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DPNR'S DLAM HOSTS "LUNCHTIME WITH THE ARTIST" FEATURING ELWIN JOSEPH AT FORT FREDERIK MUSEUM

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) invites the public to join the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM) for the third installment of its engaging artist talk series, **"Lunchtime with the Artist."** This event will take place on **Thursday, October 9th, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM** at the **Fort Frederik Museum**.

The series showcases artists featured in DLAM's annual Emancipation art exhibition, *"Tides of Freedom: Histories of Resistance from the USVI to the USA."* This week's session highlights Caribbean-born artist **Elwin Joseph**, whose striking photo-realistic paintings vividly portray the spirit and resilience of African-Caribbean subjects.

Held every Thursday throughout October, each "Lunchtime with the Artist" session offers a unique opportunity to hear directly from exhibiting artists about their creative process, sources of inspiration, and how their work contributes to the ongoing dialogue around freedom and resistance in the Virgin Islands and beyond.

Admission is \$5, with free entry for students under 18, who are especially encouraged to attend and participate in the conversation.

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