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48th Annual Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival Held This Saturday *National Recording Artists Chubb Rock and Carl Thomas Scheduled to Perform*

- Who:** Durham Parks and Recreation
- What:** National Award Winning 48th Annual Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival
- When:** Saturday, May 20 (noon – 8 p.m.)
Bimbé Weekday Events: May 18-19 (various times and locations in Durham)
- Where:** Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Drive, Durham (Rain or Shine)
Free parking is available at the Durham County Stadium, 750 Stadium Drive, Durham

General Information:

- The Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival is one of the oldest cultural festivals and celebrations of music, art and dance in North Carolina.
- Chuck Davis' African American Dance Ensemble will kick off the festival with a salute to the elders (residents ages 55 and up). Mayor William V. "Bill" Bell will introduce the dance troupe and honor the contributions the late Chuck Davis has made to the festival.
- This year's festival will feature old school hip hop artists Chubb Rock and Carl Thomas.
- Participants will enjoy the Bimbé Marketplace with approximately 40 art, merchandise, educational and food vendors.
- There will be activities for all ages including a Family Fun Zone hosted by the Durham Arts Council, Interactive Playgrounds, and The Home Depot.
- Other highlights include K 97.5's radio personality Brian Dawson's Musical Medley: A Voyage through 48 Years of Music featuring some of Durham's finest DJ's including his son Chase

Dawson.

- The event is free and open to the public. Participants are not allowed to bring food, coolers, alcohol or pets to the festival. Seating is not provided and participants are encouraged to bring a chair and/or blanket.

DPR will also host a number of Bimbé weekday events. See the schedule below:

- **Bimbé Alumni Basketball Classic**
Thursday, May 18 (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.) doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Southern High School Gymnasium, 800 Clayton Road
Free admission
- **Bimbé Teen Pool Party - ages 13- 18**
Friday, May 19 (7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.) doors open at 6 p.m.
Edison Johnson Aquatics Center, 500 W. Murray Avenue
Free admission

Volunteer opportunities are available. To volunteer fill out the online registration form at <http://dprvolunteers.ivolunteer.com/>. For information visit www.DPRPlayMore.org or call (919) 560-4355.

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