



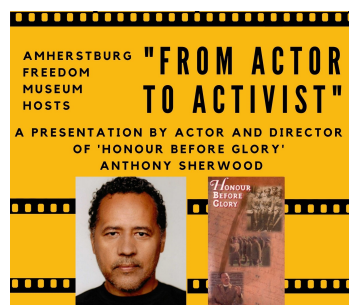
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About Us

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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Welcome Yolanda!

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is happy to introduce its newest Board Director, Yolanda Holder. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Wayne State University, and J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Yolanda is the Chief of Staff at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. She joined the Charles H. Wright Museum in

2014 and served as the Executive Assistant for the last three Presidents and CEOs for the Museum. Prior to that, Yolanda was a Wayne County Deputy Clerk and worked as a Third Circuit Court Clerk in the Criminal Division. Yolanda is passionate about supporting non-profit organizations and supports the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, First Books, Michigan Humane, NAACP, and Susan G. Komen for the cure to name a few.

Yolanda is active in the local community and has served as a Precinct Delegate for the Michigan Democratic Government. She also serves on the Board of Directors for The Betts Foundation. Welcome Yolanda!



The Talking Drum

The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

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No. 2 Construction Battalion Essay Contest



During this year's Ribs & Ragtime event on June 11, 2022, The Amherstburg Freedom Museum will honor the No. 2 Construction Battalion.

In recognition of the only all-Black unit in Canadian military history, we are inviting youth, 12 – 20 years of age, to participate in an essay contest sharing the history of the Battalion and its impact on Canada.

The Contest Winner will Receive:

- Two (2) Free Tickets to Ribs and Ragtime**
- An opportunity to share their essay at the event**
- \$100 Amazon Gift Card**



**Submit entries by April 30th to:
curator@amherstburgfreedom.org**



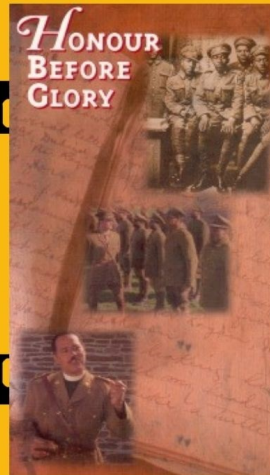
From Actor to Activist

Join us on Thursday, April 7th at 2pm for our next Black History Series Presentation "From Actor To Activist" with **Anthony Sherwood**, the Director of *Honour Before Glory*. To join, go to ow.ly/6xGH50IjRLK

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Chloe Cooley Heritage Minute

On February 22, 2022, OYA Media Group debuted the Chloe Cooley Heritage Minute, produced in partnership with Historica Canada. This first ever Canadian heritage content depicting and acknowledging slavery in Canada, tells the story of Chloe Cooley who was owned by the Vrooman family in former Upper Canada, now South Western Ontario.

This important and under known moment of Canadian history is based on witness accounts, and recreates the heinous instance of Cooley's violent, forcible sale by the Vrooman family, who, enlisting the help of friends, violently and brazenly took Cooley, physically confined and screaming, to New York State for sale, via the Niagara River. The legacy of Chloe Cooley's experience contributed to the *Act to Limit Slavery in Upper Canada* (1793).

In this inaugural Black woman directed Canadian Heritage Moment, OYA Media Group pays tribute to Chloe Cooley, and the many Black Canadians who suffered for years under Canada's participation in the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Credits:

Chloe Cooley – Olivia Barrett
Peter Martin – Troy Crossfield
Adam Vrooman – Peter Valdron
End Narration - English – The Hon. Jean Augustine
End Narration - French - Michaëlle Jean
Director – Alison Duke
Director of Photography – Lucas Joseph
Editor: Sonia Godding Togobo
Composer – Orin Isaacs
Written by – Naledi Jackson
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To watch the Chloe Cooley Heritage Minute, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLPMINSQjOg>



Quilt of Valour



Do you know of any living Black Veterans who served in WWII? They may be entitled to a Quilt of Valour in recognition of their service. For more details, please contact the Amherstburg Freedom Museum, 519-736-5433.

A Call for Board Directors & Fundraising Committee Members



Attention Community Members! Are you looking for a great way to give back to your community? We have a great opportunity for you! The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is looking to take on more Board Directors and/or those interested in being on our Fundraising Committee. **To apply, contact curator@amherstburgfreedom.org**

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