there, and also at the very nadir of Black freedom? How can we be at the top and also at the bottom?

The truth is **we** ain't at the top but **we** certainly at the bottom. And we are put there and kept there by institutions of repression that are designed to continue the pursuit of the new Jim Crow, all the while crowing about a freedom that is more illusory than real.

We must remember that the very essence of politics is illusion. And not just Black politics – Black politics, white politics, Indian politics, South African politics - you name it.

We vote for people that close our schools. We vote for politicians who hire people to beat us, to repress us, to shoot us. We vote for people that send our kids to war for corporations. We vote for prison cells and execution chambers.

Our movement has arisen to fight these things and we will continue to do so. Our movement opposes mass incarceration and we will continue to do so. Our movement fights against the death penalty and we will continue to do so. Our movement opposes solitary confinement and we will continue to do so.

Our movement is *you* and we continue to struggle because we celebrate the struggle, we celebrate the struggle – I said we celebrate the struggle until all of us are free.

On the MOVE. Long live John Africa. I love you all.

from imprisoned nation this is Mumia Abu-Jamal

To hear all of Mumia's recorded messages visit http://www.prisonradio.org/media/audio/mumia

Join the Work of The Campaign to Bring Mumia Home www.bringmumiahome.com

The Campaign to Bring Mumia Home is a united front effort bringing together a new generation of young activists alongside of Pam Africa of the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal (ICFFMAJ) and the various currents within the movement to Free Mumia. Its member organizations include ICFFMAJ, Educators for Mumia Abu-Jamal (EMAJ), Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition (NYC), the National Lawyer Guild, the Committee to Save Mumia Abu-Jamal, Sankofa Community Empowerment, Mobilization to Free Abu-Jamal/Northern California, Le Collectif Français "Libérons Mumia," G Le Collectif Français "Libérons Mumia Penalty and to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, Amigos de Mumia de México, Millions for Mumia/International Action Center.

Our goal is to bring Mumia home as we work to end mass and political imprisonment in the United States. Because Mumia is known the world-over for his radical commentaries and writings on inequality and because he has spent so much of his time in prison offering a radical critique and analysis of the crisis of mass incarceration, a victory in Mumia's case would open up a much larger conversation in the mainstream about the crisis of mass incarceration and political imprisonment in the U.S.

Our strategic plan is focused on changing the perception of Mumia in Philadelphia, establishing the facts of Mumia's innocence, and raising his profile in key cities like New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and especially Washington DC. We are also committed to raising Mumia's profile among a new generation of young people as an important prerequisite to the civil disobedience actions that will be necessary to bring Mumia home.

Join the work of the Campaign and the organizations fighting for Mumia's liberation.

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Workshop Line Up

9AM: Free Your Mind Free Mumia Free Them All Yoga

10AM: Gather at former Black Panther Party headquarters at 19th and Cecil B Moore for Sons and Daughter's of the Revolution March

11AM: Son's and Daughter's of Revolution March commences to the Church of the Advocate, 1801 Diamond

11:30AM: Opening Remarks & Libation - Main Stage (19th & Cecil B. Moore)

12:15PM: Concurrent Session 1:

The Attack on Educators - Sanctuary

This panel will address the attacks on educators and institutions that stand defiantly against the mainstream education and pedagogy.

Combatting Gentrification - Auditorium

This panel will address the ongoing conversation around urban gentrification and the tangible solutions for keeping our communities in tact.

Community Policing - Classroom A

This panel will address the ways in which people can hold the police accountable and secure their own communities.

1:30PM: Concurrent Session 2:

The Role of Movement Lawyers & the Case of Mumia Abu Jamal - Sanctuary

This panel will address the role of lawyers in the movement, the relationship between lawyers and community organizations and the implications of the Adeqbile controversy.

Prisoners, Political Prisoner, Prisoners Rights - Auditorium

This panel will address some of the many aspects of the prison industrial complex: lifers, aging prisoners, political prisoners and parole.

School to Prison Pipeline and Youth Activism - Classroom A

This panel will address the impact of the school to prison pipeline and what youth are actively doing to address this issue.

2:45PM: Mumia Case Update - Sanctuary:

This presentation will provide a legal update on Mumia's case, updates on the work of the Campaign, updates on the case of the MOVE 9 as well as remarks from our international delegates.

*Participants are strongly encouraged to attend.

*Immediately following the Prisoners/ Political Prisoners, Prisoner Rights panel members of the Center for Returning Citizens, De-Carcerate and the Human Rights Coalition will host a workshop on Pennsylvania's Illegal Life Sentence and their demand for the release of the thousands of innocent and misrepresented prisoners. Class Room A, 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Children's Zone:

The Children's Zone is a child friendly space for children 4 years and up; open from 12pm-4pm at 18th St. and Gratz St. The Children's Zone will include a moon bounce, story telling, free face painting, free balloon animals, political prisoner writing/picture drawing and more.

*Please note all children in the Children's Zone must be supervised at all times by their parent/guardian. The Church of the Advocate nor the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home are responsible for injuries incurred while in the Children's Zone.

Program Line Up

12PM to 1PM Timothy Welback
Ghypsee
Squala Orphan
Tate the Great
LC The Poet
P Wise

1PM to 2PM....OG Law

Raging Grannies

2PM to 3PM.....Cornel West Theory

Isis the Savior Luci Murphy

Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble

Carter Woodz

3PM to 4PM.....Capoeira

Narubi Selah

Hakim of Channel Live

Rahnda Rize Aquil

4PM to 5PM.....Taina Asili

Rebel Diaz

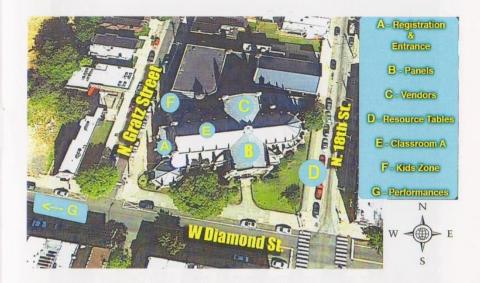
Dice Raw of The Roots

5PM to 6PM......Jasiri X

Immortal Technique

Dead Prez

*Time and artists are subject to change





ALWAYS ON THE FRONT LINES FOR MUMIA!



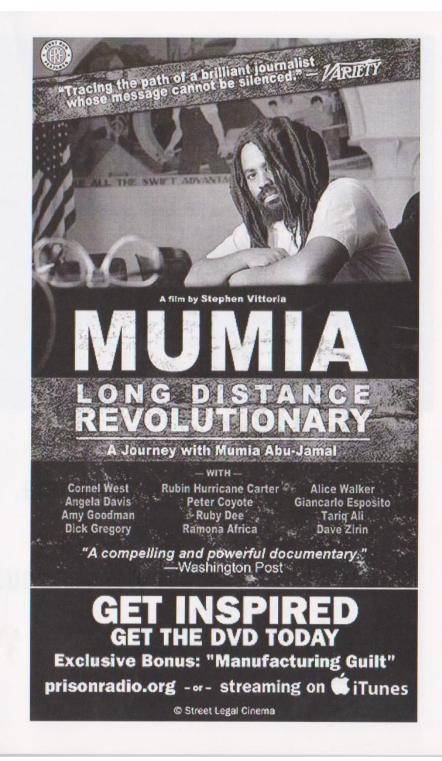
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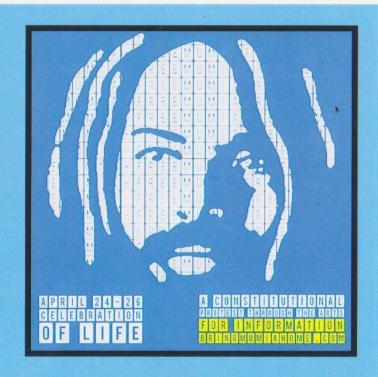
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Church of the Advocate

You are now standing in the historic George W. South Memorial Church of the Advocate, Rev. Dr. Renee McKenzie – the current pastor, the buildings, and its members have been a major center for advocacy in North Philadelphia. The space houses a daily ministry, a soup kitchen and a home for local meetings. Aside from this, the Church has a legacy in the support for racial and gender equality in Philadelphia. The Church housed Black Panther conferences and conventions, MOVE Commission meetings after the massacre, a memorial for the death of Fred Hampton in 1969 as well as ordination of the first female ministers in the Episcopal Church. It is only appropriate for the Celebration of Life for Mumia Abu-Jamal to be held inside its walls. Immerse yourself in the 19th Century Gothic architecture as well as the powerful murals and paintings in the space. The church contains a series of 14 murals depicting vignettes of the Black experience in America, including slavery, emancipation, and scenes from the Civil Rights Movement. They were painted between 1973 and 1976 by Philadelphia artists Walter Edmonds and Richard Watson. The late, Reverend Paul M. Washington served at the Church during the civil rights era. Mumia himself noted his importance by saying "His was a social gospel, which stood for the poor, the powerless, the oppressed and the dispossessed. Those who were deemed the least of these in brought together in pursuit of social justice. Admired, respected and loved for his courage as well as his gentle compassion."

- Mumia Abu-Jamal (Recorded on 11/17/02 through Prison Radio)





Mumia. Hang tight.
We are going to bring you home.

Happy 60th Birthday! We love you.

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The Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition (NYC) is proud to be here, in its 21st year of existence, still struggling for justice and never giving up until we

In tribute to our first leader, the late & great Safiya Bukhari

A LIFE OF MEMORIES

YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES ARE CAPTURED ON FILM, IN BOOKS, BLACK AND WHITE PICTURES, AND SOME ORAL HISTORIES. THEY ARE FILLED WITH LOVE, YOUTH, ADVENTURES, ROMANTICISM, FRIENDSHIPS, REVOLUTION AND FOR SOME OF US PAIN..... I FOR ONE, THANK THE GODS FOR IT ALL.

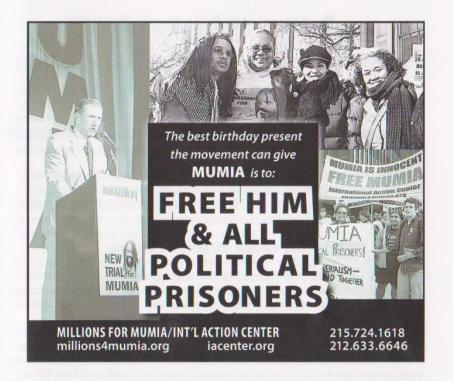
BARBARA EASLEY COX BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. FREE MUMIA AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.



Black Panther Legends

Donald Cox (D.C.) - Fleld Marshall -Black Panther Party (right) Reggie Schell - Captain - Philadelphia Chapter Black Panther Party (left)







"Evil triumphs because good people remain silent" Father Paul Washington

We Shall Never Again Be Silent "FREE MUMIA ABU JAMAL"

The Campaign to Bring Mumia Home

Legal Update

In 2011, the international movement to free Mumia scored a major victory. After having stopped Mumia's execution in the 1990s, it assembled the legal team and mounted the political pressure that forced the courts to declare Mumia's death sentence unconstitutional. Mumia was transferred to general population in early 2012. He is now serving a life sentence. The appellate process in his case has been exhausted.

In order to bring Mumia home, we need to popularize the fact of Mumia's innocence and create a political crisis in the streets over the injustice of his continued incarceration. Our movement continues to link the fight for Mumia's freedom with the fight to free all political prisoners and end mass incarceration.

Political Climate: The Recent Attacks on Mumia

For 32-years, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and allied politicians have sustained an uninterrupted demonization and political conspiracy against Mumia that has influenced the judicial process and kept the facts of Mumia's innocence from surfacing.

Recently, the FOP mounted a campaign of persecution against Mumia in order to block President Barack Obama's nomination of Debo Adegbile to head the civil rights division of the Department of Justice. The FOP cited Adegbile's previous defense of Mumia as grounds for his disqualification and steamrolled over the right to counsel by smearing Adegbile with the crime for which Mumia was wrongfully convicted in 1981.

The FOP demonized Mumia with racially coded language like "thug" and "cop killer," and lied about the facts of his case. In the end, seven Democratic senators from predominantly white states voted against Adegbile to avoid being associated with Mumia's case in the upcoming elections.

The ideological campaign of the FOP is proof of how the conservative right has used racist law-and-order policies and the criminalization of former Black Panthers like Mumia to energize a rightwing agenda against the gains of the civil rights movement (voting rights, fair housing, affirmative action and more).

The FOP's campaign of lies, racism and hysteria against Mumia and Adegbile was also a desperate attempt to bury the possibility of any future investigation of police conspiracy in Mumia's case and of police abuse in Philadelphia and across the country. Unfortunately, through all this, Mumia's lawyers at the Legal Defense Fund/NAACP failed to represent him vigorously, challenging neither the factual lies nor the demonization of their client.

The Campaign to Bring Mumia Home (cont.)

Campaign to Bring Mumia Home Activities

In light of these events, the Campaign encourages activists to participate in two major areas of work:

1. Popularize the fact of Mumia's innocence through a series of grassroots actions and the development of a media campaign.

The FOP depicted the case as open and shut sweeping aside the record of violations and innocence. One third of the 35 officers involved in Mumia's case were subsequently jailed for extortion and evidence tampering. Four witnesses identified a fourth person at the crime scene as the shooter, and though police and prosecutors themselves knew there was a fourth person, Mumia's trial prosecutor suppressed this evidence at trial.

Mumia was convicted in the absence of material evidence. In addition, the photos of Pedro Polakoff, the freelance journalist who took the first photographs of the crime scene, corroborate the eye witnesses' testimony of the presence of a fourth person, show police tampering with evidence, and disprove the key points of the prosecution's case.

2. Challenge DA Seth Williams to reopen Mumia's case. His newly-created Conviction Review Unit is well-suited to review the weight of evidence supporting Mumia's innocence and to expose the dangerous political power of the FOP and its allies.

The reopening of Mumia's case is overdue. During the 1995 Philadelphia police corruption scandal, former Philadelphia DA Lynne Abraham told the Legal Intelligencer that she would discard "any cases where evidence surfaces that even one officer involved in an investigation lied in court or in written reports." Documentation of police violations, lying and evidence tampering by not one, but several officers and prosecutors, exists in this case.

To divert attention from this, the FOP mounted a campaign of lies. As "the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers," it wields lobbying influence over Congress and the judiciary comparable to the NRA.

For more information or to join either of these projects email the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home at bringmumiahome@gmail.com or call 866-745-6963