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## News Release

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### **Hampton History Museum hosts jazz, cultural, art events this July**

Hampton, VA— Come and explore music and the arts at the Hampton History Museum. Museumgoers can attend several exciting programs throughout the month. From an evening of Big Band jazz to a family-friendly art series featuring magic, culture, and more, the whole family can enjoy a myriad of things to do at the museum this July.

#### **Port Hampton Culture Series**

##### **"Swing & Jazz" with The Doorway Singers**

**Monday, July 10, 7 p.m.**

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

Featuring hits from the 1920s through the 1940s, The Doorway Singers will transport attendees back to the era of Big Band music with their jazz harmonies and swinging choreography. They will perform popular tunes by Glenn Miller, the Andrews Sisters and Fats Waller, such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing), among others. The "Swing and Jazz" singers are Sarah Schweit, Sarah Fagan, Jesse O'Connell and Westley Benson.

##### **"A Splash of the Arts!"**

**Saturday, July 15, 22 & 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., FREE**

**Museum admission will be free all day, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

The Hampton City Schools Fine Arts Department presents this free, family arts and entertainment series in conjunction with Arts for Learning, the Virginia Affiliate of Young Audiences. School-age children and families can interact with musicians, artists, actors, storytellers, dancers and more. Each weekend has new programming! With the support of the Hampton History Museum and Downtown Hampton Development Partnership, the series will be held on three Saturdays in July. Check out each day's highlights below.

#### *July 15*

Learn traditional dances from around the world with Rita Cohen; explore techniques that help actors create unforgettable characters with Katherine Willet; and listen to musical instruments from different cultures and continents with Curtis Blues.

*July 22*

Be amazed by the tricks of magician Harold Wood and his carrot-eating sidekick; create your own personal stories through poetry with Stephanie Lask; and experience the thunderous rhythms of Japanese taiko drums with Taikoza.

*July 29*

Learn an energetic traditional Filipino dance with Jackie Adonis; explore the legends of Mount Everest through dance and music with Utpalasia; and listen as actor Valerie Davis brings to life the heroic story of abolitionist Harriet Tubman.

To see the complete schedule visit [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org).

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.

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*HHM 1:* Poet and actor Nathan Richardson portraying Frederick Douglass at the museum during “A Splash of the Arts” in 2022, Courtesy Arts for Learning

*HHM 2:* Storyteller Dylan Pritchett at the museum for “A Splash of the Arts” in 2022, courtesy Arts for Learning

*HHM3:* The Doorway Singers “Jazz & Swing” courtesy of The Doorway Singers

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.