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**SECOND ANNUAL POCAHONTAS REFRAMED STORYTELLERS FILM FESTIVAL
COMING TO RICHMOND'S BYRD THEATER NOV. 15-18**

American Evolution Legacy Project Fosters Awareness of Indigenous Languages, Cultures, and Societies and is one of the East Coast's Largest Native American Film Festivals

Richmond, Va. (November XX, 2018) – The Pocahontas Reframed Storytellers Film Festival returns to Richmond's historic Byrd Theatre November 15-18, 2018. Celebrating Native American stories and storytellers, the Festival features three days of films and live performances. Attracting more than 2,000 attendees in its inaugural year, the event is one of the East Coast's most comprehensive American Indian film festivals.

A Legacy Project of the 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution, the event is organized to foster greater awareness of and exposure to indigenous languages, cultures, and societies. The Festival includes Native American-affiliated classics and recently released films that have been official selections of world-renowned festivals including the Sundance Film Festival, the South by Southwest Film Festival, and the Toronto International Film Festival.

Pocahontas Reframed brings together representatives associated with each of the featured films, who will interact with Festival attendees. Artists, authors, cineastes, and actors will discuss and share their passion for cinema with audience members. The Festival will also provide a platform for academic and experiential learning opportunities open to tribal members, students, educators, and the public.

"American Evolution is pleased to partner with Pocahontas Reframed to interpret and share the untold, or under-told, stories from Virginia and America's history," said Kathy Spangler, Executive Director, 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution. "Virginia is home to 11 tribes that strive to maintain and share their culture. The Festival addresses, and applies a modern lens to, themes that Americans continue to wrestle with, many of which began with the collision of Virginia Indian, African and English cultures in 1619 Virginia and have had an enduring impact on American culture."

“Pocahontas Reframed Storytellers Film Festival is a high-profile forum that explores a wide variety of Native American cultures, stories and issues,” said Bradby Brown, Chairman, Pocahontas Reframed Storytellers Film Festival. “This year we are featuring more than 20 original films and artistic performances that engage audiences and encourage conversations about Indigenous cultures, both current and historical.”

General admission passes (\$10) provide access to the entire weekend's events. VIP passes (\$35) include access to opening events at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) on Friday, Nov. 16. You can purchase passes [here](#) and the full Festival schedule can be found [here](#)

The 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution has partnered with notable Virginia institutions and national partners, like Pocahontas Reframed Storytellers Film Festival, to host a year-long, statewide series of [featured events](#) and [educational programming](#) that inspire local, national and international engagement in the themes of democracy, diversity and opportunity.

2019 marks the 400th anniversary of pivotal 1619 Virginia events that forever changed the trajectory of Virginia and America’s history. These 1619 events set the state and the nation on a course towards the ideals of democracy, diversity and opportunity and include the arrival of the first recorded Africans to English North America, the First Representative Legislative Assembly in the New World, the recruitment of English women in significant numbers to the Virginia colony, the launch of free enterprise in the Commonwealth, and the first official English Thanksgiving in North America.

For more information about the American Evolution’s 2019 upcoming events, programs and educational initiatives visit AmericanEvolution2019.com.

About the 2019 Commemoration

The 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution™, highlights events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence America today. Featured programs, events and legacy projects will position Virginia as a leader in education, tourism and economic development. American Evolution™ commemorates the ongoing journey toward the key ideals of democracy, diversity and opportunity. Dominion Resources is an American Evolution Founding Partner and Altria Group and TowneBank are Virginia Colony Partners.

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