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# Alexander Hamilton Experience at the National Constitution Center Museum Programs

This year, the National Constitution Center celebrates Constitution signer, Father of American Banking, and the inspiration behind a smash Broadway musical, Alexander Hamilton. Visitor can learn about this Founding Father with the ultimate Hamilton museum experience. Visitors will:

- Discover the Center's compelling new **EXHIBIT** which highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals. Created in-house, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation* explores Hamilton's fraught relationships with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr.
- View the Center's iconic exhibits through a new lens as museum staff share favorite tales of Alexander Hamilton at **STORY STATIONS** throughout *Signers' Hall* and *The Story of We the People*.
- Stop by the lobby for a riveting, interactive SHOW about Hamilton's early life.
- Put their knowledge to the test at the Center's Hamilton **TRIVIA** game.

# **Museum Experience Guide**

There will be a printed guide to accompany the Hamilton museum experience, available to all visitors.

## Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation Exhibit

# **Gallery Talks**

Located in the Annenberg Gallery, 1st Floor; available daily during regular museum hours.

National Constitution Center education staff will introduce visitors to key concepts presented throughout *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation.* The goals of the gallery talk are to:

- Encourage visitors to consider the historic moments that led to the rise and fall of Alexander Hamilton.
- Highlight Hamilton's enduring role in the constitutional and political arguments that continue to create sparks to this day.

## **Exhibit Tour**

Booked based on availability. Additional fees apply. Advanced reservations required.

The Center will offer guided tours of *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*, presented by museum educators.

# Lobby Show: Hamilton's Early Life

Located in the Grand Hall Lobby, 1st Floor; available Mondays through Saturdays at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 2 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.

This interactive lobby show introduces visitors to the story of Hamilton's early life. Visitors will learn about his experience growing up in the Caribbean and his journey to the United States, his struggle to obtain an education, and his time as a Revolutionary soldier at the right hand of George Washington.

## **Hamilton Story Stations**

Visitors can view the Center's iconic exhibits through a new lens as museum staff share favorite tales of Alexander Hamilton at **STORY STATIONS** throughout *Signers' Hall* and *The Story of We the People.* 

## • Hamilton Story Station: Washington Statue, Signers' Hall

Located in *Signers' Hall*, 2nd Floor; available daily during regular museum hours. Alexander Hamilton and George Washington had an incredible bond. Visitors can learn about their friendship, their time in the Revolutionary War, and how Washington's support helped Hamilton rise to prominence.

- Hamilton Story Station: Hamilton Statue, Signers' Hall
  Located in Signers' Hall, 2nd Floor; available daily during regular museum hours.
  Visitors can "meet" Alexander Hamilton in Signers' Hall, featuring life-size bronze statues of the Founding
  Fathers, and learn more about his role in the Constitutional Convention.
- Hamilton Story Station: Voting Booths, DeVos Hall
  Located in *The Story of We the People* exhibit, 2nd Floor; available daily during regular museum hours.
  Visitors can learn about the personal animosities and political developments that contributed to America's first
  party system between Federalists and Democratic-Republicans.
- Hamilton Story Station: Balance of Powers, DeVos Hall Located in *The Story of We the People* exhibit, 2nd Floor; available daily during regular museum hours. The Constitution created a separation of powers in the federal government to restrict the government from growing too powerful. Visitors can learn about Hamilton and Madison's effort to ratify the Constitution through the *Federalist Papers*, which they wrote with John Jay, and the disagreements that ultimately led them into opposing factions in our first party system.

## Hamilton Trivia

Located inside The Story of We the People exhibit, 2nd Floor

Available daily. Times will vary; please check the Visitor Guide for today's show times.

Visitors can put their Alexander Hamilton knowledge to the test at the Center's ultimate Hamilton TRIVIA game. Topics include everything from biographical information and fun facts on Hamilton's friends and foes to 21st century-pop culture, which will test visitors' knowledge of the hit Broadway musical. Beginner to expert levels available.

## School Program: Kids Town Hall with the Friends and Foes of Alexander Hamilton

Dates and times: Thursdays, May 17, through June 7, 11:30 a.m.

## Fee per person: \$7, Capacity: 190

The Center's newest exhibit, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*, explores the personalities and debates that shaped America, focusing on Hamilton's battles of ideas with his contemporaries. This program invites students and teachers to hear the stories of our nation's early history straight from the Founders themselves. Some of Hamilton's fondest friends and fiercest foes —including George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson (in the form of reenactors) — will participate in a town hall-style discussion reflecting on the life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton.

This program is ideal for middle and high school students. Space is limited. Advanced reservations required. Visitors can call a group sales executive at 215-409-6800 to book their group.