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**DPNR TO HOST VIRGIN ISLANDS FILM SERIES AT
FORT FREDERIK MUSEUM**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM) and ACT OUT ENSEMBLE have partnered to celebrate Virgin Islands History Month with a year-long series of films followed by discussions addressing pertinent issues impacting the Virgin Islands. The film series starts on Wednesday, March 30th and will run the last Wednesday of every month. Showtime starts at 5:30 pm at Fort Frederik Museum in Frederiksted.

The first film to be screened on March 30th is "OUR ISLAND OUR HOME", directed by Crystal Fortwangler and produced by Theodora E. Moorehead. This film documents the ongoing fight to hold on to ancestral lands by Senator Theovald Moorehead (1916-1995), who pushed back against land grabs and tourist ventures that dispossessed St. Johnians.

ACT OUT ENSEMBLE: THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED VIRGIN ISLANDS was created and is led by artist/educator/activist Sayeeda Carter and other community organizers such as Lindsey Simmonds and Ariela Hayes.

"This community-led series in partnership with ACT OUT is so important now because it honors the wisdom of Sankofa: looking back to draw inspiration from past Virgin Islands social justice leaders, to move the needle forward for a better future for the people of the Virgin Islands," said Monica Marin DLAM curator.

"DLAM looks forward to this opportunity to partner, and to build community through the arts so that we can bring Virgin Islanders back into the Fort Museums for dynamic arts and cultural programming," said DLAM Director Amy Parker DeSorbo.

The community is encouraged to participate in this **FREE** event. Food will be for sale by UCA's Kitchen. For more information, email DLAM Territorial Chief Curator Monica Marin at monica.marin@dpr.vi.gov, or ACT OUT ENSEMBLE Director Sayeeda Carter at sayeeda.carter@gmail.com.