

2018 IWE Festival

Councilwoman Erika L. Green, in partnership with Southern University and A&M College, beBATONROUGE, & Office of the Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome hosts the 2nd Annual IWE Festival on Saturday, **June 9, 2018**, on the bluff of Southern University and A&M College from **2-7 PM**.

The Festival is a community-wide intergenerational cultural initiative--called IWE Festival. IWE (Yoruba for book) Festival presents opportunity to enjoy a vibrant array of literary works through creativity, art, and culture.

The **free-to-the-public**, family friendly Festival will feature national, regional and local talent including:

Derrick Barnes – Author of “CROWN: An Ode to The Fresh Cut” and the chapter book series “Ruby and the Booker Boys.” Winner of the 2018 Jack Keats Award

Sanderia Faye – Author of “Mourner’s Bench,” winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award in debut fiction

Larry Morrow – Author of “All Bets On Me: The Risks and Rewards Of Becoming an Entrepreneur”, a self-help book and journal that chronicles the life of a young man who grew up in the city of New Orleans

Brandi Worley – Author of “Crumb Snatchers I” and “Crumb Snatchers II The Goon Edition”

Shaun Ward Xperience – Musical Talent

Sweet Southern Heat – Musical Talent

Key Stylez – Musical Talent

Sole Lab – Event Disc Jockey

IWE Festival aims to engage the entire region in positive literary expressions, cultural celebrations and engaging conversation related to key issues of courage, heroism, race integration and cultural equality — all issues that are of key concern to our leaders and community stakeholders today.

"My vision was to bring people together around a theme that inspires and intrigues people of all ages, genders and interest. Literacy does everything from educate to entertain and that is what IWE Festival is about," says founder Councilwoman Erika L. Green - District 5. IWE Festival is an initiative of Green's foundation Imagination Leads. Imagination Leads' mission is to promote culturally diverse experiences in literacy and the arts; and to provide leadership development programs for young Black Women.

To stay engaged and for more information, visit www.iweFestival.com or contact Janea Jamison at jjamison@brla.gov.

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