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The Hermitage Honors Black History Month With Free Programs

HERMITAGE, Tenn. (Feb. 6, 2015) – During the national celebration of Black History Month, The Hermitage will host four free weekly programs exploring the progress made by African-Americans throughout history and remembering the lives of those who were enslaved at The Hermitage.

Activities will include an interactive musical program, panel discussions on African-American genealogy and history, a tour, and a memorial service. The free programs do not include general admission to The Hermitage.

A full list of events with dates and times is below, and more information is available on The Hermitage's website: <http://thehermitage.com/events/category/event-calendar/>.

Our Musical Roots

Saturday, Feb. 7, at The Hermitage Church

11 a.m., 3 p.m.: “Spiritual Songs: The History of the Negro Spiritual” Musical Program
With Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush in The Hermitage Church

1 p.m.: “Playing the Spoons” Child-friendly, Interactive Musical Program With the National
Museum of African-American Music

Exploring African-American Genealogy

Saturday, Feb. 14, at The Andrew Jackson Visitor Center

1 p.m.: “African-American Genealogy” Panel Discussion and Q&A

2:30 p.m.: Free Genealogy Consultations, Hosted by the Afro-American Historical and
Genealogical Society

Discovering African-American History

Saturday, Feb. 21, at The Andrew Jackson Visitor Center

1 p.m.: “(Re)Discovering African-American History” Panel Discussion and Q&A

2:30 p.m.: “Slavery at The Hermitage” Exclusive Specialty Tour

Memorial Service

Saturday, Feb. 28, at The Hermitage Church and Hermitage Enslaved Memorial

1 p.m.: Music, Special Remarks and Laying of 150 Flowers – Each Representing a Member of The Hermitage’s Enslaved Community

About The Hermitage

Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage: Home of the People’s President is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the state of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies’ Hermitage Association in 1889 to operate as one of America’s first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of more than 180,000 annual visitors. On January 8, The Hermitage launched its newest exhibit, “Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm,” that delves into the life of Andrew Jackson, including his military and presidential career. Throughout 2015, all active and retired military personnel receive free admission to The Hermitage in honor of the bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. victory in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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