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the next generation of leaders!

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THE MOVEMENT



Dear Educators,

Thank you for your tremendous service and dedication during this unprecedented time for students and teachers everywhere! We are writing to invite your students to participate in YEAR TWO of this special program!



ImmortALL, an enhancement of the HEAR THIS program, offered yearly by Teens With a Purpose in Virginia Beach City Public Schools, is a unique opportunity for students 13-19 years of age, connecting multiple generations through meaningful writing and performative experiences steeped in local history and social justice, keeping the stories of our past alive through youth storytelling. **It's FREE to registered participants!**

Once again,, we will partner with alumni from the historic Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School (PACTS/UKHS). Their story is the story of the first African

American High School in Virginia Beach. Connecting the generations, passing the torch, and sharing the stories, firsthand is a once in a lifetime experience we are honored to avail to your students.

Teens will:

- Young people learn to amplify their voices and tell their story poetically
- Cultivate writing and spoken word skills
- Learn various poetic styles and performance techniques to enhance delivery & strengthen self-expression
- Have the opportunity to perform their original work in a final public presentation event in Spring 2022
- Have first-hand interaction with alumni from the historic PACTS/UKHS
- Experience the museum dedicated to that educational and social environment

In order to safely prepare in the age of COVID-19, all workshops, interviews, and the final event are being thoughtfully designed to incorporate virtual, hybrid, and socially distanced options.

The first several workshops will be held virtually out of an abundance of caution as schools return to operations in person.

Workshops will be held on Wednesdays for High Schoolers and Thursdays for Middle Schoolers in order to accommodate the different afternoon release schedules.

Please share the attached registration forms with your students and urge them to join this unique writing and performance opportunity. If you are interested in becoming a teacher partner for this program, please contact us for more details

We look forward to working with your students to deepen their skill level in performance poetry and support a creative outlet that will enhance their learning experience and help them build self-esteem.

Registrations may be submitted by completing the enclosed registration form and emailing it to TWPTeenEvents@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact Shana Coleman at ShanaShanell21@gmail.com or Deirdre Love with any additional questions at TWPDirect@gmail.com or call 757-747-2679.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Love
Founder and Executive Director
Teens with a Purpose

2021-2022

HEAR THIS

ImmortALL - Performance Poetry Project

Retelling Hampton Roads' Black History through performance poetry

Registration Form

Primary Contact Name _____ **School/Organization Name** _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ **Parent/Guardian Phone** _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____ **Student Email** _____

Student Age _____ **Student Social Media Handle** _____ **Student Gender** _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____ **Fax** _____

Does the Student require any specific accommodations?

Emergency Contact: _____ **Contact Phone:** _____
Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Relationship to Student _____

Media Release Waiver;

I, for myself and/or child named here as a patron and/or participant in a Teens with a Purpose after-school program, am aware that all sessions will be aired via an online conference platform in conjunction with limited live sessions. I acknowledge that sessions may be recorded for archival, promotional, and instructional purposes. I hereby provide my consent for Teens with a Purpose and their collaborating organizations for this project to use photographs, videos, and/or interviews with me and/or my child(ren) in connection with reporting, archiving, publicizing, or promoting this program, the partner organizations, its services, or departments and agencies. I understand that there will be no remuneration for such use. Additionally, I give my consent to Teens with a Purpose and their program partners to contact my child or myself with information pertinent to this program or similar future programs in which they may wish to be involved.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Sessions are offered twice monthly throughout the school year ending in April

Writing & Performance Workshops

Participate in Writing & Performance Workshop and other artistic storytelling techniques while interacting with alumni from the first African American High School in Virginia Beach. The link to join will be shared with our Teacher Partners in participating schools or directly with the students where no Teacher Partner is present. All participants will have the opportunity to share their poetry in an online format. Limited In-Person sessions will take place at Virginia Beach History Museums' Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Museum (PACTS/UKHS), which is located in the Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland St, Virginia Beach, VA 23462) and other area theaters TBA.

High School sessions - Wednesdays from 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Middle School sessions -Thursdays from 4:10pm - 5:10pm

- October 27, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL
- October 28, 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL
- November 10, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL
- November 11, 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL
- November 17, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL
- November 18, 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL
- December 1, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL
- December 2, 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL
- December 15, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL
- December 16, 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL
- January 12th, 2022 HIGH SCHOOL
- January 13th, 2022 HIGH SCHOOL
- Twice monthly through the end of April

Museum Visit & Hybrid In-Person Workshop

Youth explore the Virginia Beach History Museums' PACTS/UKHS, which is located in the Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland St, Virginia Beach, VA 23462), and participate in a performative workshop.

- March 16, 2022 HIGH SCHOOL
- March 17, 2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL

Final Public Performance Event: Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at 5 pm in the Zeiders American Dream Theater (4409 Commerce St., Virginia Beach, VA 23462)

(Registered participants will receive a link to Poetry N.O.W. performance-based curriculum for teens)

Return page 2 of this application to TWPteenEvents@gmail.com

Use the subject line:

IMMORTAL POETRY PROJECT

or call 757-747-2679 for more information

A Note about COVID-19

Due to the ongoing risks of COVID-19, all partners in this program are undertaking specific measures to mitigate those risks. In accordance with Federal, State, and Local guidance.

ALL programs will be available to as many participants that register via online ZOOM sessions hosted by TWP. The final event in April is designed with a flexible format to allow for either an in-person experience with a live audience if the conditions at the time permit, or a partial or full online presentation of the showcase in accordance with safety requirements at the time of the intended presentation. Whenever possible, in-person workshops may be held at TWP's discretion and students will be notified. **Protective face coverings MUST be worn by all attendees at any in-person workshop or event.** Every participant should be conducting the self-check below BEFORE attempting to attend an in-person session. If the participant has ANY of the symptoms listed below, that participant should notify the program staff that they will attend via online session only. No one will be permitted on-site if they are experiencing any of the conditions below or if they have had such symptoms in the past 14 days.

COVID-19 SELF CHECK

If you can answer YES to ANY of the questions below for any time during the last 14 days, you must attend the online sessions only.

- Loss of smell?
- Changes in sense of Taste?
- Cough?
- Muscle Aches?
- Fever or chills?
- Shortness of breath/trouble breathing?
- Fatigue?
- Headache?
- Sore Throat?
- Congestion/Runny Nose?
- Nausea/Vomiting?
- Diarrhea
- Travel outside of the area within the last 14 days
- Travel on a plane within the last 14 days
- Known exposure to someone with COVID-19 or with symptoms above

A full list of COVID-19 Symptoms can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>