

Photos from Black Arts Movement events held by Marvin X, the co-founder of the West Coast branch of the Black Arts Movement



Women and the Black Arts Movement at BAM Conference at Laney College in Oakland, California: Elaine Brown, moderator. Panelists: Halifu Osumare, Judy Juanita, Portia Anderson, Phavia Kujichagulia, Aries Jordan (Ken Johnson photo credit).



Fundraising event for Marcus Books at Reverend Andriette Earl's Heart and Soul Spiritual Center. Panel with: John Burris, civil rights attorney, Barry Shabaka Henley, actor, filmmaker, activist; and others. At the gathering, Marvin X asked Danny Glover to support the 50th Anniversary Black Arts Movement Tour. The 27 City Tour is in memory of Amiri Baraka, who proposed the idea. Danny Glover supported the idea as did fellow actor, activist, Delroy Lindo, also at the event. Oakland City Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney, and others, ratified February 2016, the Black Arts Business District in Oakland (Ken Johnson photo credit).



Poets Choir and Arkestra performing at Eastside Arts Alliance's Malcolm X Jazz Arts Festival, May 2015 at San Antoino Park in Oakland, California. Performing are: Val Serrant on Steel Drums; Earl Davis, trumpet; Destiny Muhammad, Hapist from the Hood; poets: Genny Lim, Aries Jordan, Tureeda Mikell; Tarika Lewis, violinist and her students; Mama Africa, Linda Johnson, choreographer and West African dance teacher (collage: Adam Turner).



Marvin X and Fred T. Smith, architect, activist, at West Oakland Senior Center. Marvin X asked Smith to develop the plan for the BAM history which includes over 100 Oakland City blocks. The two men spoke about the use of African design in the proposed architectural design concept. What is African design and what does it look like? Smith told Marvin X that in all his 30 years as an architect, he had never had anyone ask him to develop African architectural design. (Adam Turner, photo credit).



Black Arts District Development meeting with Carmel Developers to work out a benefits package for the garage that is being developed across from Geoffrey's Inner Circle. The meeting, which took place at Joyce Gordon Gallery in Oakland, included artists, activists, architects and nonprofit organizations (Adam Turner).