

# Jackson Blacksmith Shop Annual Event

June 8, 2019 — 11am – 4:30 pm

Event Will Recognize 400 year African-American Journey

“I AM 400” THE AFRICAN JOURNEY IN AMERICA 1619-2019



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THE ART OF JEROME AND JEROMYAH JONES

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“As a historical site, it would be remiss of us if we did not recognize the significance of the 400 year journey of Africans in America,” said Brenda Jackson Franisco, chairperson for this year’s Jackson Blacksmith Shop’s 24th Annual Event, which starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019 on the Shop grounds. She added, “I am excited about the plans in place for this year’s event. We are fortunate to have noted Richmond based Artists Jerome and Jeromyah Jones.” The father and son team will display work and be on hand to discuss their “I am 400” project, which is a collection of 69 works by these two artists focused on Africans before being brought to the shores of America, the 400 year journey of African Americans, and solutions for a better future.

Their combined work is in the collection of Evander Holyfield, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jordan, the City of Richmond, Maymont Park’s Centennial of the Japanese Garden, the Hampton University Museum, the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of VA, the Gallery at Main Street Station, and the Trumpet Award Celebration, and many other public and private collections.

Together, their work has been featured in international and national print, online, and television outlets such as CNN, Huffington Post, NBA on TNT, SLAM, Ebony, LAND Magazine, Chess UK, and more.

Other activities of the day will include tours of the historic Jackson Blacksmith Shop and its >

Exhibition Building, which houses a historic photo exhibit, the Jackson family descendancy chart, and various displays & artifacts.

- VOCALIST ANIAH MICKEY & KENYATTA SMITHER
- JAZZ, RHYTHM AND BLUES
- ON THE SPOT BAND AND SHOW
- SECOND UNION ROSENWALD SCHOOL
- GOOCHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER
- THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
- FLUTIST MICHAEL G. HAWKINS
- BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS BY CENTRAL VIRGINIA BLACKSMITH'S GUILD
- THE OLDEST AFRICAN AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH DISPLAY "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH" PETERSBURG, VA.
- VENDORS & CRAFT BOOTHS
- GAMES AND PRIZES
- FOOD AND MUSIC

## FREE ADMISSION

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