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Manhyia Palace is pleased to announce that His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene, will attend and participate in the 44th annual edition of the Memphis in May International Festival in the City of Memphis, Tennessee, United States.

In line with the continuing efforts to showcase Ghana's culture and traditions and promote business and investment opportunities in Ghana, His Majesty has accepted an invitation from the City of Memphis and the Memphis in May International Festival to participate in this year's Festival which is dedicated to salute the Republic of Ghana. According to Festival organisers, this marks only the second royal participation in the 44-year history of the Memphis in May International Festival, the first since the visit of the Maori Queen at the Salute to New Zealand in 1991.

His Majesty will arrive in Memphis on May 3, with a contingent of Paramount Chiefs representing chiefs from all the regions of Ghana who owe allegiance to the Golden Stool, Queen- mothers, Princes of the Golden Stool and Divisional Chiefs. He will participate in a five-day programme culminating in a traditional durbar on Memphis' historic Beale Street on May 8, 2022.

The Memphis in May International Festival's Salute to the Republic of Ghana is designed to break down barriers, promote greater understanding and strengthen the ties between Ghana and the citizens of Memphis and the Mid-South of the United States.

Apart from the cultural events, His Majesty will meet with high level city and government officials and business leaders aimed at promoting business and investment opportunities in the two countries. The City of Memphis will honour His Majesty and Ghana's Ambassador to the United States with a Black Star Black Tie Gala at the Renaissance Convention Center Grand Ballroom on May 6 to celebrate his 72nd Birthday.

Among places slated for His Majesty to visit are the National Civil Rights Museum, the STAX Museum of American Soul Music, and Graceland, the home of the Memphis legend Elvis Presley. He will also visit the headquarters of Federal Express (FedEx), and the world's largest manufacturers of medical robotics, Medtronic.

Celebrated musicians and religious leaders, Bishop Al Green will host His Majesty's final engagement with a church service at the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church.

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