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ImmortALL - Retelling Hampton Roads' Black History through performance poetry

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 something very special!



ImmortALL is a unique opportunity for Virginia Beach students 13-19 years of age that connects 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!

We believe in the importance of sharing our stories through performance poetry. The stories from Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School belong to us all.

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 that we are honored to avail to your students.

This unique program is a partnership between Teens with a Purpose (TWP), and the Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Alumni & Friends (PACTS/UKHS) supported in part by Virginia Beach History Museums and the Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission.

Teens in this program will

- Hear first-hand, the incredible stories of alumni from the historic PACTS/UKHS,
- Experience the museum dedicated to that educational and social environment,
- Create personal connections with alumni,
- Cultivate writing and spoken word skills to translate the experience into poetry,
- Learn various poetic styles and performance techniques to enhance delivery & strengthen self-expression
- Can perform their original work in a final public presentation event in Spring 2021.

The program includes

- **2 Virtual Events hosted by PACTS/UKHS Alumni in October,**
- **6 Workshops (1x Month) from November – April,**
- **and the potential to perform at the final public Performance in April 2021.**

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. In-Person sessions will be limited to 10 students, wearing masks in socially distanced seating at the Virginia Beach History Museum PACTS/UKHS inside (or outside, weather permitting) at Renaissance Academy. Unlimited students may join by video link for the virtual experience of the workshops.

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 me directly with any additional questions at TWPDirect@gmail.com or call 757 747 2679.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Love
Founder and Executive Director
Teens with a Purpose

2020-2021

ImmortALL - Performance Poetry Project

**Retelling Hampton Roads' Black History through performance poetry
Registration Form**

You may select any combination of programs, however, to qualify for participation in the final performance, students must attend at least: 1 My Story, Our Story PACTS-UK Alumni session, 1 Museum-Focus Session, 1 Writing session and 1 Performance session.

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 to Student _____

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 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: _____

Please circle each session that your student intends to attend either virtually or in-person.

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PACTS/UKHS Alumni virtual events:

My Story, Our Story

Learn the history of education for African Americans in Virginia and of the first and only high school created for African Americans in Virginia Beach. Meet some of their alumni and participate in a lively Q&A.

- October 10, 2020 (12 noon) ONLINE! A link will be sent to your student. – The History
- October 17, 2020 (12 noon) ONLINE! A link will be sent to your student. _ The Roundtable

Museum Visit & Alumni Interview– Hybrid In-Person & Virtual Experience

Youth explore the Virginia Beach History Museum PACTS/UKHS located at Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland St, Virginia Beach, VA 23462) and participate in an introductory writing workshop.

- November 18, 2020, 3:30pm
 - In-Person (limit 10 students)
 - Virtual (you will be sent a link)

Writing & Performance Workshops

Interview key alumni and translate the experience into poetry. Participate in writing workshops and other artistic storytelling techniques. All participants will have the opportunity to share their work live and in online formats. In-Person sessions will take place at Virginia Beach History Museum PACTS/UKHS located at Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland St, Virginia Beach, VA 23462).

- December 16 at 3:30pm
 - In-Person (limit 10 students)
 - Virtual (you will be sent a link)
- January 20 at 3:30pm
 - In-Person (limit 10 students)
 - Virtual (you will be sent a link)
- February 17 at 3:30pm
 - In-Person (limit 10 students)
 - Virtual (you will be sent a link)
- March 17 at 3:30pm
 - In-Person (limit 10 students)
 - Virtual (you will be sent a link)
- April 14 at 3:30pm
 - In-Person (limit 10 students)
 - Virtual (you will be sent a link)

Final Public Performance Event, tentatively scheduled for April 17 at 7pm The Schola Auditorium at Renaissance Academy & Virtual Walk-Through Rehearsal day of the performance

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

Return pages 2 & 3 of this application to TWPteenEvents@gmail.com Use 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, CDC, State, and Local guidance, in-person gatherings for workshops will remain limited to no more than ten students until such guidance allows otherwise.

ALL programs will be available to as many participants that register via online ZOOM session hosted by TWP. The final event in April is designed with a flexible format to allow for either an in-person experience with 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 outside at Renaissance Academy as well.

Protective face coverings MUST be worn by all attendees at any in-person workshop or event. High touch surfaces will be cleaned with frequency and workshops will be limited to 60-90 minutes max to limit the amount of time the participants are together without sacrificing the quality of the learning experience. 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>