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Nigerian National Anthem.

Nigeria, we hail thee, our own dear native land, Though tribes and tongues may differ, in brotherhood we stand Nigerians all, and proud to serve our sovereign Motherland.

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Our flag shall be a symbol that truth and justice reign, In peace or battle honoured, and this we count as gain, To hand on to our children a banner without stain.

11

O God of all creation, grant this our one request: Help us to build a nation where no man is oppressed, And so with peace and plenty Nigeria may be blessed.

Pledge

I pledge to Nigeria, my country To be faithful, loyal and honest To serve Nigeria with all my strength To defend her unity and uphold her honour and glory So help me, God.





Canadian National Anthem

English O Canada!

Our home and native land! True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, The True North strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

French

Ô Canada! Terre de nos aïeux, Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux! Car ton bras sait porter l'épée, Il sait porter la croix! Ton histoire est une épopée Des plus brillants exploits. Et ta valeur, de foi trempée, Protégera nos foyers et nos droits. Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.





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WELCOME ADDRESS

To Our Distinguished Guests:

Esteemed members of the Nigerian community, friends of Nigeria, ladies, and gentlemen, I welcome you to the second edition of NaijaFest!



It fills my heart with immense joy and pride to stand before you today as we gather once again to celebrate the richness of our culture, the strength of our community,

and the enduring spirit of unity that binds us all together. NaijaFest is a celebration of who we are—a people with a rich history, vibrant traditions, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

It is an opportunity for us to showcase the beauty of Nigeria, to tell our stories, to share our heritage, and to pass on the legacy of our ancestors to the younger generation. Through music, dance, art, fashion, and food, we bring the colors and flavors of Nigeria to life, reminding us of the deep connections we have to our homeland, even as we make our home here in Canada.

This year's festival holds a special significance as it comes at a time when our community has shown remarkable resilience in the face of challenges. As we celebrate today, let us remember the importance of unity, collaboration, and support for one another. Our strength lies in our togetherness, in our ability to lift each other up, and in our shared vision for a prosperous and thriving Nigerian community here in Canada. We must continue to foster these values in all that we do, ensuring that our community remains a beacon of hope, progress, and cultural pride.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and participants who have made this event possible. Your dedication, hard work, and passion have brought this festival to life, and we are all beneficiaries of your efforts. I also want to thank the City of Surrey and all our partners for their unwavering support of our community initiatives. Let the music move you, let the food delight you, let the art inspire you, and let the camaraderie remind you of the strength and beauty of our community.

Together, we are stronger. Together, we are Naija! Thank you, and enjoy the festival!

Mike Iwerima President NCABC





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Nigeria has a population of roughly 230 million. It is a multinational state nigeria nas a population of the groups speaking about 500 distinct inhabited by more than 250 ethnic groups in English in location of the state of t languages. Nigeria's official language is English – a language chosen to facilitate linguistic unity at the national level.

Apart from being the largest country in Africa, the largest black nation on Apart from being the largest country in the world, Nigeria has a diaspora that is unique earth, and the 6th most populous country in the world in most countries of the Western earth, and the 6th most populous countries (as is typical in most countries of the Western world), and outstanding. In the United States (as is typical in most successful migrant groups in the r and outstanding. In the United States and most successful migrant groups in the United Nigerians are among the best educated and most successful migrant groups in the United

States. As of 2022, Nigeria was Canada's fourth top immigration source country, welcoming 22,085 As of 2022, Nigeria was current by 5.05% of Canada's total number of permanent residents. Nigerian immigrants, matting of Presently, there are over 200,000 Canadians of Nigerian descent. Nigerians constituted the top 4 top ten origin countries of study permit holders with a valid permit in Canada in 2022

The annual NaijaFestevent is a collaborative enterprise of all Nigerian ethnic groups registered in British Columbia. It is an event that showcases the rich cultural heritage of Nigerians in BC and invites all Canadians to enjoy the most delicious cuisines, most colorful costumes and the most vibrant music (and Afrobeat) in the world – which are all made in Nigeria.

On behalf of the over 20,000 Nigerian-Canadians who live, work and study in the province. I welcome you to NaijaFest 2024.

As a guest, please feel free to taste our food, wear our clothes, buy our artifacts and dance to our rhythmic Afrobeat and highlife music! For the 2 days that the event would last, we are all Naija people!

Thank you.

Soye Brown Chairman





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PRIME MINISTER . PREMIER MINISTRE

August 31-September 1, 2024

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the second edition of NaijaFest.



This event provides an opportunity to celebrate Nigeria's rich culture and diversity, and to highlight the many contributions that

Canadians of Nigerian descent have made, and continue to make, to our country in all fields of endeavour. I am certain that everyone in attendance will enjoy the many activities, performances, and exhibits planned for this year's festival.

I would like to thank the organizers for bringing this vibrant cultural showcase to the community. Events such as this are a wonderful reminder that Canada is truly a multicultural nation, made stronger and more resilient by our diversity.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable experience.

Sincerely,

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The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada









A MESSAGE from PREMIER DAVID EBY

As Premier of British Columbia, it is my utmost pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the inaugural NaijaFest.

This two-day event will showcase the vibrant communities of Canadians of Nigerian descent and Nigerians living and studying in our beautiful province. From captivating performances and uplifting music to the displays of exquisite costumes, crafts and cuisine, NaijaFest promises to be an extraordinary celebration, exemplifying the true spirit of multiculturalism and social inclusion that thrives in British Columbia.

Nigerian communities in BC are an integral part of our rich cultural fabric, and we are fortunate to benefit from opportunities like this for education and entertainment. I extend my deepest appreciation to the alliance of non-profits behind this festival for their hard work and dedication to promoting understanding among people of different backgrounds. Please accept my best wishes for an unforgettable experience filled with camaraderie and cultural pride.

May this inaugural NaijaFest set the stage for many more joyous celebrations in the years to come, fostering stronger bonds and greater appreciation of our diverse and inclusive province.

Honourable David Eby, K.C. Premier of British Columbia







CITY OF SURREY



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SURREY

Re: Naija Fest August 31 and September 1, 2024

As Mayor of the City of Surrey, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Naija Fest at Surrey's own Bear Creek Park.

The City of Surrey is honoured to celebrate and support multiculturalism and social inclusion within Surrey. The two-day festival is truly a colourful celebration of Nigeria's rich culture, vibrant costumes, tasty food and rhythmic music.

I would like to thank and commend the Nigeria-Canada Association of BC for their efforts putting together this event. It is a remarkable feeling of accomplishment when an event of this magnitude comes together. Bravo to you all!

Sincerely,

Brenda Locke Mayor





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Minister

Ministre du Patrimoine canadien

of Canadian Heritage Oto Ottaws, Canada K1A 0M5



Welcome to the 2024 NaijaFest!

As Canadians, we can take pride in being part of an open and inclusive society that promotes dialogue and mutual respect. Our diversity is our strength and a cornerstone of this country's identity. All Canadians benefit from our country's pluralism and spirit of openness, and our government is pleased to acknowledge the work of the dedicated organizations and people that help us celebrate them.

Building on its successful inaugural event last year, NaijaFest returns with another wonderful celebration of culture and tradition that immerses us in the rich heritage and warm hospitality of British Columbia's Nigerian community. It offers participants of all backgrounds the chance to learn more about the richness and diversity of Nigerian music, art, cuisine and more.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to congratulate the organizers, volunteers and talented performers who have worked hard to make this year's festival possible. Thank you for your efforts to promote Nigerian-Canadian heritage.

Enjoy the festival!



The Honourable Pascale St-Onge



Nollywood Films are fast becoming a major attraction at the annual Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in Canada. The High Commission held a reception in honor of Nollywood delegates to the last festival in 2022. This delegation had not just come for the traditional movie screenings, but to explore prospects for business-to-business collaboration with their Canadian counterparts.

The immediate past Vice President of Nigeria, Professor Yemi Osinbajo SAN, GCON was at the screening of a Nollywood movie (2Weeks in Lagos) by a Nigerian Canadian filmmaker, Kathrine Fasegha. He was the special guest of honour at this screening that took place in Ottawa during his official working visit to Canada in November 2022.

All the efforts of Nigerian Canadian Associations, such as the NCABC, geared towards promoting Nigeria's rich cultural heritage are well appreciated and they serve to reinforce the cultural diplomacy initiatives being undertaken by the Nigeria High Commission in Ottawa. We salute you and we are very proud of your activities in this regard.

On our part, we will do the best we can to promote the interest and enhance the welfare of our compatriots in Canada. As you may be aware, we have successfully introduced the enhanced epassport in Canada. All Nigerians 18 years and above in Canada have the option of applying for the ten-year validity passport while children can apply for the five-year passport.

We hope that front offices (processing centres) will be established soon in strategic locations across Canada to ease the burden on applicants who must travel to Ottawa to renew their passports. Pending the establishment of these centres, we have formally requested for the necessary equipment required to enable us resume passport intervention exercises with the new enhanced e-passport, as this will provide succour to our citizens in the interim.

I wish you a wonderful celebration of NaijaFest and ask you to continue to make Nigeria proud.

Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Long Live Canada

H.E. Adevinka Asekun High Commissioner of Nigeria to Canada







PROGRAM OUTLINE

Day 1-Saturday August 31, 2024 Theme: Cultural Odyssey in Canada

11.00am - 12.00pm: DJ Next starts Music + General Sound-checking

12.00pm - 12.30pm: Opening Prayer + First Nation Recognition (from the First Nation community).

12.30pm – 1.00pm: Opening Speech by NAIJAFEST 2024 Chairman planning Committee. Followed by NCABC President.

1.00pm – 1:15pm: Acknowledgement of Sponsors and Possible Speech by Premium Sponsor. Heritage Canada, Creative BC, City of Surrey and others. 1.15pm - 1.30pm: Speech by Mayor of Surrey and other government officials

1.30pm - 1.45pm: DJ Edizz

1.45pm - 2:00pm: Afroflow Performance

2.00pm - 2.30pm OSITA Hypeman - DJ NEXT

2.30pm - 3.00pm Blow Foundation

3.05pm - 3.35pm Igbo Culture Group Display

3:40pm - 4.10pm Edo Cultural Group

4:15pm - 4:30pm Yorùbá cultural displays

4:45pm - 5.00pm Afrocity

5.00pm - 6.00pm: Kara-Kata Afrobeat Performance

6.00pm - 7.00pm - Gods Elect Live Performance.

7pm: End DJs.

Day 2 - Sunday September 1, 2024.

12.00pm - 12.30pm: DJ Edizz

12.30pm - 1:00pm: Opening Prayer + First Nation Recognition (from the First Nation community); Acknowledgement of Sponsors

1.00pm - 1.15pm: Live solo performance by Berliz

1.15pm – 1.30pm: Sylvester Aguddah Live Media Arts Collage Performance/showcase®

1.30pm - 1.50pm: Agbero Live solo Performance

1.50pm - 2.20pm: Sa Young

2.20pm - 3.00pm: OSITA Hypeman and DJ

3.00pm - 3.30pm: Amuludun Performance

3.35pm - 4.35pm: All the DJs performances

4.45pm - 6.00pm: Kasowo Kajere

6.00pm - 6.10pm: Prayer to Close the Event; Acknowledgment of Sponsors and support.





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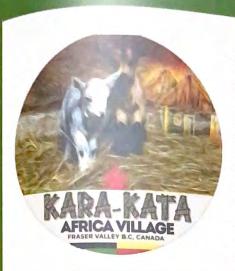


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The Kara-Kata Africa Village Project is designed to return the Black Canadian community to our roots of farming by inspiring new and settled people to take up farming as a sustainable economic opportunity, as well as being able to grow and sell culturally appropriate foods for our community's health and well being. To eat the foods we are accustomed to. "Let's grow what we eat, and eat what we grow". This is the only project of its kind supporting and led by the black community in this way. This project is run by Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada.

The Canadian Black Farmers Association is a non-profit organization affiliated with Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada. Our mission is to advocate at all levels for inclusivity and empowerment for the black Canadian community in the Canadian agricultural industry. @canadianblackfarmersassoc





KARA-KATA AFROBEAT SOCIETY OF CANADA. INC Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada a non-profit society with a mission to create long term sustainability for the health and well-being of the Black community in Canada.

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About Us

The Nigeria-Canada Association of British Columbia (NCABC) is a non-profit organization in Canada promoting cultural awareness, supporting new immigrants, and fostering inclusive cross-cultural relationships among Canadians.

Mission

Our mission is to form strategic alliances with innovative partners. Together, we aim to marshal the essential assets needed to achieve our visionary objectives

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Our vision is to cultivate an inclusive British Columbia community that values and respects our diverse cultural heritage, ensuring equitable access to life's essentials for all residents





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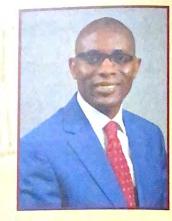
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ABOUT:

ANIOMA people of DELTA STATE, NIGERIA - NDI ANIOMA

The Anioma people are a predominantly Igboid speaking ethnolingustic group located in present day The Anioma people are a predominantly for Delta State, Nigeria. As Anioma is also an acronym derived from the regions that make up the Western (a) the (i) and Oshimili (O), the coinage was made by the for Delta State, Nigeria. As Aniona is one of the Wes Igbo area: Aniocha (A), Ndokwa (N), Ika (I) and Oshimili (O), the coinage was made by the founding Igbo area: Aniocha (A), Ndokwa (W), have the spanned for over 50 years), Chief Dennis Osadebay in father of the Anioma state movement (which has spanned for over 50 years), Chief Dennis Osadebay in father of the Anioma state movement of indigenous name by which the people collectively refer to 1951 and has since remained the preferred indigenous name by which the people collectively refer to themselves.

The Anioma people encompass and are native to communities which span the 9 northern Local Government Areas of Delta State. Politically, the Anioma occupy the Delta North Senatorial District, where they are the majority. They are historically known to be a diverse group of Igbo speaking communities indigenous to the northern half of Delta State.



Source: Anioma Cultural Association, BC www.AniomaBC.org

GEOGRAPHY:

The Anioma are located immediately south of the Edo Central Plains on the floodplains and hills of the western basin of the Niger River within the present Delta State of Nigeria. The homeland of the Anioma encompasses a land mass of about 6,300 km2 [citation needed]. Politically, Anioma is often referred to in state affairs as Delta North, as in line with the people of the Delta South and Delta Central senatorial districts within Delta

Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anioma_people

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