Student protest in Farmville, Prince Edward County, during the fight to desegregate schools, July 1963. Richmond Times-Dispatch

Determined: The 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality is a touring exhibition organized by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.
In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic and the upsurge of social justice protests highlighted the systemic racism that afflicts our society. The roots of racial inequities stretch back to 1619, to the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Virginia and the beginnings of race-based oppression and discrimination in America.

Across the ensuing 400 years, Black people and their allies have fought for freedom, equal justice, and access to opportunities. They have overcoming excruciating conditions and have made remarkable achievements, yet progress has been hindered by setbacks and persistent racism.

This exhibition traces four centuries of Black history in Virginia through stories of extraordinary individuals who struggled for equality and, in the process, profoundly shaped the nature of American society and the meaning of our collective ideals.

Their stories help us to understand the origins of today’s problems and to reckon with the painful legacies of slavery, segregation, and white supremacy. These determined individuals also inspire us to create a better future.
Key Facts

**RENTAL FEE**  
$100

**SPACE REQUIREMENTS**  
750 SQUARE FEET  
for comfortable viewing on all sides

**FORMAT**  
Ten (10) double-sided pull-up banner units

**TRANSPORTATION**  
The exhibitor is responsible for transportation costs.  
The VMHC will coordinate all transportation logistics.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS**  
Site support notebook, press release with link to publicity images

**IDEAL VENUES**  
Libraries, schools, community centers, museums

**AVAILABILITY**  
Six-week loan period, inclusive of shipping.

**SHIPPING INFO**  
Each banner stand comes with a padded carry bag.  
Total: Two (2) Boxes  
39”L x 12”H x 6”D  
Weight: 15 lbs

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Hard panel version for *Determined* is also available for booking. Please inquire through email for further information regarding the exhibition.