



Black History Live

Josephine Baker

The February 2023 Black History Live! statewide tour will feature the living-history portrayal by nationally acclaimed scholar/actor Becky Stone as Josephine Baker, a world-renowned performer, World War II spy, and civil rights activist.

Stone's Josephine Baker portrayal transports audience members to the early 1900s, a time when all women, and particularly women of color, struggled to find their place in a more modern America. Baker's performances prominently used African themes and style for her predominantly white audiences. She became known across the world as a comedian, a dancer, and eventually the first black woman to star in a major motion picture in 1927. She traveled and shared her gift for entertainment with the world and fought back against the Nazi regime in World War II by passing secrets to French military officials using invisible ink on music sheets. Later in life, she became a vocal activist against racial injustice in America and was recognized for her work in opposition of segregation and racial discrimination by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Stone's Black History Live portrayal will be followed by a Q&A, first with the character Josephine Baker, and then with the scholar/actor Becky Stone.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, Stone became a storyteller upon moving to North Carolina. She holds a B.A. in Drama from Vassar College and a M.A. from Villanova University in Elementary Educational Counseling. Her acting credits include Lime Kiln Arts Theater, VA; Warehouse Theatre, SC; Haywood Arts Regional Theatre, NC; Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, NC; Asheville Community Theatre, NC; Highland Repertory Theatre, NC; Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater in Asheville and Merida, Mexico; and Asheville on Broadway, NC. Stone has also presented at North Carolina and Colorado Humanities Chautauqua festivals, and Colorado Humanities' previous Black History Live tours as Maya Angelou, Harriet Tubman, Pauli Murray, and Rosa Parks.





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Now in its 14th year, Colorado Humanities' Black History Live! tour is an annual recognition each February of the significant contributions African Americans have made and continue to make to art, culture, economic development, education, human rights, medicine, public services, politics, and sports.

Schedule

Tuesday, 2/7/23

Pueblo Community College, Pueblo
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/8/23

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, Colorado Springs
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2/9/23

Steeple Event Center, Cañon City
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 2/10/23

Windsor Gardens Association, Denver
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, 2/11/23

Museum of Boulder, Boulder
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/14/23

Colorado Mountain College Spring Valley, Glenwood Springs
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/15/23

FRCC Larimer Campus Student Center, Fort Collins
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

