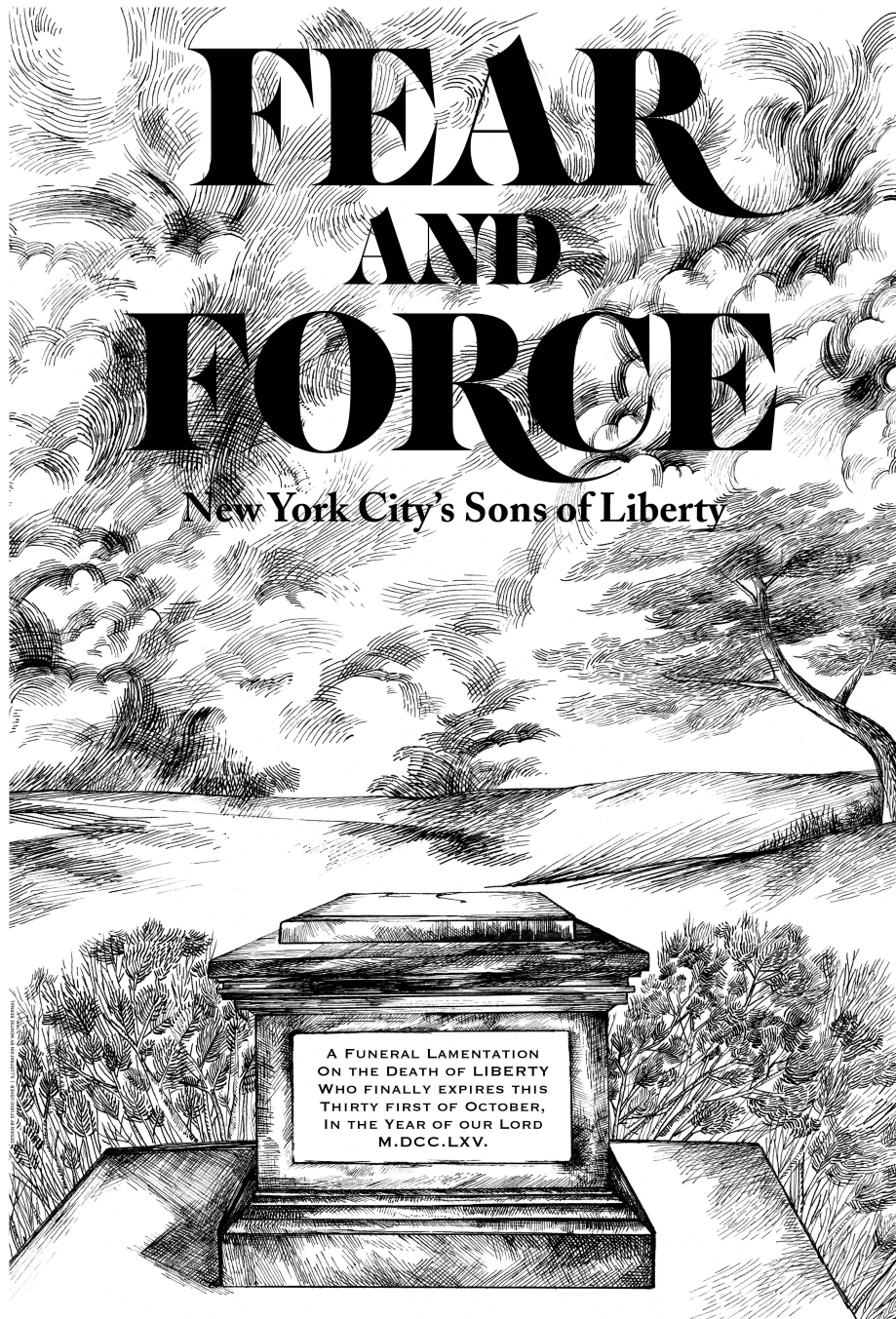


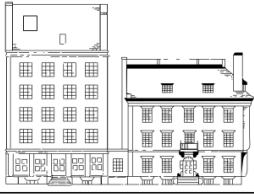
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Exhibition Media Kit



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New York: On **August 22, 2018**, Fraunces Tavern® Museum will debut its newest exhibition, ***Fear & Force: New York City's Sons of Liberty.***

On display in the Museum's largest gallery, the exhibition will immerse visitors in New York City in the late 18th century, when the Sons of Liberty first began to make a name for themselves as an organized group who opposed British rule through violent resistance prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution. The exhibition will take visitors through a timeline that chronicles key players and stories behind some of the most dramatic events that ignited the spark of revolution in the 13 colonies, from the staging of New York's very own "tea party," to tarring and feathering Loyalists.

"It's hard to imagine the streets of Lower Manhattan filled with nearly half the City's population breaking windows, starting bonfires, and writing death threats to government officials," says Museum **Curator and Executive Director, Jessica B. Phillips**. "But this is how the years leading up to 1776 developed as revolt turned to revolution. The Sons of Liberty were often violent and brash, but they risked everything in order to set in motion the American Revolution."

Objects preserved from pivotal moments relating to the New York Sons of Liberty will be on display, such as an iron fence fragment from the tearing down of the King George III statue in Bowling Green Park, and weapons like those used in New York City's 1769 Battle of Golden Hill. Visitors will even have the chance to have their own "tea party" through an interactive, sensory exploration involving real creates of colonial American style tea.

"New Yorkers have always been a resilient and determined group and there is no better example of that than the organized revolt led by the Sons of Liberty between 1765 and 1776," Phillips continues. "The notion that a group of immigrant merchants set in motion the American Revolution aligns with the very core of the American dream, and the Museum is proud to tell that story."

Fear & Force: New York City's Sons of will be on view in the Museum's Mesick Gallery **through August, 2020.**

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ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

We may not like paying taxes, but we would never think to tar and feather the tax collector. Yet as many of the colonists prepared for what would be the American Revolution, there was an organized group who opposed the government through violent resistance.

The exhibition, curated by Museum Executive Director, Jessica B. Phillips, features objects from the Museum's collection preserved from pivotal moments relating to the New York Sons of Liberty, like the tearing down of the King George statue in Bowling Green Park, and throwing chests of tea into New York Harbor.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The mission of Fraunces Tavern® Museum is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum's collections, landmarked buildings, and varied public programs that serve the community. A nationally landmarked building that was once a watering hole for founding fathers like Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, and George Washington, the Museum is open seven days a week and offers a unique experience that allows nearly 30,000 annual visitors to discover the American Revolutionary past in New York City's oldest standing structure.

Located at 54 Pearl Street, the Museum is comprised of nine galleries, two of which are period rooms, where visitors can explore a vast collection of more than 8,000 artifacts from or relating to the American Revolutionary era. Highlights include the memoirs of Benjamin Tallmadge, personal correspondence of George Washington, and a collection of paintings by John Ward Dunsmore that highlight scenes, battles, and heroes of the War for Independence. Visitors can also unfold the history of the American Flag and stand in our historic Long Room; the famous site of George Washington's farewell to his officers on December 4th, 1783.

HISTORY

Constructed around 1719, the building that would become Fraunces Tavern was built as an elegant residence by merchant Stephen Delancey. In 1762, Samuel Fraunces bought the building and transformed it into a tavern that so on became one of the most popular meeting places in a city that was a political hotbed of thought and action.

Once war began and the Continental Army lost possession of the City, Loyalist forces occupied the tavern until peace was declared in 1783. On December 4th, 1783, nine days after the British evacuation, George Washington delivered his emotional farewell to his officers in the second floor Long Room. From 1785 to 1788, the Tavern held the first offices for the Departments of Foreign Affairs, War, and Treasury. In the 1800s, the building underwent several structural changes, which included a series of fires. Sons of the Revolution™ in the State of New York, Inc. took ownership in 1904 and completed a conjectural restoration to open Fraunces Tavern Museum & Restaurant by 1907. The block was designated in 1977 as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.



PRESS

Come walk the rooms that inspired America's founding!

Fraunces Tavern is a museum, restaurant, and bar, all housed inside five historic buildings in Lower Manhattan. It is the only museum in New York City dedicated to preserving the history of America's fight for independence with nine galleries, a historic artifact collection of more than 8,000 pieces, and family friendly pricing.

Visit the [press page on our website](#) to view photos, access press releases, and sign up for our press list.



MEDIA INQUIRIES

All inquiries for images and interviews, as well as any on-site filming or photography requests should be directed to:

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The collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum is in the process of being digitized and a selection of artifacts is now accessible by visiting www.frauncestavern.pastperfectonline.com/. All inquiries regarding the rights to publish and reproduce images of material in the collection should be directed to:

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FAST FACTS

LOCATION

54 Pearl Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10003
(Corner of Broad St. & Pearl St.)

*The Museum Is WheelChair Accessible

CONTACT

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GENERAL ADMISSION

Adults (18+): \$7

Seniors (65+): \$4

Students (w/ valid ID): \$4

Children (6-18): \$4

Children (under 5), Active Military: FREE

*Tickets cannot be purchased in advance.

*An introduction loop, for our audio components is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users.

GROUPS

General Museum admission for groups of 14 or more is \$5 per person.

HOURS

Monday- Friday, 12-5 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Office Hours are Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Fraunces Tavern Museum is closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

EDUCATION

For teachers interested in engaging in hands-on programs that will bring the Revolution to life, the Museum offers a variety of opportunities for students of all ages.

*Book online or call (212)-425-1778 x213

GUIDED TOURS

Guided Museum tours are offered to the public FREE with the price of regular admission on the following days:

Thurs. 2 pm

Fri. 1 pm & 2 pm

Sat. 1 pm & 2 pm

Sun. 1 pm & 2 pm

*No reservations required.

AMENITIES

GIFT SHOP

The gift shop offers a variety of apparel, collectibles, books, and educational materials

FRAUNCES TAVERN RESTAURANT & BAR

Enjoy craft beer, a selection of whiskey, traditional & modern tavern fare at the restaurant on the first floor.

(212)-968-1776


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SPACE RENTALS

Host your event surrounded by historic ambiance and early NYC and American history. The Museum offers daytime and evening availability. Spaces can accommodate up to 100 guests for cocktails and 60 guests for a lecture style event.

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