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The life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton will be on center stage in Elizabeth, New Jersey on Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8. Two days of FREE programs, productions and public events are planned for people who are passionate about history and also those who may be a little curious about our country's "indispensable" Founding Father. Featuring special guest appearances by actor Jon Rua, of the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton," and book signing with historian Michael Newton, author of "Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years."

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Hamilton's remarkable American journey began in 1772 when he arrived in Elizabethtown to pursue his formal education at the Academy of Elizabethtown, on the very spot where The Snyder Academy of Elizabeth, NJ stands today.

The Elizabeth "Young Immigrant Hamilton Tour" explores historic sites associated with Alexander Hamilton's time in the Elizabethtown, New Jersey area. The events in Elizabeth are designed to give the public a deeper understanding of Alexander Hamilton, from his formative teen years as an immigrant in Elizabeth to his adult life as a military hero, architect of our financial system, influential writer and thinker and George Washington's advisor and confidant for 22 years. Part of the annual CelebrateHAMILTON program held by the Alexander Hamilton Awareness (AHA) Society, the Elizabeth programs will include tours on July 7 at Boxwood Hall and Liberty Hall Museum, which Hamilton visited frequently during his time at The Academy of Elizabethtown. At Liberty Hall Museum, new discoveries about Alexander Hamilton will be unveiled to the public for the very first time.

A series of special events are planned throughout the day on July 8 at The Snyder Academy. Programs about Hamilton's life and legacy will be offered in both English and Spanish. Historian Michael E. Newton will talk about Hamilton's formative years in Elizabethtown and sign copies of his book, *Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years*. AHA President Rand Scholet will present a talk entitled, *Alexander Hamilton: Washington's Indispensable Partner*. Elizabeth native Jon Rua, a singer, actor, dancer, and choreographer who plays Charles Lee and understudies for Alexander Hamilton in the Broadway hit "Hamilton" will speak about his life as an artist and how Hamilton's life has inspired him. The day will conclude with a staged reading of the play *At Liberty Hall*, which features a teenage Hamilton and a recent immigrant in Elizabeth today, talking to each other across the centuries about their experiences as immigrants.

"With the popularity of the true-to-history Broadway hit *Hamilton*, people are eager to learn more about Alexander Hamilton – and Union County is a great place to start," said Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen. "The Freeholder Board is proud to sponsor the CelebrateHAMILTON 2016 event honoring the incredible life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton. From Hamilton's connections to Union County and our rich history, to hearing from Jon Rua, a Union County native and Broadway actor featured in the ensemble of the hit musical *Hamilton*, this event provides a truly unique opportunity for residents of all ages to learn more about one of America's most

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"YOUNG IMMIGRANT HAMILTON TOUR" JULY 7 & 8, 2016

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influential founding fathers." Additional sponsors for CelebrateHAMILTON in Elizabeth include Elizabethtown Gas and PSE&G.

Visitors for the "Young Immigrant Hamilton Tour" will receive special offers to experience Elizabeth's many outstanding historical attractions and cultural restaurants. New Jersey's newest destination, just minutes from NYC, Elizabeth's rich authentic history draws tourists to its historic landmarks and sites as well as to its high-end outlet shopping mall The Mills at Jersey Gardens (0% tax on clothes and shoes) and entertainment districts. For a full schedule of CelebrateHAMILTON programs please visit www.celebratehamilton.com. To discover more about Elizabeth, New Jersey and to access hotel accommodations with exclusive room rates for CelebrateHAMILTON, please visit www.goelizabethnj.com/HamiltonTour.

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