



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Celebrate Black History Month in Barrie**

(Barrie, ON) February is Black History Month and the City of Barrie is proud to support a lineup of events that bring awareness to the significant contributions Black Canadians make to the cultural, economic and social landscape of Canada and Barrie.

Highlights of the month's programming include:

**Black History 365** – hosted by the Barrie Public Library in partnership with UPlift Black. Learn about Black history online 365 days of the year. Celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a more culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation. Visit [BPL Online](#) to find videos, educational activities and reading lists celebrating Black history.

**UPlift Black Programming** – Black and Canadian: Stories of Service is an exhibition putting a spotlight on Black military contributions, acknowledging those who worked in service to this country. Sharing these photographs and portraits is part of the greater struggle to challenge dominant Euro-Canadian historical national narratives.

- Thursday, February 3 – the exhibition launches online
- Saturday, February 12 (2 – 4:30 p.m.) – Virtual Talk: Archives & Documentation with guest speakers Dr. Cheryl Thompson and Jane Cooper Wilson.

More programming details to come. [Learn more and register here.](#)

**Diverse Voices Unite, Black History Month Video Release** – organized by St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School. Listen to and watch performing artists, students, community partners and special guests talk about Canadian Black history, with a vision towards diversity and unity. The event will feature presentations from Natasha Henry, President of the Ontario Black History Society and Shak Edwards, Founder of Shak's World.

- Monday, February 21, 12 p.m. – the video will be free to access on [St. Peter's School YouTube](#) channel.

**Rogers TV Live Q&A for Diverse Voices Unite** – Following the release of the Diverse Voices Unite video, a live question and answer period will be held with the video's speakers, moderated by York University student Jaymee Turner.

- Wednesday, February 23, 7 – 9 p.m. – free for all to access via Rogers TV

Visit [barrie.ca/BlackHistoryMonth](https://barrie.ca/BlackHistoryMonth) to learn more.

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