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Tornado Bait Presents the ‘Christmas Spectacular Variety Show’ at the Hampton History Museum on Wednesday, December 19

Hampton, VA Two bands, a magician, comedians, guest musicians, amped up storytelling and special surprises join “Grunge Grass” band **Tornado Bait** for the “**Christmas Spectacular Variety Show**” the holiday offering of the Hampton History Museum’s music series on Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The brainchild of Tornado Bait lead Msesippi McQuown, the show promises to “bring forth the power of the 12 days of Christmas crammed packed into two hours of cheer, wrapped in merriment and tied up with a big shiny bow of love!” This family friendly show harkens back to the golden age of TV variety specials featuring renderings of classic Christmas music and original holiday songs.

Formed in 2015 and known for audience engagement involving everything from

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children’s musical instruments to puppets and bag-head mask making to hula hoops, Tornado Bait features Msesippi McQuown on vocals, guitar, suitcase and washboard; Matt Lodica Thomas on melodica; Michael Lusby on bass; Donna Gray on percussion and rain stick; Michael Lee Sullivan Sully on banjo; and for this show, original band drummer Tommy Chico Chamberlin, plus musical guests [Caleb Folks](#) on ukulele, joined by musician and singer [Shakespeare Teasley](#).

Opening the evening of wit and whimsy is bass-fronted band **Unk-AL and The Amazingly Mediocré**, followed up with magic by **Lance the Magnificent** and comedians **Adam Lee** and **Jon Kranz**. With the help of the audience, and a larger-than-life dreidel, Kranz will lead a game and share the story of Hanukkah.

Following Tornado Bait’s performance, **Uglyography** will orchestrate a “quirkadelic” telling of the timeless classic “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” with sound and lighting effects.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Hampton History Museum.

Museum members free, non-members \$5.00. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating and capacity are limited.

Held in the museum’s Great Hall on the third Wednesday of the month, 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.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757/727-1102 or visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org.

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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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