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Hampton History Museum Presents New Play About Historic Legal Case and Early St. Patrick Celebration Concert in March

Hampton, VA—Playwright Marie St. Clair’s latest dramatic production delving into untold stories in local history, “The Tragic Case of Virginia Christian: A True Crime Exploration,” about the first woman executed by electrocution in Virginia, premieres on March 3, and the annual St. Patrick’s celebration concert with Poisoned Dwarf on March 12, are among the program highlights at the Hampton History Museum in March.

Port Hampton Culture Series

The Tragic Case of Virginia Christian: A True Crime Exploration

Monday, March 3, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Museum members free, non-members \$5

Join Us for a Riveting True Crime Event!

Immerse yourself in a “living documentary, theater-in-the-round” dramatic experience from playwright Marie St. Clair, presenting the story of Virginia Christian, the first woman executed by electrocution in Virginia. In 1912, 16-year-old Christian was accused of murdering her 51-year-old employer, Ida Belote, leading to her execution just one day after her 17th birthday.

This event, in partnership with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, will feature actors reenacting the historical events surrounding the crime, followed by a guided discussion led by Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax, engaging in thought provoking discussions about justice, race, and history.

Front Porch Music Series

Poisoned Dwarf

Wednesday, March 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Museum members free, non-members \$5

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day wee bit early with a lively concert of Celtic music with Poisoned Dwarf! This rollicking quintet plays innovative and passionate renditions of traditional Irish and Scottish tunes on acoustic instruments. These six talented musicians create a driving sonic energy with whistles, flutes, violin, guitar, percussion, and Uilleann pipes with exciting and lyrical vocals.

Based out of Williamsburg, the members of Poisoned Dwarf are Thomas DeRose, Stewart Pittman, Lance Pedigo, Mei-Li Garcia, Wayne Hill and Patrick Rooney.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the museum. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Seating is first come, first served.

Hampton History Museum

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is plenty of free parking in the garage across from the museum. Open Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m. Closed major holidays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, active military, active NASA, AAA, children 4-12, free to children under 4. For more information, call 757-727-1102, visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org, or follow the Hampton History Museum on Facebook and Instagram.

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Images attached:

Virginia Christian, Wikipedia

Poisoned Dwarf, courtesy of Poisoned Dwarf

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.