

Tryon Palace

HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS

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LIBERTY, JUSTICE FOR ALL: “BLACK VOICES FROM THE PAST”



with **Dr. Reginald Watson**

**Thursday, February 18
7 p.m. Free!**

[NEW BERN]---An exciting
theatrical production entitled,
“Black Voices from the Past”

will be performed by dramatic arts students in the ECU Thespians program taught by Dr. Watson. The play, written by Dr. Watson, will take place in the Tryon Palace auditorium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 18.

“Black Voices from the Past” depicts various scenes that trace African and African-American historical events. Scenes are tied together with music and dance. There will also be poetry recitations to highlight the importance of African American creativity and resilience.

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Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens' mission is to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement and development of statehood through the mid-twentieth century by collecting, interpreting and preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation. The North Carolina History Education Center complements and enhances this mission.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is part of the Office of Archives and History, an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit www.ncculture.com.

Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Palace, the John Wright Stanly House, the George W. Dixon House, and the Robert Hay House. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Last tours begin at 4 p.m. The New Bern Academy Museum is closed until March 2010, but is open for group tours. Tickets and tour information is available at the Visitor Center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets.

The visitor center and the first floor of the Palace and gardens are accessible to visitors with disabilities. The North Carolina History Education Center is under construction and is scheduled to open in July 2010.

For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or visit our web site: www.tryonpalace.org.

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Ask me about the North Carolina History Education Center opening in July 2010!

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