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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Richmond Virginia Theatre Alliance (RVATA) is pleased to announce a series of American Sign Language interpreted performances through a generous grant from CultureWorks. Local theatre organizations participating include: Virginia Repertory Theatre, Swift Creek Mill Theatre, Quill Theatre and The Heritage Ensemble Theatre Company.

**A free ticket will be provided to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing patron and one guest. Additional tickets are available (see below). Contact Jacquie O'Connor for reservations and additional information at:**  
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**About RVATA:** The Richmond Theatre Alliance is a group of professional theatres who are dedicated to strengthening Richmond's diverse and growing theatre community. Its mission is to increase public awareness by enhancing the connections between the theatres and their audiences, both local patrons and tourists – offering a window to world experiences, knowledge, and empathy of the human condition.

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## PERFORMANCES

### THE HERITAGE ENSEMBLE THEATRE COMPANY

#### *A Free Man of Color* (Drama)



This classic adaptation by Charles Smith tells the story of John Newton Templeton, an ex-slave who was unexpectedly freed after his master's death. Templeton is invited by Reverend Robert Wilson to attend Ohio University thirty-five years before the end of slavery. Wilson, an avowed abolitionist is forced to reevaluate his views.

**ASL Performance:** Saturday, February 17 at 4pm (running time approximately 2 hours)

**Location:** Pine Camp Arts Center - 4901 Old Brook Rd, Richmond, VA 23227

**Tickets:** A free ticket will be provided to the deaf patron and one guest. Additional tickets: \$15.

**Recommended for ages 13+**

### VIRGINIA REPERTORY THEATRE

#### *A Raisin in the Sun* (Drama)



Considered a timeless classic, Lorraine Hansberry's Tony award-nominated play follows the story of the Younger family, as they discover the dangers of dreaming big and the heartbreak of reality.

**ASL Performance:** Friday, March 2 at 8pm (running time approximately 2-1/2 hours)

**Location:** November Theatre - 114 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220

**Tickets:** A free ticket will be provided to the Deaf patron and one guest. Additional tickets: \$15.

**Recommended for ages 12+**

## QUILL THEATRE

### *Romeo and Juliet* (Drama)



The most famous romance of all time, this fiery, impatient, staggering play about two young “star-crossed” lovers will move and enchant young and old alike. In Verona, Italy, torn by civil hatred and uncontrollable street brawling, the teenage son and daughter of rival families meet by accident, and fall passionately in love. Erupting violence and tragic deaths destroy the plan to reveal their love and unite their families. Desperate, the teens risk everything to rescue their doomed love.

**ASL Performance:** Sunday, April 15 at 2pm (running time approximately 2-1/2 hours)

**Location:** Virginia Museum of Fine Arts – 200 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220

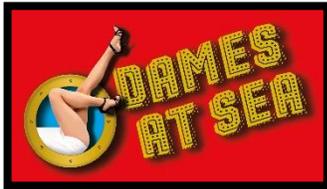
**Tickets:** A free ticket will be provided to the Deaf patron and one guest. Additional tickets: \$20.

**Recommended for ages 10+**

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## SWIFT CREEK MILL THEATRE

### *Dames at Sea* (Musical Comedy)



This tongue-in-cheek Busby Berkeley-style musical tells the story of a young chorus girl who arrives in New York City on the bus, steps into a role on Broadway and becomes a star. Lots of corny fun, lots of great singing and dancing and, of course, a very happy ending!

**ASL Performance:** Sunday, April 29 at 2:30pm (running time approximately 2-1/2 hours)

**Location:** 17401 Jefferson Davis Hwy, S. Chesterfield, VA 23834

**Tickets:** A free ticket will be provided to the Deaf patron and one guest. Additional tickets: \$20

**Recommended for ages 10+**