



# LancasterHistory

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## **LancasterHistory to Host 'Black Excellence in the Arts' Program & Pop-Up Exhibit**

*First 'Collections Up Close' program celebrates the achievements of Black artists and performers with ties to Lancaster*

**LANCASTER, Pa.** – LancasterHistory, a leading cultural institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Lancaster County, is proud to announce an upcoming event, “Black Excellence in the Arts.” The event is part of a new program series at LancasterHistory, *Collections Up Close*, where attendees can hear stories about the Lancaster County community’s history and interact with materials in LancasterHistory’s collection.

“Black Excellence in the Arts” will take place on Saturday, February 25, at 2 p.m. with a presentation from 2-3 p.m. and a pop-up exhibit open to the public from 3-5 p.m. It will showcase the contributions and achievements of Black artists with ties to Lancaster in the local and national arts scene. The event will feature a multimedia presentation, including music, dance, and film, and an exhibit of artifacts and archival documents. Attendees will hear the songs of The Tranells, The Crystalaires, and the Hamboners, and view clips from Madeline Andersen’s groundbreaking

“We are excited to debut this new program series with an afternoon that celebrates the contributions of Black artists in Lancaster,” President and CEO of LancasterHistory Tom Ryan said. “This program is a testament to the dynamic presence of Black Lancasterians since the town’s founding in 1729 and underscores LancasterHistory’s commitment to tell stories that reflect the diversity and the depth of our community. We believe it will be a powerful and meaningful experience.”

Part of a brand-new series, this and other *Collections Up Close* programs will feature LancasterHistory staff telling stories in an informal setting about the documents, photos, and artifacts in the collection and what they reveal to us about the history of Lancaster County and its place in American history.

The public is invited and LancasterHistory Members are admitted for free, but should register in advance to receive their complimentary admission. Tickets to the event for Non-Members are \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, and \$6 for Students. It is also an opportunity to become a LancasterHistory Member and enjoy free access to many programs for the next year!

For more information about this event or to purchase tickets, visit [lancasterhistory.org](http://lancasterhistory.org) or call (717) 392-4633.

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### **About LancasterHistory**

*LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the life and legacy of America’s 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.*