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LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT COLONIAL FORT CONDE

MOBILE, ALABAMA – NOVEMBER 1, 2022 - - The History Museum of Mobile is proud to announce that the annual **Living History Festival at Colonial Fort Condé** will take place **Saturday, November 5** from **10am - 2pm**. Admission is **FREE**.

The original Fort Condé, built by the French in 1723, was essential to colonists defending their post in the northern Gulf of Mexico. For the French, British, and Spanish colonists who occupied Fort Condé, what was life like? What did they eat? How did they perform daily tasks like bathing, washing, cooking, or candlemaking? How was family life structured? What were their interactions with the Native Americans? Did they barter and trade or exchange money? How did they communicate with friends and family in Europe and the other colonies in the West Indies?



Living History Festival at Fort Condé invites visitors to not just learn but to *experience* the answers to these questions, and many more! History is brought to life through the demonstration of everyday activities of Mobile's colonial historical period. Discover our shared past and the foundations of our history and city on November 5th at the Living History Festival at Fort Condé!



“This is a terrific opportunity for visitors to explore Mobile’s colonial history right in the heart of downtown,” said Meg

McCrummen Fowler, director of the History Museum of Mobile. “Families, in particular, will love all the hands-on opportunities to explore the past.”



In addition to stations teaching about daily life, there will also be musket and sword fighting demonstrations every hour as well as representatives from the local chapter of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers.

Admission to this event at Colonial Fort Condé is FREE. (Admission to the History Museum of Mobile is not.)

For questions or more information, please contact Kyle Williams Curator of Living History, at k.williams@historymuseumofmobile.com.

Living History Festival is supported by a generous grant from the Friends of the Museum.

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE: The History Museum of Mobile is where Mobile’s story begins. Over 117,000 objects weave together the rich histories of Mobile and the surrounding area, from the prehistoric past to the present. Located in the heart of downtown, the History Museum of Mobile operates three campuses: The primary exhibitions are located in the Old City Hall-Southern Market building at 111 South Royal Street; Colonial Fort Condé is at 150 South Royal Street; and the Phoenix Fire Museum is at 203 South Claiborne Street.

In 2020, the History Museum of Mobile announced a partnership with the Alabama Historical Commission, the Mobile County Commission, and the City of Mobile to build, curate, and operate *Clotilda: The Exhibition* in the under-construction Heritage House in historic Africatown. The exhibition will tell the story of the Clotilda and of the remarkable men, women, and children who established the community of Africatown.

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