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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Amanda Kimball at akimball@dehistory.org (302) 295-2390 March 31, 2017

Wilmington, DE – Calling Writers of ALL ages! In honor of National Poetry Month, The Delaware Historical Society will host a creative writing workshop with the State of Delaware Poets Laureate, The Twin Poets, Nnamdi Chukwuocha and Albert Mills on Saturday April 15, 2017 1:00PM - 3:00PM at the Delaware History Museum's Mitchell Center for African American Heritage.

The workshop will include a guided tour of the exhibition, "Journey to Freedom", followed by creative writing exercises with Mr. Chukwuocha and Mr. Mills. The focus will be on sharing the power of history through the art of poetry, with participants invited to share their poems in an optional performance at the conclusion.

Nnamdi Chukwuocha and Albert Mills have been writing poetry together since they were children. Both credit their family, in particular their mother, with fostering their love of reading and writing. The brothers often start their poems with an idea or title then build the poem by sharing their thoughts and impressions back and forth, making the finished poem a true collaboration.

Nnamdi Chukwuocha is a member of the Wilmington City Council and chairs the city's Education, Youth and Families committee. Chukwuocha, who has more than 30 years experience in the nonprofit world, was recently awarded the Wilmington Urban League's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, and has been recognized as an outstanding Delaware State University Alumnus.

Albert Mills is a community-based social worker deeply rooted in the juvenile justice system. Mills serves New Castle County Delaware's Multisystemic Therapy Services and is a cofounder of G.O.A.L.S., and S.Y.A.-Tutoring and Mentoring Programs in Wilmington.

Reservations requested at (302) 655-7161 or deinfo@dehistory.org Workshop is included with admission: Adults \$6.00 Seniors (65+)/Military/Student(with i.d.) \$5.00 Children (3-18) \$4.00

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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