

Concord MA Black History and Culture Tours

Combines Historical and Theatrical Highlights for a Distinctive BHM Guided Experience

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Concord, MA—The Concord Visitor Center and The Umbrella Arts Center have teamed up for a special Black History Month edition of the Town's African-American History of Concord Walking Tour series.

On four Sunday afternoons in January and February, tour groups of 4 or more can take part in an expert-guided tour highlighting Concord's history around slavery, the first generation of freed African-Americans, and abolitionism in Concord. Departing from The Umbrella Arts Center at 40 Stow Street, this 60-minute walking tour covers about 2 miles, visiting major historical sites throughout the Concord Center Cultural District, from Wright Tavern to Old Hill Burying Ground and many more. This tour also serves as a launching point to further explore sites such as The Robbins House and Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House afterward. In case of severe weather, an indoors visual presentation will be provided.

Ending back at The Umbrella, groups will visit the "*Past/Present/Future Gallery*" exhibition, a large-scale mixed media exhibition featuring work by contemporary Black artists curated by Cedric Vise1 Douglas; as well as *One Day I Will Walk Into The Umbrella*, another exhibition of work by the late outsider artist, Justin Printice Douglass, created while incarcerated in Concord. Included in the tour price are tickets to a professional theatrical production of George C. Wolfe's provocative satirical play, *The Colored Museum*, directed by Pascale Florestal for The Umbrella Stage Company. *Admission to theater requires facemasks and proof of full COVID vaccination or current negative test results for attendees of all ages.*

All-inclusive tours cost **\$30** per person (minimum 4 per group, with a maximum of 15 per group) booked in advance for January 30th, February 6th, February 13th and February 20th. Tours depart at 1:15PM from The Umbrella at 40 Stow Street. Dress warmly for the weather and wear appropriate footwear for walking and being outdoors.. Learn more and book online at Call 978-371-0820 x209 or email CRegan@theumbrellaarts.org to reserve or book online at <https://TheUmbrellaArts.org/BHM> .

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