

The History of Black Milwaukee

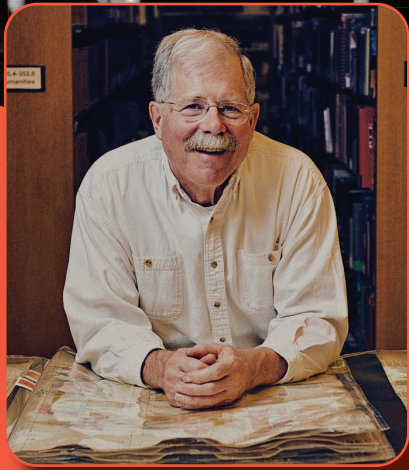


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Presented by award-winning historian and author John Gurda.

There have been Black Milwaukeeans for as long as there's been a Milwaukee. African Americans were here when the future metropolis was just a fur-trading post, and they grew with the city during its rise as a hotbed of abolitionist activity, an industrial powerhouse, and a haven for immigrants. Unfolding over nearly two centuries, their story is an inspiring chronicle of struggle, resilience, and pride.

John Gurda is a Milwaukee-born writer and historian who has been studying his hometown since 1972—all of its groups, all of its neighborhoods. He is the award-winning author of twenty-three books and the creator of the Emmy Award-winning documentary series *The Making of Milwaukee*. In a city too often identified by its European heritage, Gurda is a firm believer that history belongs to everyone.

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