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MAUSIKI SCALES & THE COMMON GROUND COLLECTIVE

Concert: June 24, 8 p.m., \$20

Community Workshop: June 25, 3 p.m., Free

Paul Robeson Theater at ArtsXchange

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Mausiki Scales & the Common Ground Collective to perform at ArtsXchange

Renowned group to bring signature sound & workshop in honor of Black Music Month

EAST POINT, Ga. — Celebrate Black Music Month with an authentic rendering of the pulsating African rhythm fused with jazz and R&B that is the hallmark of Afrobeat.

Mausiki Scales and the Common Ground Collective — a local band with international reach — will play a concert at 8 p.m. June 24 in the Paul Robeson Theater at the ArtsXchange, 2148 Newnan St. in East Point. The collective will return to offer their free community workshop, “Blues People: The Music and Culture of African Americans,” open to all ages from 3-5 p.m. on June 25.

In this free masterclass, Mausiki Scales and his guests will guide participants through an exploration of the intellectual and social origins of African American music — Black Folk music, Blues, Jazz, popular, religious and others — from its beginnings in Africa to its enculturation into the music of the Americas.

Founded and led by Mausiki Scales, the Common Ground Collective, is a group of Atlanta-based musicians who have been working together since 1999. The band explores genres that reflect Africa and the African Diaspora including Afrobeat, Funk, Jazz, Soul, Blues and Hip Hop. With a commitment to performing that expands beyond mere entertainment, the band claims community healing as core to its mission. Mausiki Scales & Common Ground's sound concerns itself with the African ancestral musical arts, while being fully present in addressing contemporary experiences. They approach creativity with a high regard for music and they also act as active agents in maintaining an integral part of the sacred Black Music Tradition.

For more information or to purchase tickets, see artsxchange.org/ebon-doolley.

The ArtsXchange, d/b/a the Southeast Community Cultural Center, was incorporated in 1983 and opened The Arts Exchange In 1984 in Grant Park, reshaping the landscape of Metro Atlanta's arts scene. In East Point since 2017, the ArtsXchange empowers artists, social justice activists, and creative entrepreneurs to engage communities with innovative artistic learning experiences and cultural exchange. Our programming is designed to be inclusive, diverse, and to encourage positive change as participants come to a better understanding of themselves and others. Our art is our activism.

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