In conjunction with Black History Month, the Black Lives Matter Global Network celebrates Black Futures Month, imagining a joyful, free and liberated future for Black folks. The inaugural Black Futures Month features a full month of artistic renditions of the hope for a better future. Black Futures Month creates an opportunity to educate the world through the arts.

In the tradition of the radical artists community flourishing within the Black Liberation movement, Black Lives Matter Art + Culture launches The Provocateurs, a TED-talk style event filmed live at California African American Museum to celebrate Black artists and to inspire the creative minds of our movement to create more radical Black art.

Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi formed the Black Lives Matter Network. Alicia Garza described the network as an online platform that existed to provide activists with a shared set of principles and goals.

#BlackLivesMatter is first seen on social media after the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Black teen, Trayvon Martin.

Black Lives Matter became nationally recognized for its street demonstrations following the 2014 police killings of two unarmed Black men: Michael Brown — resulting in protests and unrest in Ferguson — and Eric Garner in New York City.


Increased incidents of police violence, including Freddie Gray in Baltimore and Walter Scott in North Charleston, stir more Black Lives Matter protests across the United States. In response to a growing desire for transformation, additional chapters of Black Lives Matter are formed.

In 2016, Black Lives Matter demonstrates against the deaths of numerous Black people by police actions, including those of Bruce Kelley Jr., Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Joseph Mann, Mario Woods, Abdirahman Abdi, Paul O'Neal, Korryn Gaines, Sylville Smith, Terence Crutcher, Keith Lamont Scott, Alfred Olango, and Deborah Danner, among others.

Black Lives Matter Global Network receives Australia's Sydney Peace Prize, which recognizes leading global peacemakers.