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Roots Musician Explores Diverse Cultural Influences on Contemporary Music at Hampton History Museum Free Lunchtime Program February 21

Hampton, VA - Multi-instrumentalist and roots musician Curtis Blues takes listeners on a world-wide musical journey to demonstrate how today's music came to be in "The Multicultural Roots of Rock and Rap," a special performance presented as part of the Hampton History Museum's free "Lunch in Time" series on Wednesday, February 21, noon-1:00 p.m.

American popular music has roots in many different cultures. The American banjo comes from Mali, Africa, the guitar comes from Spain, and many percussion rhythms can be traced to Latin influences from Cuba and South America.

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Blues will bring history to life by performing with musical instruments from all over the world in this interactive program. Attendees will learn how different cultures approached building instruments from their unique environments and how these choices still influence the music we listen to today.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. The museum will have free dessert.

About Curtis Blues:

Multi-instrumentalist and roots musician Curtis Blues is a talented musician and educator. His performances keep the tradition of acoustic American roots music alive, and demonstrate the origins of modern rock and hip-hop music. He has been playing Delta Blues since he was fourteen years old, when he was exposed to some of the last living Delta Blues masters at folk festivals. Curtis has recorded three critically acclaimed CDs and performs at Blues festivals, and schools and other venues in an effort to pass this precious music down to the next generation.

The program is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. The museum will provide free dessert.

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.

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

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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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