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Macy's Celebrates Black History Month

By Demetria Irwin, Amsterdam News

Editor's note: New York Amsterdam News is the one of the oldest and most influential black newspapers in the United States. We are reprinting this article from the February 9, 2017, online edition. We encourage you to consider the Macy's events celebrating Black History Month, and to visit www.amsterdamnews.com.

Retail giant Macy's has a slew of celebrations planned all over the US throughout February to commemorate Black History Month. Retail locations in New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Chicago, and four other cities will host events from a diverse roster of talent. Macy's is famous for its elaborate Thanksgiving Day parade in New York and the iconic holiday window decorations at its flagship store. With this multicity, multiday ode to black culture, Macy's is proving that their talented event planning team can tackle larger issues with just as much finesse and creativity.

"Macy's values the diversity of all of its customers, and inclusion and respect are at the

heart of our core values. We are happy to join with our associates and customers nationwide in honoring the legacy of African American achievement during Black History Month and beyond," said Kristyn Doar-Page, Macy's vice president of Diversity and Inclusion Strategies.

Actor Jay Ellis (*Insecure*), restauranteur and chef Marcus Samuelsson, *The Read* podcast co-host Crissle West, and Grammy-nominated artist BJ the Chicago Kid will participate in events all over the country. Rapper/actor/spoken word artist Saul Williams is the national ambassador for Macy's monthlong celebration.

"I am very glad Macy's is furthering the discourse around artistic self-expression in black culture. As a performer who uses words to bring attention to social justice causes, I feel it is paramount to stimulate engagement and awareness through our words and our art," said Williams.

In New York and Washington, DC, millennial West will be moderating discussions with local artists. "I am really looking forward to engaging with young people and sharing stories of how black culture has influenced my personal and MACY'S CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY HISTORY MONTH

professional journey," said West, whose weekly podcast *The Read* offers an irreverent rundown of pop culture news.

Some of the participating celebrities are offering more than just words. "I am thrilled to be celebrating

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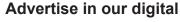
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CORPORATE OFFICE 795 Folsom Street, Floor 1 San Francisco, California 94107 sbe@sbeinc.com • www.sbeinc.com a state of good repair in stations, and the development of underlying station aesthetics through construction and design innovation. The work will include make the stations cleaner, brighter, and easier to navigate, by utilizing means such as improved lighting and more intuitive way-finding and will provide amenities such as Wi-Fi and cellular connectivity. This will involve architectural finishes (including painting and signage), structural repairs and modifications, electrical (including lighting, communication, and technology) and mechanical work. The contractor shall undertake the work so as to achieve all the following overall goals:

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NYC Department of Environmental Protection Contract No. NR-38 Bid Date: February 23, 2017

Description of project:

The contract includes the installation of a cogeneration system of five cogenerating engines, heat recovery, exhaust treatment, noise reduction, and other auxiliary equipment that will supply combined heat and power to the WWTP. The city has preselected the equipment that will constitute the cogeneration system to be installed under this contract (the "pre-selected equipment") and has entered into a supply and services contract with the designated supplier of such equipment. The contractor will be required upon notice to proceed to enter into a contract with the designated supplier for the purchase and performance of the pre-selected equipment. The contract also includes removal of (5) five main sewage pump combustion engines and drive systems, removal of (5) five multi-stage process air blowers, installation of (5) five three-megawatt generators, installation of new heat recovery and dissipation systems and associated equipment required for the cogeneration system, installation of (1) one new main sewage pump, piping and valves, and a complete pump power train (PPT) for each of the (6) six main sewage pumps. The PPT includes, at a minimum, electric motor, motor controller, shafting, speed reducers, and intermediate line shafting.

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