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## **MUSEUM LUNCH & LEARN EXPLORES THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN RING SHOUT DANCE**

***Event features creators of “Remembrance,” a Ring Shout dance piece filmed at historic Charlotte locations***

**CHARLOTTE, N.C., Jan. 12, 2021** – In the latest installment of its virtual Lunch & Learn series on Thursday, Feb. 4 at noon, The Charlotte Museum of History will feature UNC Charlotte Department of Dance Assistant Professor Tamara Williams and Filmmaker Marlon Morrison, who will share the history of African American Ring Shout dances and the creation of the piece “Remembrance” for UNC Charlotte’s Fall Dance Concert.

“Remembrance” honors the memory of enslaved Africans and their descendants through the Ring Shout art form and through three carefully-chosen filming locations: the last remaining slave cabin in Mecklenburg County, the 1920s-era Siloam School and the Catawba River.

“These historic places were spaces of resistance and resilience, just as the Ring Shout dance is in itself,” said Tamara Williams, assistant professor of dance at UNC Charlotte. “Ring Shout dances are one of the first representations of African American culture and traditions created by enslaved communities in the 1700s. Bringing this dance form into these spaces allows us to understand history in its cultural context.”



“Remembrance” premiered virtually in November due to the pandemic and is available to view now at [vimeo.com/486594624](https://vimeo.com/486594624). (“Remembrance” begins at the 35:25 mark in the dance concert).

### **How to attend**

Visit [charlottemuseum.org/events](https://charlottemuseum.org/events) to receive the Zoom dial-in information for this free, live streamed Lunch & Learn that takes place at noon on Thursday, Feb. 4. A recording will be available on the [museum’s YouTube channel](#) after the event.

### **About The Charlotte Museum of History**

The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region’s history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and homesite, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. Visit [charlottemuseum.org](https://charlottemuseum.org) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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