

THE BIG THREE

FESTIVAL

WINE TASTING AND JAZZ



Saxophonist Art Sherrod will entertain at "Warm Days ... Cool Nights, the Wine Experience II" at the Eubie Blake Center.

[COURTESY ART SHERROD JR.]

Eat, drink and be merry for a great cause Saturday at the Charm City Wine Tasting "Warm Days ... Cool Nights, the Wine Experience II" at the Eubie Blake Center. The event benefits the Baltimore City Cancer Program at the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer

Harris will host this cultural evening of wine tasting, jazz by saxophonist Art Sherrod, art, spoken word/poetry, a silent auction and a buffet. Proceeds from both the auction and the event will go to the cancer program.

to midnight, with the wine tasting from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday at the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center, 847 N. Howard St. Tickets are \$30 in advance. Call 443-831-5824 or 410-889-4842 or visit missiontix.com or glentinc.com.

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NIGERIAN FESTIVAL

Celebrate Nigerian culture Saturday with "Naija Fest 2006," the city's fourth annual festival of Nigerian music, dance, food and art. The festival, held in Patterson Park, hosts local African bands and dance troupes, fashion shows, arts and craft workshops, face painting, games and storytelling. Visitors can try some authentic African cuisine, like jollof rice and spicy beef kebabs, watch African dance demonstrations and learn about and see traditional and modern African fabrics at the fashion shows. Visitors also can explore modern daily Nigerian life through the festival's images of the West African nation's cities, villages, schools, tourist sites and landscapes.

The festival runs from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday in Patterson Park, at Eastern and Linwood avenues. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children younger than 10. Call 410-608-0420 or visit nyamaryland.org.

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