

# BLACK HISTORY

## *in Story and Song*

Friday and Saturday  
**FEBRUARY 8 & 9**  
**AT 7:30 PM**  
**Blackwell Auditorium**  
**Randolph-Macon College**  
**205 Henry Street, Ashland, VA**

featuring nationally renowned storyteller  
**JEROME BRIDGES**  
 and  
 the **GEORGE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL CHOIR**  
 the **TRAVELING JUBILEE GOSPEL SINGERS**  
 and **COMMUNITY CHOIRS**

**ADMISSION IS FREE**  
**For more information:**  
**804-798-9721**  
**www.hanoverarts.com**

co-sponsored by the Hanover Arts & Activities Center and the Hanover AARP Chapter

"Reflections" by Dennis Winston



"BLACK HISTORY IN STORY AND SONG" is a public event commemorating the courageous history of African-Americans in their struggle for social equality. It is co-sponsored by the Hanover Arts & Activities Center and by Hanover AARP Chapter #5335. Performances will be held two evenings — Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

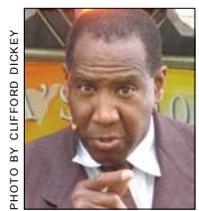


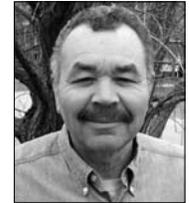
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**JEROME BRIDGES** is an acclaimed African-American historic interpreter. Mr. Bridges will provide gripping first-person accounts of slavery prior to the Civil War as well as insights into the Civil Rights struggles of 1955-1965 from the perspective of a black newspaper reporter. Incorporating material from his own research, Mr. Bridges' credits include interpretations of African-Americans at Jamestown, of soldiers in the Civil War, and of longtime Jamestown custodian Sam Robinson.

**GEORGE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL CHOIR** is a richly experienced choir from Richmond's Providence Park Baptist Church. It will perform moving spirituals from the heart-wrenching days of slavery. William Johnson is celebrating his 47th year as the church's choir director.

**A COMMUNITY CHOIR** of more than 50 voices drawn from Hanover County churches will present songs of the Civil Rights era. This choir will be under the leadership of the director of music from Shiloh Baptist Church, Lenora Davis.

**TRAVELING JUBILEE GOSPEL SINGERS** is a Hanover County ensemble providing gospel music and song. This group will enhance the atmosphere for these performances of history.



**DENNIS WINSTON** is a Hanover artist whose woodcuts and oils capture the strength and spirit of mankind. His images depict the lives of ordinary people and reveal something of their character, the history that shaped them, and the spirit that sustains them. Mr. Winston's bold, direct, black-and-white renderings focus on the human condition and life experiences. Images of his artwork will be presented as an integral part of both evenings' performances.

**BLACKWELL AUDITORIUM** is located at 205 Henry St. on the campus of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. It accommodates an audience of more than 600 in comfortable theater seating and will provide excellent acoustics for our performances.

**HANOVER ARTS & ACTIVITIES CENTER** is a non-profit organization with the mission of sponsoring and supporting community-building events in Ashland and Hanover County. (Contact Ragan Phillips at 798-9721.)

**HANOVER AARP CHAPTER #5335** meets monthly in Ashland to provide educational, social, and community-service opportunities for its members. (Contact Buddy Kelly at 798-8782.)

*An opportunity for the entire community to share cultural and educational experiences while enjoying a memorable evening*

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