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Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Historical Society will present a free lecture and book signing with Sonja D. Williams, award-winning producer, NPR contributor and writer, discussing her new book, *Word Warrior: Richard Durham, Radio and Freedom*, Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. at the Delaware History Museum’s Mitchell Center for African American Heritage. This event is Free.

Sonja D. Williams’ first book, *Word Warrior: Richard Durham, Radio and Freedom*, is a Phillis Wheatley Book Award Finalist. Her credits include the radio series *Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions*; NPR’s *Making the Music*, and *Black Radio: Telling It Like It Was*. Richard Durham (1917 – 1984) was a Mississippi born, Chicago based broadcast journalist and political strategist whose award-winning radio series, *Destination Freedom*, aired each week on WMAQ from 1948 to 1950 and offered listeners inspiring studies of heroes from African American history. Durham paved the way for black journalists as a dramatist, as an investigative reporter and editor for the pioneering black newspapers the *Chicago Defender* and *Muhammad Speaks*, and as a community organizer and activist who helped elect Harold Washington as Chicago’s first black mayor.

This event is Free but reservations are requested.
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About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, a National Historic Landmark. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.

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