Celebrate Pride Month with the North Carolina Museum of History

June 14, 2022 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Celebrate Pride Month at the North Carolina Museum of History. From our exhibition on the life and legacy of LGBTQIA+ activist Pauli Murray to a History and Highballs program with former director and CEO of the NC Museum of Art Larry Wheeler, and more, we will reflect on the steps we have taken as a state in the fight for justice, inclusion, and equality for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Read on for more information on these Pride-related museum offerings, and follow us on social media for updates and additional programming. You can also stay up to date on all events and exhibits at the museum website: ncmuseumofhistory.org. Programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. Advance registration, at ncmuseumofhistory.org/events, is generally required to receive a confirmation email with information about joining online presentations.

Exhibit: Pauli Murray: Imp, Crusader, Dude, Priest
North Carolina Museum of History
Pauli Murray: Imp, Crusader, Dude, Priest is an exhibit that chronicles the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray as a significant 20th-century human rights activist, educator, lawyer, poet, and Episcopal priest.

Dr. Pauli Murray was a key player in the fight for African American, women’s, and LGBTQIA+ rights. At the same time, Murray was negotiating their own racial identity, struggling to earn a good living, and seeking more understanding of their sexuality and gender. Through photographs, quotes, audio, and text, the exhibit invites a deeper understanding of 20th-century American life.

Visitors to this exhibit, created by Durham’s Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice, can explore a variety of life-size photographs and an annotated timeline to learn more about the life of Pauli Murray.

The exhibition will be open through November 27, 2022.

Museum After Dark: My name is Pauli Murray Film Screening
Thursday, June 16, 6–8:30 p.m.
Daniels Auditorium, North Carolina Museum of History
The film will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we welcome back our Museum After Dark series for the screening of My name is Pauli Murray (documentary, PG-13, run time: 91 min.), following an introduction by Michael Ausbon, the exhibit curator for Pauli Murray: Imp, Crusader, Dude, Priest. After the screening, Vanity Deterville, co-director of Project FAM at the LGBTQ Center of Durham, will present “Project: Folks Aiming for More” and how you can support the Center of Durham. Light refreshments will be served before doors open to the auditorium.

This is a free program; however, please register on Eventbrite.

History and Highballs: “To Thine Own Self Be True”: The Power of Art
Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m. via Zoom
Adults only, please.

Speaker: Dr. Larry Wheeler

Join us as we welcome Larry Wheeler, former director and CEO of the NC Museum of Art, as he shares his experiences growing up gay in North Carolina. Hear how his experiences and incredible career in the state’s vibrant arts sectors have showcased how North Carolina serves as a welcoming place for people from all walks of life.
Dr. Larry Wheeler was the director and CEO of the NC Museum of Art from 1994 to 2018, nearly 25 years. Previously, he served as the assistant director of the Cleveland Museum of Art in Ohio for nine years. From 1977 to 1985, Wheeler was the deputy secretary of the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

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Image: Pauli Murray  
Credit: NC Museum of History

Image: NCMOH logo  
Credit: NC Museum of History

Image: My Name is Pauli Murray – MAD  
Credit: NC Museum of History

Image: Museum building  
Credit: NC Museum of History

Image: Mus. After Dark – Pauli Murray  
Credit: NC Museum of History

Image: Dr. Wheeler  
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**About the NC Museum of History**  
The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Before the COVID public closure, more than 465,000 people visited the museum annually to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

**About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**  
Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums and cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums and other educational and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

**About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**
The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state’s natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR’s mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state’s history, conserving the state’s natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette’s Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation’s first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.

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