



Just Announced!
“Saturday Night Live” star, stand-up comic
Leslie Jones,
April 20 as part of Attucks at 100 Celebration

Attucks at 100 celebrations continue as “Saturday Night Live” star Leslie Jones brings her stand-up comedy to the Attucks Theatre stage April 20 at 7:30pm, as part of the Attucks at 100 Celebration. Attucks at 100 continues throughout 2019 featuring major headline acts and community events to celebrate the rich history of this landmark theatre. Tickets go on sale Friday, January 25 at 10am and will be available at www.vafest.org and Ticketmaster.com.

Leslie Jones has been a cast member on “Saturday Night Live” for three seasons; her work on the long-standing show has garnered her an Emmy Award nomination and inclusion on the *Time* 100 list. Leslie has covered the summer and winter Olympics for NBC and was the host of *The 2017 BET Awards*. She is currently recording one of the lead roles in the animated film *Angry Birds 2* for Sony Pictures; she also starred in Paul Feig’s reboot of *Ghostbusters*, alongside Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig and Kate McKinnon. Her other film credits include Chris Rock’s *Top Five*, Judd Apatow’s *Trainwreck* and the animated film *Sing*.

Leslie Jones’ Attucks Theatre performance is co-presented by SevenVenues and Virginia Arts Festival. Tickets go on sale to the public on Friday, January 25, available for purchase via the following means:

Online: Ticketmaster.com and vafest.org

Phone: Ticketmaster, 1-800-745-3000 or Virginia Arts Festival, 757-282-2822

In person: Virginia Arts Festival Ticket Office, 440 Bank St., Norfolk (Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm) or Scope Arena box office, 201 East Brambleton Avenue, Norfolk (Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm)

For more information, visit www.attucks100.com.

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 theater in the U.S. that was built and financed 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. Stay tuned for more announcements of performances and special community events as the yearlong celebration of Attucks at 100 continues.

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