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## **HM Johnson Band Performs at the Hampton History Museum on April 18**

**\*\*Was postponed from January 17 due to snow\*\***

**Hampton, VA** - One of the most prolific bands in Hampton Roads, the HM Johnson Band graces the Great Hall stage for their first appearance as part of the Hampton History Museum's monthly music series on April 18, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This much-anticipated performance was originally scheduled for January 17, but was postponed due to snow.

Known for their versatility, this electrifying ensemble of fun-loving, experienced entertainers brings with them an extensive repertoire of original music and their signature stylistic interpretations of favorite songs from a wide-range of genres, including R&B, funk, pop, jump, swing, soul, beach, reggae, blues, jazz, and rock & roll.

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Together for over two decades, the group is under the leadership of Henry (H.M.) Johnson, a highly respected and experienced music veteran, a superb writer, musician and sound technician. Johnson began playing over 40 years ago. While he doesn't remember exactly what started him down the guitar-playing path, he knows that it was something he just had to do. The first recording that he ever bought was by Chuck Berry, which he quickly wore out. Soon after, he began listening to Wes Montgomery, Albert King, Albert Collins, Pat Martino and B.B. King. These influences have directed Henry over the years of his life, and having brought him to where he now stands.

Johnson has successfully recorded two solo releases: "Feel It" and "Everybody Wants Control of You," and is currently working on a new project. He also contributed guitar tracks to CBS after school TV specials as well as worked with the CBN cable network and has received high praise from Guitar Player Magazine. In his career, he has toured and performed in many countries and around the United States with artists such as singer, songwriter, guitarist and harmonica player, Delbert McClinton, and national jazz trumpeter Tom Brown, among other recording artists.

Held in the museum's Great Hall on the third Wednesday of each 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. Admission is free to museum members, \$5.00 for non-members. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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

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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.

**Next in the Series:**

**Paul Urban & Friends  
“Tidewater Blues” CD Release Party  
Wednesday, May 16, 6-8 pm**

**Museum Members free, non-members \$5**

Paul Urban & Friends is a Tidewater Roots and Blues Band which includes rock and funk influences in its music. Paul Urban is a familiar name in the Tidewater music scene, most recently performing in the prominent blues band Urban Hill for the last four years. With the formation of Paul Urban & Friends, Paul is moving into a more diverse musical direction.

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.

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