



MEDIA ALERT:

**Documentary Screening of *The Historic Attucks Theatre: The Apollo of the South*
Friday, February 8, 8:00 pm at Attucks Theatre
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Be the first to view a new documentary to celebrate the centennial of one of Norfolk's treasures, the Attucks Theatre.

WHAT:

The Historic Attucks Theatre: The Apollo of the South - Documentary Screening & Panel Discussion
This half-hour documentary, produced by the City of Norfolk to be broadcast on WHRO-TV, will be screened at the Attucks Theatre on Friday, February 8 at 8:00 pm. The documentary is a living history of the Attucks Theatre, its heyday presenting such famed performers as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and many more, and its importance to the Norfolk community. Norfolk Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander will introduce the evening, and after the screening a panel discussion will be held with community leaders who have been involved in the history of this Norfolk landmark.

WHERE:

Attucks Theatre
1010 Church Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

WHEN:

Friday, February 8 at 8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

This event is free to attend, but tickets are required. Visit Attucks100.com to reserve your tickets. Seating is limited.

ABOUT ATTUCKS AT 100

Attucks at 100 is the year-long celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Norfolk's historic Attucks Theatre. Designed by architect Harvey Johnson and built in 1919, this Norfolk icon is the oldest remaining theater in the U.S. that was completely financed, designed, and constructed and operated by African Americans. It was named in honor of Crispus Attucks, an African American who was the first patriot to lose his life in the fight for American independence, in the Boston Massacre of 1770.

Located on bustling Church Street, one of the oldest thoroughfares in the city and home to a proud African American community, the Attucks Theatre was often referred to as the "Apollo of the South." Through the years, the Attucks showcased a host of legendary performers including big band hit-makers Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Cab Calloway and Billy Eckstine; chart-topping singers including Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington, and Nat King Cole; pioneering artists like operatic star Marian Anderson and blues queen Bessie Smith; jazz royalty including Dizzy Gillespie, Sarah Vaughan, Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton and Errol Garner; comedians Redd Foxx, Slappy White and Moms Mabley; R&B trailblazers Smokey Robinson, Sam Cooke, and The Flamingos; and such homegrown stars as Norfolk's

Gary U.S. Bonds and Portsmouth's Ruth Brown. Today, the Attucks is home to great performances of all kinds, including concerts, dance performances, theater, comedy and more.

For information on more Attucks at 100 events, visit www.Attucks100.com.

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