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**Vinnie Knight & The Jazz Riders Perform
at the Hampton History Museum on August 21, 6 pm**

Hampton, VA— Escape the dog days of summer with an evening of cool American jazz from the 1920s to the present, blues standards and selections from the Great American Songbook with award-winning vocalist Vinnie Knight & The Jazz Riders as part of the Hampton History Museum’s monthly music series on Wednesday, August 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Accompanying Ms. Knight will be James Hancock on piano, Jeremy Ward on bass and Ralph Copley on drums. Knight was born in New York City and worked in jazz clubs throughout the city. He has toured Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Africa, England and Istanbul with the Big Bands of Harlem. She has toured Europe on Princess Cruises for 10 years singing with her bands The Royal Jazz Trio and The Jazz Riders.

She studied at Juilliard School of music for voice and produced, written and directed the musical ‘Black Pearls and White Diamonds. In addition to her singing career and occasional acting appearances, she teaches voice. In 2003 she received AFRAM AWARD for music achievement.

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Museum members are free, non-members \$5. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Hampton History Museum. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating and capacity are limited.

Hampton History Museum

Held in the Hampton History Museum's Great Hall on the third Wednesday of each month, the Front Porch Music Series presents different genres and of music that have shaped the American soundscape and influenced talent in Hampton Roads' vibrant music scene.

For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org.

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Image courtesy of Vinnie Knight

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.

During 2019, Hampton commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first African landing in English North America at Hampton's Old Point Comfort on Fort Monroe National Monument. In addition to honoring the men and women who arrived in 1619, the city will also celebrate the contributions of African Americans have made to our city, state and nation. A commission has planned events across the entire year to recognize and celebrate African American impact, including a three-day long Commemoration event, August 23-25.

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