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Entertainment, business opportunities, workshops, exhibits and lectures will top the list of activities available this week at the ninth annual **Ohio Black Expo**.

Veteran's Memorial is the location for the three-day event, which begins Friday.

To kick off the exposition, a Community Awards Reception will be held Thursday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for the Performing and Cultural Arts, to honor seven business entrepreneurs.

Anti-apartheid activist Randall Robinson will deliver the keynote address.

"Building economic independence" is the theme of this year's **expo** and a number of symposiums will be held Friday and Saturday to address the area.

Seminar topics include: Strategic planning; understanding bank lending practices and the impact of redlining on **black** business development; blueprint for **black** business development; and creating business linkages with Africa.

Social issues also will be discussed in workshops, such as: South Africa and eliminating apartheid; and the African-American elderly: Exploring our roots.

Symposium presenters include: Oscar J. Coffey, president of the National Association of **Black** and Minority Chambers of Commerce, and Henry J. Durand, assistant professor at Northern Kentucky University and coordinator of NKU's Institute for Social Research.

In addition, more than 300 businesses and organizations will showcase their products and services.

Last year, **Black Expo** attracted more than 30,000 visitors.

For more information concerning the **expo** and the awards reception, call 237-4940.

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