



rememberthe400

2019 Commemoration

Profile

About GAPAS

GENESIS ADVANCE PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY also known as **GAPAS** is Cultural and Performing Arts organization presenting the Rememberthe400 created by **Shadrock Porter**. Established in 2005, GAPAS is a registered non-profit organization throughout Canada and the USA. Through visual and performance arts, GAPAS is a vibrant group of performers, community leaders and educators, working to share the culture of a forgotten people.

About rememberthe400

Rememberthe400 was formed to commemorate the 400th year anniversary of the first arrival of Africans that were brought to the shores of Hampton, Virginia in August 1619.

Rememberthe400 Mission

Our mission tells the true story of those Africans who landed on the shores of the Americas 400 years ago. We seek to implement and support initiatives that right the wrongs of this dark past and commence the healing process. We bring together individuals and organizations dedicated to creating a positive regional impact of healing the racial divide. Throughout the last 400 years, those Africans and their descendants have made invaluable contributions to the fabric of humanity. We are obligated to tell the story of the fortitude of this people and celebrate their achievements.

Main Events

REMEMBERTHE400 will showcase events leading up to the yearlong commemoration program in August 2019. The Grand Finale will be held in Hampton, VA, August 23-24, 2019; marking the 400th year since the first Africans arrived in the Americas.

- We are hosting **The Journey** theatrical production by playwright Shadrock Porter. The Journey is a powerful story of a people dispersed from the "Promise Land" to Ghana,

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Nigeria, Western Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas. The Journey is a touring theatrical and has been presented in Toronto, Canada, New York City, St. Louis, Missouri as well as in London, England. Every one of all ages and backgrounds now has an opportunity to experience The Journey in Hampton, Virginia.

- Rememberthe400 is also hosting, *I Am More! Youth Festival*. Our youth are our future! This is a youth driven outdoor festival featuring exciting entertainment and exhibitions highlighting progressive youth organizations and youth entrepreneurs committed to fostering an environment of racial tolerance and reconciliation.

Virginia's first Africans arrived at Point Comfort, on the James River, late in August 1619. There, "20 and odd Negroes" from the English ship *White Lion* were sold in exchange for food and some were transported to *Jamestown*, where they were sold again, likely into slavery. Our mission is to tell the true story of those Africans who landed on the shores of the Americas 400 years ago. We seek to implement and support initiatives that right the wrongs of this dark past. *We want to bring together individuals and organizations dedicated to creating a positive regional impact of healing the racial divide and commence the healing process.*

Purchase Tickets

Rememberthe400 is a two-day event: The Journey play is on *Friday, August 23, 2019* at *5:00 pm* at *The American Theatre* located at 125 E Mellen St. Hampton VA. Ticket price is \$35.00, you can buy them online at Ticketmaster or call Ticketmaster at 1.800.745.3000

The I AM More Youth Festival is on Saturday, August 24, 2019, this is a free outdoor event taking place at Fort Monroe National Monument Park, Fort Monroe, VA 23651, USA

Join rememberthe400

Check us out at our website or to get involved by starting a local chapter. You can sign up at rememberthe400.com OR support us by liking, commenting, and sharing our social media handles on Instagram or Facebook @rememberthe400 or hashtag #rememberthe400. We appreciate any support and for those who want to donate please do so at our GoFundMe

⇒ Sign the Petition for Healing ⇒ Start a local rememberthe400 Club ⇒

Partner with rememberthe400 ⇒ Donate to our Cause

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