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## **Hampton History Museum Hosts CD Release Party for Debut Album Of Accomplished Bluesman's New Band Paul Urban & Friends May 16**

**Hampton, VA** - Bluesman Paul Urban returns to the Hampton History Museum music series with his new band Paul Urban & Friends to release their debut CD "Tidewater Blues" on Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Paul Urban & Friends is a Tidewater, VA based contemporary blues and roots rock band. Urban is a well-known figure on the regional blues scene having been a member of the blues group Urban Hill. After four years and two CDs with Urban Hill, he decided to strike out in a new direction with his own band and a CD of all original music entitled "Tidewater Blues." With the formation of his new band, he is moving into a more diverse musical direction with his new roots and blues band to include jazz, rock and funk influences in the music.

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“Tidewater Blues” features 11 original songs with music written by Urban. The lead off song on the album, “Hurricane Woman,” features lyrics by Peggy Hiltabidle Wilson, who also penned the lyrics to “See My Tears,” “Can't Do This” and “Her City.”

Filling out the band roster are Percell Smith on bass, Dwight Epps on drums and Tyler Bevington on keyboards.

To learn more about the band and their new CD, visit [www.paulurbanmusic.com](http://www.paulurbanmusic.com).

Held in the museum's Great Hall, the “Front Porch” Music Series presents different genres of music that have shaped the American soundscape and influenced talent in Hampton Roads' vibrant music scene. Admission is free to museum members, \$5.00 for non-members. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is plenty of free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information, call 757-727-1102, visit [www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org](http://www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org).

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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