



34th Annual STL African Arts Festival Canceled

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St. Louis, MO---The African Heritage Association of St. Louis, Inc., announced that the 34th Annual St. Louis African Arts Festival to be held at the World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park over the Memorial Day weekend, has been cancelled due to the impact of the tornado that hit St. Louis City and Suburbs of St. Louis County on May 16th.

“As much as we would love to have the Festival take place, safety for all who attend is our number one priority. The conditions of some of the streets, walkways, and sidewalks in the park at this time are not good and will take time for everything to be cleared, according to reports. Therefore, the decision was made to cancel the Festival until next year,” said Gerald Brooks, Board Chair of The African Heritage Association of St. Louis.

Our hearts are heavy as we reflect on the devastation that was caused to our City. The impact of this devastation is deeply felt and will take months, if not years, to repair.

Everyone involved with the Festival is holding those who are facing loss, damage, or uncertainty in prayer and lifting the City up in spirit. We are more than an organization of volunteers. We are members of the community.

We believe in the power of unity, the healing presence of God, and the resilience of our people. May all who are affected feel His covering, His comfort, and His guidance as we move through this together.

We ask that those who were volunteering for the Festival this year to now volunteer at one of the emergency or relief centers, located throughout the city.