

Media Alert
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Virginia Museum of History & Culture and WCVB PBS Present 'An Evening With Margot Lee Shetterly,' author of *Hidden Figures* on the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon Landing

Richmond, VA — On Thursday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m., the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) in partnership with WCVB PBS will host a special program in conjunction with our new exhibition, *Determined: The 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality* and the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first manned mission to land on the moon. Historian Margot Lee Shetterly will discuss the historical nexus of race, gender and technology in America's aerospace industry that inspired her award-winning book: *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*.

She will be joined by Dinwiddie County native, Dr. Gladys West, the "hidden figure" whose research calculating the Earth's shape during her 42-year career at the Dahlgren Naval Support Facility became the basis for Global Positioning System (GPS) technology that affects so many aspects of daily life in the 21st century. Together, Shetterly and West will discuss the profound, and often unacknowledged ways that women of color have contributed to American innovation.

Reservations for this program are required, and tickets are now on sale at Tickets.VirginiaHistory.org and should be purchased by July 26. A light reception and book signing will follow the lecture. Attendees can reserve a signed copy of *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly at shopVirginiaHistory.org/HiddenFigures.

TICKETS

- 1831* Society Members: Complimentary
- Associate Members: Complimentary
- Virginia Historical Society and WCVB Members: \$20
- Non-Members: \$30
- Tickets may be purchased online at Tickets.VirginiaHistory.org by **July 26**
- Seating is limited
- For more information please call: 804.340.1800

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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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