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Emmy award winning film "The Battle of Franklin" At Franklin Theater Sunday, November 10th at 5:00pm



Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the Main Street box office or online at http://www.franklintheatre.com with one third of the proceeds donated to Save The Franklin Battlefield help purchase parcels of the Franklin battlefield.

The film's director and producer Robert Lee Hodge, who recently moved to Nashville, takes great pride to screen his Emmy award-winning project in the town where the story takes place.

A review in Booklist stated that Hodge's film is, "... an exceptional program for both students and Civil War buffs, worthy to be alongside filmmaker Ken Burns' acclaimed "The Civil War."

"This is the battlefield I have been drawn to since I first saw it in 1978. As a child I did not understand why there were not green fields with monuments you often see on a major battlefield like Shiloh or Gettysburg. To now see the reclamation of parts the battlefield from

commercial sprawl is fantastic," Hodge said. The Battle of Franklin movie struck a chord in many historians also. Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, Ed Bearss, said, "One of the best, if not the best, documentaries I have seen on a Civil War battle. Not since Ken Burns' monumental PBS production, The Civil War, have I seen better."

"In my opinion, The Battle of Franklin: Five Hours in the Valley of Death, remains one of the best and most balanced visual depictions of the Battle of Franklin ever made," historian Eric Jacobson said. "It is a timeless representation of this important event in our history, and never fails to evoke a multitude of emotions. From the musical score, to the re-enactment footage, to the careful way in which accounts of the battle are interwoven, the film never lags. The opening scenes are exceptionally powerful and the conclusion is near perfection."

Historian Thomas Cartwright stated, "This Emmy award-winning DVD truly does justice to Franklin. The scenes depicted herein are as close as anyone will ever wish to be to that vortex of hell."

Reserved tickets will be on sale at the Franklin Theater web site <u>www.franklintheatre.com</u> or call (615) 538-2075. For more information contact Robert Hodge at <u>mrlh@robertleehodge.com</u>

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Tennessee Civil War License Plate Go Get Yours

Mary Ann Peckham, Executive Director of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, recently informed us that they need all Tennessee preservation groups to help them sell the Civil War license plate.

For each 1,000 plates issued or renewed, TCWPA receives roughly \$16,500 per year to fund preservation projects across Tennessee. This license plate project will empower TCWPA to vastly expand its preservation efforts. They have helped STFB.

The plate is an easy way for you to regularly donate to battlefield preservation efforts. And your plate will keep the Save Our Battlefields slogan on the mind of the drivers following you down the road.



TCWPA was required to have 1,000 pre-paid plates on order before production would begin. They did that. But then the challenge becomes to continually sell new plates to replace the plates lost due to plate holders, or their kids, moving from Tennessee, selling their car or other reasons to discontinue their Civil War license plate.

So, you need to go get your Civil War plate right away. You will pay your normal one year registration fee plus the \$35 specialty plate fee.

There is no need to wait for anything. No paperwork is required. Simply take your current plate with you to your <u>County clerk's office</u> and <u>exchange it</u> for the Civil War plate. <u>You will receive full credit</u> for any unused months left on your current plate. See there, it's simple. Explain this to all your friends.

The more plates on the road, the greater the number of Tennesseans who will see it and buy it. So get your plate and help us advertise the need to 'Save Our Battlefields' to the people in the car behind you. See

Crossroads: Reconsidering Native Americans and African Americans In Tennessee and the South A Symposium September 12 – 14, 2019

The Historic Franklin Masonic Hall Foundation will sponsor this important Symposium to be held at the Historic Franklin Masonic Hall in Franklin, Tennessee, September 12-14, 2019.

Crossroads: Reconsidering Native Americans and African Americans in Tennessee and the

South, will explore the complex relationship between Native Americans and African Americans and seek an understanding of how their intertwined stories are a significant part of our American identity. Focusing on the complexities of Native American and African American identity, we will offer new considerations on our shared histories, and hold meaningful dialogue–particularly on the difficult topics of removal, enslavement, freedom, citizenship, land ownership, assimilation, and reforms between the 18th and early 20th centuries that forever shaped and transformed peoples, property, the South, and even the American West.

This professional and scholarly gathering, sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, features two full days of presentations by regional and national scholars, public historians, anthropologists, archivists, and genealogists, along with a special keynote speaker and cocktail event Friday evening.

Specialty tours of the historic Hall (c1823) and of historic Franklin are scheduled for September 12, 2019. Early registration for the symposium is \$125! One day and discounted college student rates are also available. For all registration, hotel, speakers and additional information, please visit our website at www.hfmhfoundation.org/crossroads.

Update on Commemorative Belt Buckle from 125th Franklin Reenactment

Our volunteers were swamped with orders for the 125th Reenactment Commemorative Buckles. As of this writing, all orders have been processed and shipped. We have a few of the 3" high-quality buckles left. They are \$25 with FREE shipping. You

can use the form on page 4 to order yours.



July News in Review

15th annual Juneteenth celebrated at McLemore House — Williamson–The Tennessean — 6/19/19 — Franklin — Franklin residents celebrated the African American Heritage Society's annual rendition of Juneteenth at the McLemore House. The celebration was part of the nationally celebrated holiday, Juneteenth, which commemorates the day in 1865 when slavery was abolished in Texas. (Editor's Note: The message of freedom was carried to Texas by Gen. Gordon Granger, the namesake of Franklin's Fort Granger.)

New biography released on Matilda Lotz — Williamson–The Tennessean — 6/23/19 — Franklin — The Lotz House announced recently the release of Lift My Eyes, an imaginative biography of renowned artist Matilda Lotz, who grew up in the house. The book—authored by Magdalen Dugan focuses on the artist's life in her childhood home on Columbia Avenue. Other places include the San Francisco School of Design, where Matilda trained, as well as different European countries.

Franklin Williamson County sees record number of visitors in 2018 — Williamson Herald — 7/9/19 — Franklin — A record 1.72 million visitors were welcomed to Williamson County in 2018, a 13.6% increase from the 1.51 million visitors in 2017. This marks an increase of 500,000 additional annual visitors to Williamson County since 2014 and marks the fourth consecutive year the county has outpaced the national average for tourism growth, which in 2018 was only 1.0% across the pation

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