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25th Annual South Carolina Humanities Festival comes to York County for the first time *Visit York County will highlight different community perspectives through thought-provoking events*

For the first time, Visit York County will host the <u>2019 South Carolina Humanities Festival</u> on March 28-30. For the three-day festival, Visit York County has collaborated with various organizations in York County to provide a unique outlook on the culture and heritage of York County, South Carolina.

Through thought-provoking events, the South Carolina Humanities Festival will be a place for festivalgoers to come together to share, learn and have conversations about the world. The events will range from history, literature and art theory.

"I am very happy that our 25th Annual South Carolina Humanities Festival is in York County. This area is one of our fastest growing areas in the state, with a rich history and a dynamic cultural community supported by outstanding educational institutions and arts organizations," said Randy Akers, the Executive Director of South Carolina Humanities. "Visit York County, with its excellent staff, has organized an extensive program that will educate, inform, and entertain. The local resident and out of town visitor will enjoy getting to know what makes York County a special place in our state."

Visit York County is proud to collaborate with African American Cultural Resource Association, Anne Springs Close Greenway, Arts Council of York County and the Underexposed Film Festival yc, Culture & Heritage Museums, Fort Mill History Museum, Historic Rock Hill, Kings Mountain National Military Park, Winthrop University, the York County Library and the Women's Art Initiative to host the 25th Annual South Carolina Humanities Festival.

For more information about the events at the South Carolina Humanities Festival, log on to <u>Visit York</u> <u>County</u>. Every year, <u>SC Humanities</u> sponsors the Humanities Festival in a community in South Carolina. Started in 1993 in honor of the Council's 20th Anniversary, the Humanities Festival has been held in 19 different South Carolina cities. Each festival celebrates the local history and culture of the host community, engaging the citizens in lectures, discussions, films, and exhibits and facilitating partnerships between cultural organizations and community groups. This year, the South Carolina Humanities Festival is being held in York County for the first time ever. Festival-goers can experience a wide variety of humanitiesrelated activities spread all across York County, including historic walking tours, an international film festival, poetry readings and book signings, among many other things!

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