



The annual CelebrateHAMILTON program, hosted by the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society (AHA Society), celebrates Alexander Hamilton's life and legacy. Events scheduled include author talks, exhibits, performances and tours of iconic locations related to Alexander Hamilton. All events take place in the New York City region and Northern New Jersey – Elizabeth/Union, Paterson, and Weehawken.

### **“Young Immigrant Hamilton Tour” July 7 and 8**

The "Young Immigrant Hamilton Tour" explores historic sites associated with Alexander Hamilton's time in the Elizabethtown, New Jersey area as a young preparatory school student, having just emigrated from the Caribbean.

Elizabeth area activities include:

## **July 7**

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**10:00AM**

The first stop of the tour is to Boxwood Hall, the residence of Elias Boudinot from 1772-1795. Elias Boudinot, who would later become President of the Confederation Congress, was one of Alexander Hamilton's first acquaintances upon emigrating from the Caribbean. Hamilton spent a good amount of time at Boxwood Hall during the two semesters he studied at the Academy of Elizabethtown, and became close with the Boudinot family. The house tour will highlight the recent renovations to the house, including the installment of new period wallpaper and exhibits in the rooms.

**2:00PM**

The second stop of the "Young Immigrant Hamilton" tour is to Liberty Hall, the residence of William Livingston - future governor of New Jersey - and his family. While attending the Academy of Elizabethtown, Alexander Hamilton stayed with the Livingston family in Elizabeth. Liberty Hall was completed in 1774 and features an Alexander Hamilton room in the house, honoring the relationship between Hamilton and the Livingston family. Come enjoy a tour of Liberty Hall, as well as a special visit to the Liberty Hall archives, which holds original documents related to Alexander Hamilton.

# July 8

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The Snyder Academy of Elizabethtown, which sits on the site of the Elizabethtown Academy where Alexander Hamilton studied upon first arriving to the "mainland" in 1772, is hosting a full day of programming about Alexander Hamilton as part of this year's "Young Immigrant Hamilton" tour. The schedule of events includes:

10:00-10:45AM

**Hamilton 101:** A crash course about Hamilton's life and legacy, led by Nicole Scholet de Villavicencio, Vice President of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society.

10:00AM-5:00PM

**Historical Society Fair:** Representatives from local historical societies and sites in Union County will be available to share information about the many fascinating historical museums, resources and collections in the area.

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Games:** Children of all ages (including those over 18!) will have fun on The Snyder Academy's lawn, The Front Yard of Midtown, playing colonial era games. Docents will be on hand to offer guidance on the games throughout the day.

11:00-11:45AM

**Hamilton 101 in Spanish:** A crash course about Hamilton's life and legacy, led by Sergio Villavicencio, South American Chapter President of the AHA Society

11:00AM-12:00PM

**Campus Tour:** This tour of the First Presbyterian Church and Burial Grounds will highlight the history of the prominent residents of Elizabethtown who influenced Hamilton, New Jersey and America. Tours will be offered at 11:00, 3:30 and 5:00.

11:00AM-5:00PM

**Studio Tour:** Artist-in-residence Rafael Rodriguez will share his work and the work of his students, including a new Alexander Hamilton portrait, throughout the day.

11:45AM-2:00PM

**Lunch Vendors:** Enjoy a sampling of the many excellent ethnic restaurants in Elizabeth. Home to a dynamic and diverse community of immigrants from around the world, Elizabeth's culinary scene has received attention throughout the region. Several restaurants will offer lunch items to purchase.

12:15-1:30PM

**Hamilton in Elizabethtown:** Noted Hamilton scholar Michael Newton will discuss Hamilton's time in Elizabethtown and the people and ideas that shaped his views.

1:30-2:00PM

**Book Signing:** Michael Newton will be available to sign copies of his recent book: *Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years*.

2:00-2:45PM

**A conversation with Jon Rua:** Born in Elizabeth and raised in Linden, Jon is a celebrated actor, dancer, choreographer and singer who plays Charles Lee, features in the ensemble and understudies Alexander Hamilton in the hit musical *Hamilton*. Jon will share his personal story, discuss his insights about his work as a member of the cast of the Broadway sensation and talk about how Alexander Hamilton inspires him.

3:00-3:15PM

**Hamilton Portrait Unveiling:** Jon Rua will unveil a new portrait of Alexander Hamilton painted by The Snyder Academy's artist-in-residence, Rafael Rodriguez. Inspired by his son's account of Hamilton's habit of studying early in the morning in the burial grounds of the adjacent churchyard of the First Presbyterian Church, this portrait offers a fresh perspective on Hamilton's early life as a student and young immigrant in Elizabethtown in 1772.

3:30-5:00PM

**Washington's Indispensible Partner:** Alexander Hamilton Society Founder and President Rand Scholet will talk about Hamilton's many roles as aide, advisor, confidant and cabinet member with George Washington.

5:00-7:30PM

**Dinner Break:** Recommendations and specials will be made available to dine at the many restaurants in Elizabeth.

7:30-9:00PM

**Staged Reading, At Liberty Hall:** The Snyder Academy's theater company in residence, The Actors Shakespeare Company, will produce a staged reading of Jim Christy's contemporary play, which features Hamilton as a young immigrant in 1772 and a teen in Elizabeth today, talking to each other across the centuries about their lives as immigrants.

9:00-10:00PM

**Cocktail Party:** Enjoy refreshments and conversation as we conclude a full day exploring the many facets of Alexander Hamilton's life and legacy.

Please note that the event schedule and timing are subject to change. Please visit [celebratehamilton.com](http://celebratehamilton.com) for the most up to date schedule.