

## TULISOMA FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

**Who:**

Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival

**When:**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 25-27, 2006

**What:**

Tulisoma, Swahili for "we read", is a community-based literary festival promoting literacy and the arts in the South Dallas/Fair Park area. Founded in 2003, by District 7 - Dallas City [Councilman Leo V. Chaney, Jr.](#), the goal of Tulisoma is to create a dynamic event tailored to engage local families, avid readers, aspiring writers and visitors to the city. This year's 4th annual Tulisoma will be held at the [African American Museum](#) and the **Women's Museum at Fair Park**.

Tulisoma will highlight nationally acclaimed authors and offers engaging programs for all ages. With literacy being an important initiative for Dallas, we seek to inspire our youth with a love of reading and learning. There will be workshops, panel discussions for children, teens and adults. Please watch this site for details, as they unfold. We hope you will join us for this wonderful event.

**Where:**

African American Museum at Fair Park and other sites within the South Dallas/Fair Park Community.

**What is the Tulisoma Contest?**

A Writing and Art Competition for Dallas County youth residents, grades 2-12 is an added addition to Tulisoma this year. You are encouraged to submit their original art work and essays to the competition. Children are invited to compose and/or create a work of art from books illustrated by artist Kadir Nelson who illustrated Will Smith's *Just the Two of Us*, Debbie Allen's *Dancing with Wings* and Spike Lee's, *Please, Baby, Please*.

Teens and Young Adults are encouraged to compose and/or create an original work of art based on the work of Alexis Rhone, Young Adult author, of *Premature Pleasures* and *Backseats and Bleachers*.

**Can students have multiple entries in the contest?**

Students are limited to one entry; each submission must be attached to an individual entry form. Parent/guardian signature is required on each entry form. Photocopies are acceptable. Librarians and teachers are not to sign student entry forms. Signing your name to a student's entry form disqualifies the students. If an entry form has no signature, the essay will be disqualified.

**I want to be a vendor for the festival? What do I need to do?**

Vendors will be allowed to participate at this year's 4th Annual Tulisoma. Vendors must adhere to strict guidelines and must be approved by staff and committee. Only a limited amount of spaces will be available for vendors. Space will cost \$30 and must be paid in full 72 hours prior to the event. For more information or to sign up, please check the website for updates starting June 15<sup>th</sup>. Vendor registration will not take place prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**I want to be a volunteer for the festival? What do I need to do?**

Volunteers are now being accepted for this phenomenal event. Volunteers may go to our web site to fill out a volunteer application. The deadline to sign up as a volunteer is Friday, August 11, 2006. Applications can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed. All volunteers must be 16 yrs. or older. Groups and Organizations are welcome. Please visit the website for details.

**I want to register for the festival as an author? What do I need to do?**

Author's who wish to present their books or material must pay an administrative fee of \$30 for booth space (lunch included). The deadline for register as an author is Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Payment must be received no later than 72 hours prior to the event. Cash (in person), check, and/or money order accepted. Registration is currently being accepted. Space is booking quickly.

**What are the Signature Events?**

There are four signature events as a part of the 2006 Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival. There are as follows:

**Community Breakfast:** Held at the Old Mill Inn in Fair Park this event will be the official kick-off of Tulisoma. Reservations are required; however, there is no cost to attend. There are 60 slots available for reservation.

**Pork Chops and Politics:** This soul food lunch will take place at the South Dallas Café August 26 from 12 pm – 2 pm. Walter Mosley will be the author present to discuss socioeconomic and civil rights issues affecting the African-American community and the nation at large. This event will cost \$20 and tickets can only be purchased via [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com). There will be 40 ticketed slots available. Lunch is included in the ticket price.

**Coffee and Conversation:** A time for people to gather in an informal dialogue with urban author, Omar Rashad Tyree. The event will take place from 3 pm – 5 pm on Saturday August 26, 2006. Tickets to this event can be purchased via [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) for \$20. Refreshments are included in the ticket price. There are 40 ticketed spots available.

**Gospel Brunch:** To celebrate the weekend and the end of TULISOMA there will be a Gospel Brunch on Sunday August 27, 2006. The event will take place at the African Heritage Museum from 10 am – 12:30 pm. Tickets to this event can be purchased via [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) for \$15. Brunch is included in the ticket price.

**Can you buy the tickets in a series?**

Yes, you can purchase tickets to all of the events for a discounted price. This offer is available on [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

**Can you come into a branch to purchase the tickets?**

No, tickets can only be purchased through [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

**Can I purchase tickets for a large group?**

Yes. Ticket sales are limited on the website but for further direction to book large groups please call 214-670-7800 for help.

**How do I get to the African American Museum and the various ticketed events?**

You can visit our website, [www.tulisoma.com](http://www.tulisoma.com) for directions and more information.

**What is the schedule of events?**

Please visit [www.tulisoma.com](http://www.tulisoma.com) to see the event schedule for times, dates, and locations.

**Is it too late to sign up as a vendor or an author?**

No, please visit [www.tulisoma.com](http://www.tulisoma.com) to fill out the required registration form and for further information regarding becoming a part of the Tulisoma experience.

**Who are the celebrated authors attending the event?**

The six celebrated authors include Walter Mosley, Kadir Nelson, Alice Randall, Alexis Rhone, Omar Rashad Tyree, and Rebecca Walker.