

The Royal Theater Music Festival & Cadillac Parade 2008

Continuing the legacy, the heritage, the history, the music and the legend on historic Pennsylvania Avenue

August 30, 2008

Baltimore MD

12th Annual Royal Theater Music Festival & Cadillac Parade



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DATE:

Saturday August 30, 2008

12:00 noon
until the
Joints
stop
Jumpin'!



HISTORY: The Cadillac Parade first began in West Baltimore's historical Upton community in 1946 and ran continuously until 1972. The 1996 revival created by the Pennsylvania Avenue Redevelopment Collaborative (PARC) has brought about an enormous local and regional attraction that draws an annual attendance of up to 50,000+. The Cadillac Parade features new and vintage automobiles transporting local and state officials in the mile long parade route before thousands of onlookers.

The Pennsylvania Avenue corridor gave us Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Jazz singer Billie Holiday, bandleader Cab Calloway, among others. Pennsylvania Avenue's Royal Theater and other theaters like the Lincoln Theater is where America's first black superstar, Ethel Waters, got her break in 1917. She went on to become the highest paid entertainer black or white in show business and the first African-American star of a national radio show. In addition to Waters, Pennsylvania Avenue has been home and host to talented headliners like Eubie Blake, Pearl Bailey, Sammy Davis, Jr., Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Nat King Cole, and comedienne Redd Foxx and Slappy White.

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