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# Celebrate Black History Month with Music and Dance

## *Presented by Northglenn Arts*

**Feb. 3, 2020, Northglenn, CO** – Northglenn celebrates Black History Month with two shows in February, thanks to partnerships with regional arts organizations.

***The History of African American Music*** is Friday, Feb. 7, and is a collaboration between the [Colorado Black Arts Festival](#) and the [SOURCE Theater Company](#). The first installment of a three part series, the show covers the period from the 1600s to the early 1900s, taking the audience on a musical journey from slavery to prohibition. Slave music, field hollers, work songs, lullabies, spirituals, songs of the Underground Railroad, ragtime and the blues provide a compelling soundtrack to U.S. history. Since the contributions of African American music to American music are so vast, this project is presented in three installments over the years, and the audience should be sure to come back next year to enjoy the next installment!

[Cleo Parker Robinson Dance](#) brings ***Rhapsody in Black*** to Northglenn Feb. 27 and 28. The show articulates the African American influence in Paris through literature, music, and dance. From Josephine Baker to James Baldwin, *Rhapsody in Black* explores complex relationships, heartbreak, the joy of discovery and thriving art in an environment of acceptance.

### **The History of African American Music**

7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7, \$11-15

### **Rhapsody in Black**

10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, \$5-6

7:30 p.m., Fri. Feb. 28, \$11-15

DL Parsons Theatre (inside the Northglenn Recreation Center)

11801 Community Center Drive, Northglenn

Tickets at [www.NorthglennArts.org](http://www.NorthglennArts.org)

Media may contact Michael Stricker, 303.450.8727, to make arrangements for interviews or for tickets.

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*These events are presented by the City of Northglenn cultural services program and sponsored by the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF), SCFD, Colorado Creative Industries, and private donors. NAHF, founded in 1990, is a 501(c)3 organization that provides funding for quality youth theatre, public art, and other cultural endeavors in our community. The DL Parsons Theatre is a 302-seat venue owned and operated by the City of Northglenn located ½ mile south of 120th Ave. and Grant St. in Northglenn, Colorado.*

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