



# rememberthe400

## Questions & Answers

### WHO is GAPAS?

Founded in 2005 by *Shadrock Porter*, GENESIS ADVANCE PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY (*GAPAS*) is a Cultural and Performing Arts organization offering both education and entertainment to local and international audiences. 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.

### WHAT is rememberthe400?

GAPAS is proud to present, *rememberthe400*, an awareness campaign that was formed to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first arrival of Africans that were brought to the shores of Hampton, Virginia in August 1619.

### WHAT is Your 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.

### WHAT are the Main Events?

REMEMBERTHE400 will showcase events before and leading up to the yearlong commemoration program in August 2019. The grand finale of this commemorative program will be held in Hampton, VA, August 23-24, 2019; marking the 400th year since the first Africans arrived in the Americas.

*The Journey*, a theatrical production by playwright Shadrock Porter, will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at The American Theatre. *The Journey* is a powerful story of a people dispersed from the "Promise Land" to Ghana, Nigeria, Western Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas.

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*The Journey* has performed at sold out locations in Toronto, Canada, New York City, St. Louis, Missouri as well as in London, England. Everyone, of all ages and backgrounds now has an opportunity to experience *The Journey* in Hampton, Virginia.

The ***I Am More! Youth Festival*** will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 in Fort Monroe, VA. Our youth are our future! This is a youth driven outdoor expo featuring exciting entertainment and exhibitions highlighting progressive youth organizations and youth entrepreneurs committed to fostering an environment of racial tolerance and reconciliation.

### WHY are you having the production in Virginia?

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.

### WHEN & WHERE is the Journey being played and how do I get Tickets?

*The Journey* will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 5 pm at **The American Theatre** located at 125 E. Mellen Street, Hampton, VA. Tickets are USD \$35 and can be purchased:

1. Online via Ticketmaster or by calling Ticketmaster at 1.800.745.3000
2. The American Theatre box office located at 125 E. Mellen Street, Hampton, VA

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.

### How Do I Get Involved?

Visit our **CALL TO ACTION** section on our website and learn how to:

- Start a local rememberthe400 chapter
- Partner with rememberthe400
- Follow us on social media and REMEMBER to **LIKE, COMMENT, SHARE** our posts
- Donate to our **GoFundMe** page

### HOW Can I Contact You?

Contact us via email [contact@rememberthe400.com](mailto:contact@rememberthe400.com) or phone **US 1.315.232.1723 / CA 1.647.313.6956**

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