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Children Portray Historical Figures in ‘The Living Black Wax Museum’ and Performer Returns with Frederick Douglass Reenactment at Hampton History Museum March 10

Hampton, VA - In partnership with the Hampton History Museum, the Hampton Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, presents "The Living Black Wax Museum," interactive presentations of notable figures in African American history portrayed by children, and performer Nathan Richardson returns to the museum for an encore performance of his one-man play "The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," on Saturday, March 10, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm.

Through dramatic presentations in the museum’s galleries, children ranging in age from preschool to high school will celebrate the contributions of African Americans including

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Mohammed Ali, Earnest Just, Loretta Lynch, George Washington Carver, Katherine Johnson and Ella Fitzgerald, among others. As visitors tour the galleries, they will encounter these historic personages who will come to life and relate brief stories of their lives. “The Living Black Wax Museum” takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a reduced special admission fee of \$2.00 to tour the galleries for this special event (museum admission regularly \$5.00/\$4.00).

“The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass” is presented free of charge in the museum’s Great Hall, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Poet, author and spoken word performer Nathan M. Richardson brings to life the physical and spiritual essence of the influential social reformer and statesman Frederick Douglass. Richardson as Douglass will speak in vivid detail about his life as a slave, his escape to freedom and his rise as a great writer, orator and abolitionist. Richardson appeared as Douglass for the museum in October 2017. The performance will be followed by a reception.

Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated is a 501(c)(3) organization of mothers dedicated to raising the next generation of African American leaders, while enhancing the lives of all children. They work to accomplish their mission through diverse programs focused on leadership development, cultural exposure, community service, legislative advocacy and philanthropic giving.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across from the museum. For more information, call 757-727-1102, visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org, or like the Hampton History Museum on Facebook and follow it on Twitter and Instagram.

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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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