

ZEYBRAH in Collaboration with The Long Branch Office of Community Development & The Orisa Community Development Corporation present:

The 30th Annual OCEANS OF RHYTHM FESTIVAL

DATE: Saturday, September 16th, 2023,

VENUE: Long Branch Cultural Center, 577 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ

TIME: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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AWAKENING O.C.E.A.N.

Spoken Word, Music, African Drum and Dance

ZEYBRAH is proud to announce the 30th annual Oceans of Rhythm Festival. We will present a program that embraces our theme: "Awakening O.C.E.A.N." (O for ocean, C for change, E for equality, A for art, N for nurturing) with spoken word, music, art, dance, and drumming to elaborate on our theme.

The program will take place at the Long Branch Cultural Center, located in downtown Long Branch from 3 to 5, and will feature an array of outstanding artists! From Africa (via NY) "Yakar Roots and Rhythms, West African Dance and Drum Company" will perform exiting rhythms and dances and also invite the audience to learn some of the authentic movements. Several amazing spoken artists from Monmouth County will perform selections of their works related to our theme and will include Tyrone Laws, Mychal Mills, Kysta Elora and Adesanya Alade. Renowned jazz vocalist, Laranah Phips will sing various selections from her new album. Members of Yakar Roots include master drummers and dancers: Lamine Thiam, Ousmane Sall, Aida Faty, Ngor Jallow, Tenefig Diabate, Alioune 'Guido Faye,' Mbaye Niasse and more. Kortez Robinson, local artist and DJ will exhibit some of his vibrant paintings. Special guest from Florida, famed Afro-Cuban pianist and percussionist, Pedro Ithier, will spice up the music with his wonderful talents. Afterwards, we will continue the celebration at Seven President's Park and later at Norah's Irie Jamaican restaurant at 530 Springdale Ave in Long Branch.

For the 30th year, ZEYBRAH (Zest for Education of Youth Brings Rhythm, Arts and Humanities), a nonprofit organization, specializing in developing community cultural programs, is producing the festival, in collaboration with the City of Long Branch Office of Community Development and the Long Branch Department of Recreation, with generous grants from Monmouth Arts and also from the Orisa Community Development Corporation, chairman Joseph T. Quinones. www.orisacdc.org.



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