

# Overview of Elegba Folklore Society

Elegba Folklore Society provides cultural education through the arts. With attention to aspects of African world culture, the organization seeks to re-instill an essential cultural foundation in African Americans and to open the hearts of understanding throughout entire communities.

Enrichment programming explores and expresses the human experience through creative works. Among the means by which the Society pursues reckoning with the stories of the past, lifting up stories that celebrate and engaging stories that honor are:



## ■ Planning and managing family-oriented special events and programs.

### Annual festivals include:

- Black Book Expo, A Conscious Literary Festival
- Juneteenth, A Freedom Celebration
- Down Home Family Reunion, A Celebration of African American Folklife
- Capital City Kwanzaa Festival



## ■ Organizing exhibitions of art and artifacts.

Our cultural center is a gathering spot located in the downtown RVA Arts District where the focus is visual arts and material culture.

## ■ Presenting performance & teaching programs in dance theatre & music.

Our performing company presents original works from a repertoire of African dance and music concerts, topical dance theatre, performance-lectures, workshops and more.



## ■ Guiding cultural history tours.

Tours reveal stories along the Trail of Enslaved Africans and other notable sites.

These programs offer experiential learning and include ancient cultural wisdom and traditions to help define what it means to be fully human as a being in our world.

Elegba Folklore Society, Inc. is a non-profit corporation chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.



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