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## Special Programs and Exhibitions Commemorate Black History Month 2018

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Jan. 23, 2018) – This February Colonial Williamsburg commemorates Black History Month with a special schedule of programming and exhibits highlighting its year-round interpretation of early African-Americans’ lives, struggles for freedom and contributions to the nation.

“Each day Colonial Williamsburg tells the complex, inspiring stories of 18th-century America in voices that reflect the diversity of our city and nation, then and now,” said Mitchell B. Reiss, president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. “During Black History Month we invite our guests to experience a range of compelling programs and exhibits that capture our shared American story.”

With Colonial Williamsburg admission, guests enjoy special programming at iconic sites including the Governor’s Palace, Capitol and Peyton Randolph and George Wythe houses, and meet characters from the period including Revolutionary War spy James Armistead Lafayette, barber John Hope and Aggy of Turkey Island, a woman enslaved by one of the most prominent families in the young nation. Historic Area programs include “My Story; My Voice,” in which guests experience a dramatic moment from 18th-century life, then join the discussion as an actor-interpreter shares how a character is brought to life.

February is an ideal time to visit the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, open to guests with Colonial Williamsburg or Art Museums Admission, to enjoy special themed tours like “Hidden Artists in the Museum,” which showcases the work of African-American artists and artisans often hidden from view in the 18th through 20th centuries. Guests are also invited to enjoy the exhibit “African-American Quilts” in the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum before the exhibit closes this spring.

Tickets and full program schedule information are available at Colonial Williamsburg ticketing locations, online at [colonialwilliamsburg.com/bhm](http://colonialwilliamsburg.com/bhm), by calling 855-296-6627 toll-free, by downloading the free Colonial Williamsburg Explorer app via the Apple App Store and Google Play, and by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/colonialwilliamsburg) and @colonialwmsburg on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/colonialwilliamsburg) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/colonialwilliamsburg).

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*contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 400 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.*

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