The Minnesota African American Museum and Cultural Center (MAAM), which was originally scheduled to open its doors last June, has had to delay its opening several times since; while there's currently no set date for the museum's permanent opening, the center continues its programming outside of the museum walls.

Most recently, MAAM announced that it would open in February, in time for African American

History Month, but according to founder Roxanne Givens, the museum will not open in February, and at this point there is no confirmed date for when it will open. When they do open, she said, there won't be a ceremony, but instead will simply begin welcoming visitors during regular hours.

While the museum remains closed indefinitely, the organization continues programming as a "virtual museum," Givens said. That includes working with schools to stage "trunk shows" about African American History. MAAM is also in talks with the Children's Theatre Company (CTC) to co-host a collaborative event surrounding CTC's production of *Jackie and Me*. Originally that collaboration was going to include a trip to the museum after which students would walk over to the nearby CTC to attend the performance, but Givens said she they are still in talks about how that collaboration can happen.

The museum has also worked with church partners to celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation in an event at the Minnesota State Capitol.
The organization has plans to tell the story of African Americans who were involved with the Civil War. "There were about 104 African Americans who were here that fought in the Civil War," Givens said. "We're gathering information so that we can provide an accurate history of African Americans." According to Givens, while there weren't any dedicated African American regiments from Minnesota, there were African Americans from Minnesota that were assigned to other regiments from the Midwest. Part of the research for this project includes identifying grave markers from these soldiers.

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