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## News Release

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### **1619 Commemoration of the First Enslaved African Landing Returns to Fort Monroe August 26-28**

*Event to feature remarks by Gloria J. Browne -Marshall, concert by Delfeayo Marsalis, Healing Day*

**Hampton, VA** – Join the Fort Monroe Authority, National Park Service, Project 1619 and the City of Hampton for the 1619 Commemoration of the First Enslaved African Landing programming on August 26-28 at Fort Monroe. The in-person and virtual events will commemorate 403 years of African American history. The gathering will reflect on the national and global significance of the 1619 landing of “20 and odd” enslaved Africans from West Central Africa and the contributions of Africans and their descendants to American society.

**Join a descendant engagement roundtable Friday, August 26 at 1 p.m.,** Dr. Elizabeth Chew Interim Chief Executive Officer of James Madison’s Montpelier and Jeannine Compton-Antoine of the St. Lucia National Trust will explore “Descendant Engagement and Remembrance in the Age of Climate Change – Connecting International Sites of Enslavement in the Critical Times” a collaboration supported by the Association of African American Museums, the National Park Foundation, and the International National Trusts Organization Re-Imagining Sites of Enslavement initiative. Descendants, museum professionals, scholars and attendees are invited to ask questions and share what they are doing to connect communities to the spirit of place and global histories. Visit [www.nps.gov/fomr](http://www.nps.gov/fomr) [[link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com](http://link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com)] for registration details.

**On Saturday, August 27 at 10 am, there will be a Recognition and Commitment ceremony at the future site of the African Landing Memorial.** Granite stones from the fortress walls have been set as temporary benches and a “Line to Angola” will be in the landscape.

**The main ceremony will be held on August 27 at 11 am at Fort Monroe Continental Park and will feature keynote speaker Professor and Civil Rights Attorney Dr. Gloria J. Browne-Marshall.** There will be a bell ringing ceremony at 12 noon and African dance, drum performances and flower procession. The Evolution of Freedom concert featuring Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra will begin at 2:30 pm.

Browne-Marshall teaches classes in Constitutional Law, Race and the Law, Evidence, and Gender and Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY). Additionally, Browne-Marshall is a civil rights attorney who litigated cases for Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama, Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc.

World-renowned trombonist, composer, and producer Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra are back this year by popular demand. Delfeayo Marsalis has dedicated his prolific career to music theater and education. Along with the Marsalis family of musicians including his late father Ellis, the artist was destined to a life in music. Marsalis has toured internationally with jazz legends such as Ray Charles, Art Blakey, Max Roach, Elvin Jones, and Slide Hampton, as well as leading his groups.

**Healing Day will be held on Sunday, August 28.** The programming includes: at 6 a.m. the Naming and Cleansing Ceremony at Outlook Beach, at 8:30 a.m. 3.1 Mile Walk/Run for Healing starting at Outlook Beach and 10:30 a.m. Public Drum Circle and Time of Reflection. At 5 pm there will be a Virtual Restorative Yoga and Meditation with Kleidi Jeen, register for [ALD Embodied Yoga here \[link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com\]](https://link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com).

The 1619 Commemoration of the First Enslaved African Landing events are free and open to the public. For more information visit [Fortmonroe.org \[link.mediaoutreach.meltwater.com\]](https://fortmonroe.org).

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**Attached Image descriptions:**

- 1. African Landing Day Events Flyer - 1619 Enslaved African Landing Commemoration**
- 2. Gloria Browne-Marshall - Keynote speaker Professor and Civil Rights Attorney Gloria J. Browne-Marshall.**

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 Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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African Landing 1619 -  
Emancipation 1865



**Dr. Gloria Browne-Marshall**

## 1619 COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST ENSLAVED AFRICAN LANDING

Point Comfort | Fort Monroe | Hampton, VA



**Delfeayo Marsalis and the  
Uptown Jazz Orchestra**

## African Landing Day

Saturday August 27, 2022 | Continental Park

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Join us in remembrance of first enslaved African landing at Point Comfort

To learn more visit [www.fortmonroe.org](http://www.fortmonroe.org) for more details.



**Dr. Elizabeth Chew**



**Jeannine Compton-Antoine**



**Kalen Anderson**



**Kleidi Jeen**

### Descendent Community

#### Virtual Round Table

Friday August 26, 2022

1:00 PM (ET)

Descendent Engagements and  
Remembrance in the Age of Climate Risk-  
Connecting International Sites of  
Enslavement in these Critical Times

### Healing Day

Sunday August 28, 2022

6:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Outlook Beach

Sunrise Cleansing Ceremony  
3.1 Mile Healing Walk  
Join the Drummer Circle  
Embodied Yoga and Meditation

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