

The McIntosh County Shouters

# News Release



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## The McIntosh County Shouters to perform at Smithsonian Museum opening

TOWNSEND, GA— September 8, 2016—The McIntosh County Shouters have been invited to perform September 23-25 with a host of other groups for the opening of the new National Museum of African American History and Culture Museum. After several years of raising funds and undergoing construction, the \$500+ million building is ready to open to the public with a grand celebration and three-day opening festival.

### Festival—Washington Monument Grounds

Friday, September 23, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 25, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Beginning Friday, September 23, 2016, on the Washington Monument grounds, the National Museum of African American History and Culture presents **Freedom Sounds: A Community Celebration**. Conceived and presented in festival fashion, Freedom Sounds programming will include musical performances, spoken word, oral history activities and evening concerts. A drum circle, storytelling, ring shouts and interactive workshops provide opportunities for families and large groups of the public to explore and celebrate the museum's rich content and stories. This three-day music festival presents artists who represent the numerous cultural threads encompassing our shared African diasporic histories and traditions. Two tented stages will offer local, national and international performers, contributing to NMAAHC's Grand Opening Weekend. The Freedom Sounds festival continues on Saturday and closes the Grand Opening Weekend on Sunday evening, September 25, 2016. Designed to accommodate the crowds anticipated; the festival is free and open to the public.

The McIntosh County Shouters will be performing:

September 23	12:00p – 12:45p and 2:00p – 2:45p Performances
September 24	3:00p – 3:45p “Sustaining Traditions” Workshop
September 25	12:00p – 12:45p Performance

Members of the McIntosh County Shouters performing for the Grand Opening are: Freddie Palmer (Lead Songster), Brenton Jordan (Stickman), L.C. Scott (Baser and Clapper), Venus McIver (Baser and Clapper), Carletha Sullivan (Shouter), Carolyn Palmer (Shouter), Alberta Sallins (Shouter), and Carla Jordan (Shouter). Vanessa Carter is the Narrator for the group. The McIntosh County Shouters will also receive a private tour of the new Museum before the Grand Opening.

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