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## Wing Luke Museum Hosts Stimulating Exhibit Tackling Hate

*Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Washington State Jewish Historical Society, and Wing Luke Museum co-create powerful exhibit*

**SEATTLE, WA – May 6, 2024** – The Black Heritage Society of Washington State, The Washington State Jewish Historical Society, and The Wing Luke Museum jointly announce a thought-provoking exhibit, [Confronting Hate Together](#), opening May 22, 2024 at the Wing Luke Museum. *Confronting Hate Together* is produced in partnership as a unified response and community call to action against the bias and bigotry that sow seeds of division and hate across communities.

Though the local exhibit is inspired by the 2022 *Confronting Hate 1937-1952* [exhibit](#) curated by the New-York Historical Society, *Confronting Hate Together* portrays a searing contemporary portrayal of racism, antisemitism, hate and bigotry through a local lens. Emphasis will be on the distinct stories, perspective and history of this region – driven by a singular objective to educate communities and empower them to combat the rising tide of hate and racial violence in our communities today.

In addition to the exhibit, the three organizations are launching a four-part *Confronting Hate Together* podcast series. In development are public programs, community pop-up installations, and a digital version of the *Confronting Hate Together* exhibit.

“*Confronting Hate Together* is such an ambitious and timely project,” the group said in a joint statement. “Given increased incidences of antisemitism, worsening racism in the African American community and growing anti-Asian hate, alongside all sentiments of hate impacting so many communities, this initiative was inspired by our organizations’ mutual commitment to unity, solidarity and action. While global events are at the forefront of many of our minds, our ability to affect change starts locally. Our work is on unification. For us it is not enough to shine a light on hate, but to promote conversations about hate, antisemitism, bigotry, and racism in supportive settings, while offering visitors the tools to act on their learning.”

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### **About The Black Heritage Society of Washington State**

The Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Inc. is committed to the acquisition, preservation, and sharing of archived collections relating to the history and legacy of Black people from across Washington State. With this priority in mind, BHS is a strong advocate for recognizing and saving heritage sites that are culturally significant statewide. Website: [www.bhswa.org](http://www.bhswa.org)

### **About The Washington State Jewish Historical Society**

The Washington State Jewish Historical Society's mission is to preserve and present the history of Jewish life in Washington State. The Society fosters awareness and appreciation of the experiences, the diverse culture, and the significant contributions of Jews, past and present. We build bridges with communities by sharing the stories of our collective histories and serving as an educational resource. Website: [www.wsjhs.org](http://www.wsjhs.org).

### **About The Wing Luke Museum**

The Wing Luke Museum's mission is to connect everyone to the rich history, dynamic cultures and art of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders through vivid storytelling and inspiring experiences to advance racial and social equity. As a Smithsonian Affiliate, National Park Service Affiliated Area, and the only pan-Asian American Museum in the nation, The Wing Luke Museum is a national treasure, preserving and sharing the personal stories of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Website: [www.wingluke.org](http://www.wingluke.org).

**Media are invited to a special advance screening of the exhibit on May 14. Please contact Steve McLean, [smclean@wingluke.org](mailto:smclean@wingluke.org), or Isabel Mata, [communications@wsjhs.org](mailto:communications@wsjhs.org), for more information.**

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