



# Talking Drum News

## Happy Birthday Malcolm X!

*MXMF Honors May 19, 1925 Birthday of Malcolm X in new home*



In November 2010, the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation purchased our own facility at 3448 Evans Street, Omaha, NE 68111. Since opening the MXMF Visitor Center, we have been able to develop numerous programs for youth development, and

community education. We also have been able to provide more affordable, safe and comfortable meeting space in North Omaha by renting our facility for events that range from business meetings and forums, to receptions, reunions and banquets. (Cont. on Page 2)

### Who Are We?

The Malcolm X Memorial Foundation is a non-profit organization headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. It was established to educate through the teachings of Malcolm X's legacy on a local, national and international scale. To learn more, visit our Web site at <http://malcolmxfoundation.org> or see our video "malcolm x foundation" at YouTube.com. We also have a "Malcolm X Education" workshop presentation available on request.

### REMEMBERING MALCOLM X THROUGH HIS OWN WORDS:

"There are black people in America who have mastered the mathematical sciences, have become professors and experts in physics. We have black men who have mastered the field of medicine, we have black men who have mastered other fields, but very seldom do we have black men in America who have mastered the knowledge of the history of the black man

himself. And because of his lack of knowledge concerning the history of the black man, no matter how much he excels in the other sciences, he's always confined, he's always relegated to the same low rung of the ladder that the dumbest of our people are relegated to. And all of this stems from his lack of knowledge concerning history."



**The Shabazz Ballroom**

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The Shabazz Ballroom has hosted a community forum for the Chancellor and Executive Deans of the University of Nebraska Medical Center; management development workshop for the Charles Drew Medical Center; twice monthly 3-hour Bannister Leadership Academy classes; weekly Zumba aerobics class; luncheons for My Sister's Keeper Breast Cancer Awareness group; to Saturday night community meetings and after-parties for the Sudanese people.

During the summer, MXMF sponsors the Shabazz Community Garden Children's Program. Neighborhood children receive their own garden plots, and lessons on nutrition, sustainable living and personal development. MXMF also has developed a four-step "Youth Entrepreneur Program" that takes young people

from financial literacy to understanding how to create and market their own small enterprise. MXMF continues to provide a community Kwanzaa celebration each year. Our supporters also work with the Harambee African Cultural Organization at three Nebraska correctional centers.

MXMF is developing a donation of 200 African American children's books into the Malcolm X Memorial Children's Lending Library. In 2011, MXMF completed the first phase of a two-phase planning that has created a master plan for developing the nearly 15-acre MXMF property.

Our next issue will review the MXMF Master Development Plan.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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**Calendar**

**May 17-19, 2012**

Celebrating the Birth of Malcolm X with Basheer Jones, Spoken Word performances and an African Festival

**June 9, 2012**

MXMF "Tribute to Fathers" Breakfast

**June 16, 2012**

2012 Juneteenth Celebration in Malcolm X Memorial Park

**July 24, 2010**

MXMF Sponsors "Blues on the Green" in Malcolm X Memorial Park

**August 4, 2012**

Black August Arts Festival at MXMF Park

**Meet the MXMF Crew**



**PRESIDENT**

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