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2017 Annual Igbo Worldwide Festival of the Arts, Language and Culture Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia 1290 Richmond Ave, Staunton, VA 24401 Contact: 1 (905) 447-3726 Email; cisafestivalchair@gmail.com

Pertinent Festival Information:

This event is organized by the Council of Igbo States in Americas in concert with the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA in recognition of our Igbo Arts, Language and Culture as well as to showcase the contributions of our brethren who were brought to the Americas in the 1600-1700s as slaves. Programs include DNA testing and reconnecting with our brethren whose ancestors came as slaves and has recently through DNA retraced their ancestral backgrounds to Igboland. Our Royal Majesties usually in attendance to this event from Nigeria, through traditional ritual renaming ceremony witnessed by the Ohanaeze leadership welcome our brethren back to our midst.

Almost all the Royal Majesties from the South-East, South, South geopolitical zones are usually in attendance to this annual event along with Executive Governors from the South-South and South Eastern States and Nollywood notables.

The highlight of this event is the "Igbo Village", build in acknowledgement of our brethren that were brought to the Americas in the 1600s and their imprints on the Americas landscape. You will also, be opportune to visit other villages like the Irish, the German, the English and the Native India Villages within the same Frontier Museum Culture all built in acknowledgements of the contributions of the early settlers. The presence of the Majesties and the Ohanaeze leadership at these events unquestionably adds values to the proceedings.

The highlight of this two day event includes paper presentation by academics and traditionalists on "Igbo Agenda" that will center on critical views on ways of sustaining IgboLanguage, Culture and tradition. There will also, be an opportunity for a town hall event with the Ohanaeze President General, Chief Nnia Nwodo during which he will be opportune to highlight to Ndiigbo the challenges and the opportunity he sees ahead in the pursuit of his diverse portfolio as the spokesperson of Ndiigbo world-wide.

EVENT REGISTRATION: Link to online registrations: https://tickets.frontiermuseum.org/ Info.aspx?EventID=9

LOGISTICS: some of the incentives that may offer you or your group with the alternative registration strategy:

- 1) INDIVIDUAL: (Single): Registration Before March 31th, pay \$55: 1st April to June 1st \$ 65 : June 2d to July 27th \$75
- 2) COUPLE: Before March 31th Pay \$75: 1st April to June 1st \$85: June 2d to July 27th \$100
- 3) **GROUP REGISTRATION**: **Before March 31th,\$500** (for a batch of 10 people + **\$50** for additional person) June 2nd, Group of 10 \$750 after June 1st
- 4) **STUDENT** (6-18): Before June 1st **\$12**: After June 2nd **\$15**

ACCOMMODATION:

COMFORT INN: Comfort Inn is where the crowd and the actions is also an option while the room last. Their address is Comfort Inn Staunton, 1302 Richmond Avenue, Staunton, VA.

24401; Call **Phone:** (540)886-50 00 .Please quote 'CISA 2017'.

ECONO-LODGE EAST - We have gone the extra miles to make your experience both memorable and cost effective. To that effect, we have also taken steps to ensure that we secured a cost effective arrangement at **Econo-Lodge East**, at 1031 Richmond Ave., I-81 exit 222, Staunton, VA 24401. They are reasonably less expensive than the Comfort In and or any other hotel within an attractive distance from the activities /Museum. Their Phone: +1 540-885-5158. Again, quote **CISA 2017** to get CISA block discount. "**Igbo siri na adighi eji akpata atafue a baa ogaranya!** (No one is enriched by throwing away one's hard-earned money, moreso to the treasury of Nwa Bekee!) You decide"!

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Join us, on July 27-28, and 29, 2017 in celebration of the Arts, Language and Culture of over 5 million Igbo in the Americas and their value added to the mainstream Americas. Sincerely

Chudi Asidianya, BA, MA, LSC, IEO

Chairman; 2017 Annual Igbo Worldwide Festival of the Arts, Language and Culture

CC:Dr Edward Nwachi, President

CC:Chief Matthias Mgbafulu, General Secretary

CC: Dr. Nwachukwu Anakwenze, Chairman Board of Trustee