VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE

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Virginia Museum of History & Culture Presents New Online Live Interactive Program Movie Mythbusting

Richmond, VA – Are you a film buff who also loves history? Then join the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) is for an in-depth and educated look behind the scenes in a new free online live interactive program, Movie Mythbusting. In these programs, viewers can join VMHC Education team members live on Zoom at they 'mythbust' some fan-favorite historical films. Participants will watch the film in advance at their convenience, and then join the Zoom presentation the day of each program to discuss what's true, what's not and make unique connections to the VMHC collection. All are welcome to fill out optional worksheets to get a sneak peek of the discussion or can also just join in the program to learn.

Program Details

• Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00pm – "The Witch: A New England Folktale" with Rachel Murphy-Weast, Digital Outreach Education

A family in 1630s New England is torn apart by the forces of witchcraft, black magic, and possession. Join the VMHC Education team to look at ideas of colonial witchcraft in New England and Virginia, and learn about one of the first stories ever added to our collection – Grace Sherwood, aka "The Witch of Pungo"

• Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00pm – *Family Friendly* "National Treasure" with Maggie Creech, Manager of Museum Programs

Historians race to find a lost treasure that was gathered and hidden during The American Revolutionary War. Join the VMHC Education team for this family-friendly talk about the founding of the United States, from important figures to important documents. Participants will also learn how to make their own invisible ink map.

• Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00pm – "Suffragette" with Rachel Murphy-Weast, Digital Outreach Education

At the beginning of the 20th century, circumstances drive a young, idealistic suffragette to find radical approaches to fighting male oppression. Join the VMHC Education team to look at how the suffrage movement differed in England and the United States, and look at some of the collection connections from the VMHC's most recent exhibit, *Agents of Change*.

For more details on this program, please visit VirginiaHistory.org/AtHome.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum

District. Hours are Monday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit VirginiaHistory.org, or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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