



# 100ABC Women Newsletter

January 2025



The stories we tell shape the world we live in

At 100ABC Women, we spotlight the Black women redefining leadership, breaking barriers, and leaving a lasting impact. Their work speaks for itself.

Our job is to make sure it's seen, heard, and remembered.

## Join the Jean Augustine Centre Team This March Break



The Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment is looking for committed and passionate individuals to support our **March Break Camp** as **Counsellors and Counsellors-in-Training** in **Etobicoke and Brampton**.

If you're ready to make an impact, check out the full job and volunteer posting here:

[https://lnkd.in/eF\\_udG9G](https://lnkd.in/eF_udG9G).

Apply by Friday, January 31st—send your resume and cover letter to [opportunities@jeanaugustinecentre.org](mailto:opportunities@jeanaugustinecentre.org).

## NEWS RELEASE

OTTAWA, January 21, 2025

Each year, Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Black communities in Canada, listen to their stories, and learn more about their history and contributions to Canadian society.

The Honourable Kamal Khera, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities, today unveiled the theme for this year's Black History Month: "Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations." Minister Khera announced the theme today, on Lincoln Alexander Day, which commemorates the legacy of Canada's first Black Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister, Lincoln Alexander.

The month of February gives us all the chance to celebrate the diversity and achievements of Black people in Canada. However, it is also a time to reflect on Canada's painful history and the distinct challenges that Black people in Canada continue to face in their daily lives, such as systemic barriers, racism and discrimination.

Our government has been steadfast in our commitment to combatting systemic barriers and creating a more equitable and just future for Black Canadians. To that end, Canada officially recognized the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent in 2018. We also welcomed the adoption by the United Nations of the second International Decade for People of African Descent. Since 2018, our government has committed over \$1 billion to create a number of programs that are investing directly into Black communities right across the country. To read more about Canadian Heritage funding opportunities to support Black communities, visit the [Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program](#) web page.

"The history of Black communities in Canada is an integral part of Canadian history. This year's theme is about reflecting and celebrating the contributions of Black Canadians in shaping our country while paving the way for a more equitable and inclusive future. In Canada, diversity is a fact, but inclusion is a choice; for far too long Black communities in Canada have been faced with anti-Black and systemic racism. Our government has remained committed to combatting these systemic barriers, and that is why we recognized the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent and welcomed the recently announced second decade. Through efforts like the Canada Anti-Racism Strategy and Canada's Action Plan on Combatting Hate, our government is tackling anti-Black racism and combatting hate in all its forms. Black History Month offers us all a valuable opportunity to learn more about the diversity of Black communities across the country, and to listen to and be open with one another on what we can do to build a better, more inclusive Canada."

— The Honourable Kamal Khera, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities.



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## Insight of the Month

"Keep a gratitude journal to cultivate a greater sense of appreciation, self-love, self-compassion and self-awareness"  
-Shantelle Browning-Morgan

Youth Association for Academics, Athletics, and Character Education (YAAACE) Hackathon

**Mentors. Designers.**

**Technologists. Change-makers.**

From March 10–14, 2025, YAAACE's first-ever Hackathon invites you to help shape the next generation of innovators. Young minds will tackle real-world challenges, from safety solutions to breakthrough tech—and they need your expertise.

Join as a mentor, judge, speaker, or volunteer and make a lasting impact.

**RSVP by January 30, 2025.**

Let's build the future—together.





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**TO Live Presents** Meridian Arts Centre  
George Weston Recital Hall, North York

# WOMEN IN SONG

ft. Measha Brueggergosman-Lee, Tia Wood, and Zeb Bangash  
Co-presented with FabCollab

A photograph of three women performing on stage. The woman on the left has short, curly white hair and is laughing joyfully. The woman in the center has long, dark hair and is smiling warmly. The woman on the right has dark hair and is looking off to the side with a serious expression. They are all wearing colorful, patterned clothing. The background is dark with some stage lighting.

**MARCH 7, 2025**  
Buy tickets at [tolive.com](https://tolive.com)

Lead partners:  Toronto  Meridian  Canada  
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## Voices That Move the World

One stage. Unstoppable talent. On March 8 at Meridian Hall, Women in Song 2025 brings together some of the most powerful voices in music today.

From soul-stirring ballads to electrifying performances, this is more than a concert—it's a celebration of artistry, resilience, and the music that moves us.



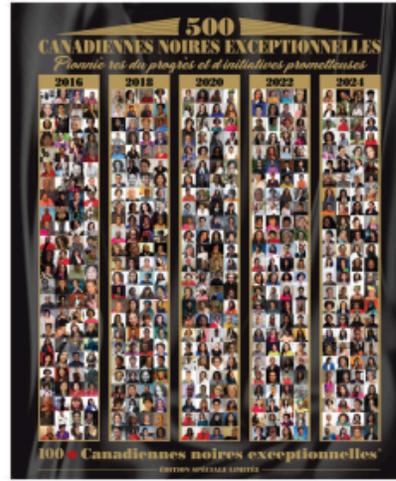
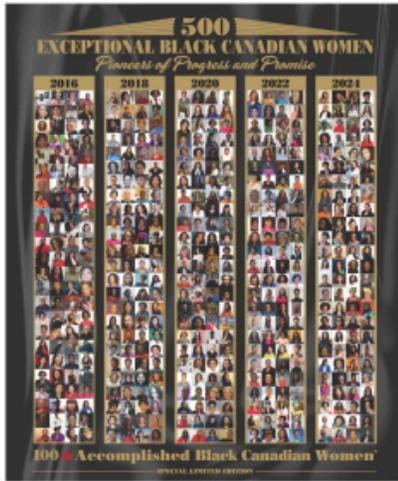
Let's celebrate the contributions and acknowledge the History of Black Canadians!

Looking to learn more about Black Canadian History? 100ABCWomen is here to help you!

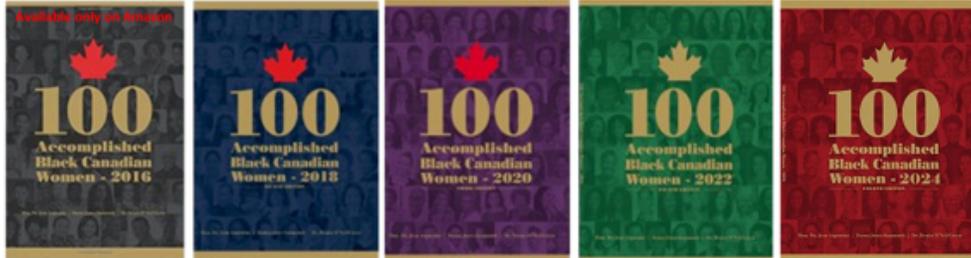
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- ♦ Buy our historical books and learn about 500 Accomplished Black Canadian Women
- ♦ Buy our Posters and share at schools, workplace, your churches.....

Check our website: [www.100abcwomen.ca](http://www.100abcwomen.ca)

Bilingual Posters \$20 (incl. shipping and taxes)



Historic Books \$25 (incl. shipping and taxes) —Special price for Black History Month only





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## Unlock Your Potential with Meet the Motivators\*\* \*Inspiration That Moves You Forward\*

At Meet the Motivators, we're more than just a platform—we're a community of dreamers, doers, and difference-makers who believe that the right conversation can spark real change. Whether you're looking for fresh ideas, actionable advice, or just the encouragement to keep pushing forward, you'll find it here.

### Why You'll Love It:

- **Inspiring Stories:** Learn from people who are making waves and taking risks.
- **- Real, Actionable Insights:** Walk away with ideas you can put into practice right away.
- **A Supportive Network:** Connect with people who share your passion for growth and making an impact.

Ready to take the next step in your journey? Join us at [Meet the Motivators] (<https://meetthemotivators.com>) and discover how powerful a little motivation can be.think!

Click on this link below to view our schedule and register for our Fireside Chats:  
<https://shorturl.at/RgHrl>



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## CIBC 2024-2025 Paid Internship Summer and Fall Program



CIBC is currently hiring for Summer Co-ops (May–August) and building its pipeline for Fall Co-ops (September–December). Students are encouraged to apply, with postings available on the CIBC Students and Graduates page. To apply, visit the CIBC website and indicate that you were a \*\*100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women\*\* recipient.

### Spark the Conversation

We're back this January, and honestly, we couldn't be more excited!

This season, we're diving into real, meaningful conversations, like tackling mental health and housing insecurity, celebrating our Black SHeroes, and exploring AI trends and women in STEM. Plus, we're putting the spotlight on Black women's health, sports equity, climate action, and so much more. Oh, and in March? It's all about women crushing it in non-traditional careers.

Don't miss out—grab your spot now at [100abcwomen.ca](http://100abcwomen.ca) and join the fun!



#### Looking to Learn More About Black Canadian History?

Step into history with us and uncover the inspiring journeys of 500 Black Canadian women who've shaped this country.

#### Fireside Chats on YouTube

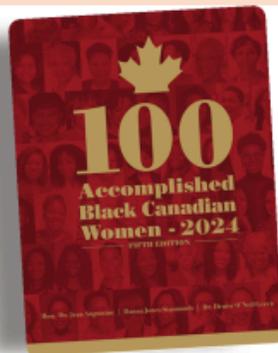
Engage with powerful conversations that bring these stories to life.

#### 100ABCWomen Books:

Dive into the legacies of women whose accomplishments deserve to be known.

#### Posters:

Share their stories in schools, workplaces, and beyond to spark change and conversation.





**Black History Month Event:  
Honouring Dr. Jean Augustine**

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 7:30pm

Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles  
Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 2C7

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

Victoria University is honouring Hon. Dr. Jean Augustine at the Isabel Bader Theatre as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Hon. Dr. Augustine was the first Black woman elected as a Member of Parliament and appointed as a federal cabinet minister. Her many accomplishments in government include having the month of February officially recognized as Black History Month.

To honour and recognize Hon. Dr. Augustine's lifelong commitment to equality, social justice and inclusive education, a named endowed professorship will be created: *The Dr. Jean Augustine Professorship in Transformative Education*. This professorship is the first endowed professorship named after a Black Canadian woman across all three U of T campuses and will support the Education & Society program and the Vic One Education stream at Vic. The \$2.5M endowment will support the appointment of a professor who will specialize in Transformative Pedagogy and will drive progressive curriculum development, introduce new course offerings, and forge new community partnerships.

You are invited to join us for the launch of this important initiative in honour of Dr. Augustine on February 6, 2025. The evening will include a screening of *Steadfast: The Jean Augustine Story*, with remarks by President Rhonda McEwen and Dr. Augustine. A cocktail reception with live music will follow. [Tickets are \\$100 each.](#)

For more information, please contact [vic.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:vic.alumni@utoronto.ca).

*If you aren't able to attend the event but would like to give a gift towards this initiative, please [visit the donation page here.](#)*

To buy your tickets - click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:  
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  - Traditional Naming Ceremony and more!



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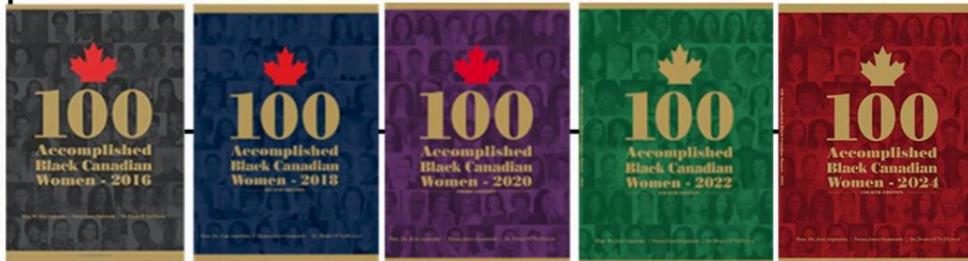
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Join our free, Live and Inspirational Fireside Chats on Sundays from 3 until 4:30 pm EST, as our brilliant and talented Honourees discuss topics that matter to you. Registration will be required.

These chats are also available on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/tDIMS>



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