Fraunces Tavern® Museum Announces New Exhibition, *Fear & Force: New York City’s Sons of Liberty*

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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 Fraunces Tavern Museum:*
Fraunces Tavern Museum's mission 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. You can stand in the room where General George Washington said farewell to his officers and explore seven additional galleries that focus on America’s War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit our website at frauncestavernmuseum.org.

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