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Virginia Museum of History & Culture Partnering with Virginia Pride to Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Week
Jumper Maybach work to be included in 'Story of Virginia' Exhibition

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) and Virginia Pride are partnering to mark LGBTQ+ Pride Week in Richmond by featuring a special work of art by artist Jumper Maybach in the *Story of Virginia* exhibition. The work, which Virginia Pride commissioned and donated to the museum in 2018, depicts the Virginia State Capitol and represents an important addition to the museum's growing LGBTQ+ collections.

"As the state's history museum, we are firmly dedicated to representing all who are a part of the Virginia experience," said VMHC President Jamie Bosket, "as such we are deeply committed to better reflecting the diversity of the state, including preserving and sharing the stories of LGBTQ+ communities in the Commonwealth."

The VMHC's new display will also feature documents and artifacts from the VMHC collections including a program from the fifth annual Richmond Lesbian and Gay Pride Day held in 1989 which was the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York, and a joint custody consent order granted to same-sex couple Mary Townley and Carol Schall upon the birth of Mary's daughter in 1998. The couple became plaintiffs in the case of *Bostic v. Rainey*, which overturned Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage in 2014.

The museum is collaborating with LGBTQ+ communities to document these important stories by collecting oral histories, images, documents, and artifacts. If you have a story or item to share, please contact Adam Scher, Vice President of Collections, at 804.342.9670 or ascher@virginiahistory.org.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

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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