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The Great Migration in Arizona Gets Moving Heritage Square Receives Grant from AZ Humanities

Heritage Square and Emancipation Arts LLC were recently awarded a grant from Arizona Humanities (azhumanities.org) for continued work on The Great Migration in Arizona History Project. The project consists of five related activities designed to collect, preserve, and share the African-American experience in Arizona and builds on work already begun by Emancipation Arts – an oral history workshop for youth and senior citizens, a statewide call for essays, an exhibition companion guide for teachers, and an archives workshop, culminating in a program during Kwanzaa called an *Umoja* (the Swahili word for Unity) on December 26th from 1pm-5pm in the Heritage Square Lath Pavilion and is open to the public.

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The impact of The Great Migration in Arizona has had little acknowledgment in politics, education, or media. As a result, African-American residents have been locked into an indiscernible status. Furthermore, the history of African Americans has been distilled to a few rote incidents and names with little insight or relevance to current-day realities. The Great Migration in Arizona History Project seeks to recognize African-American residents as Indiscernibles and to transform them into residents who are valued and feel they belong. This work is needed now more than ever as our society struggles with justice for all and a legacy of abuse of African-Americans and Blacks.

“We are thrilled to receive support from Arizona Humanities for our continued partnership with Emancipation Arts.” said Executive Director of Heritage Square, Kari Carlisle. “These programs are important to the strategic direction of Heritage Square and strengthen our ties to the community. Our partnerships with SRP (srpnet.com) and ASU’s Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing (piper.asu.edu) contribute greatly to this project’s success.”

About Emancipation Arts LLC

Emancipation Arts, founded by Clottee Hammons, makes its mission to raise the profile of Black artists and honor our enslaved African ancestors through Arts practices, dissemination of relevant history and egalitarian collaborations. EA organizes the Emancipation Marathon, now in its 24th year, and curated The Great Migration – Indiscernibles in Arizona exhibit, now on view at Heritage Square.

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About Heritage Square

Heritage Square is a striking reminder of the city's vibrant Victorian past. Located on Block 14 of the original townsite of Phoenix, the Square dates back to the late 1800s, and the restored Rosson House Museum is its crowning jewel. Heritage Square is operated in partnership by the Heritage Square Foundation (a 501c-3 non-profit organization) and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and is owned by the City of Phoenix.

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