**Seeking 10 to 12 performers for Volunteer Work at Schuyler Mansion’s Pinkster Celebration in Albany: African-American Adult Men and Women, All Ages**

**Event Date:** Saturday, June 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site

 32 Catherine Street, Albany, NY

**Compensation:** Volunteer work

**Casting For:** Adult men and women, all ages, to portray 18th century enslaved African-Americans attending a Pinkster celebration. Volunteer

**Description:** Pinkster was originally a religious holiday (*Pinksteren* or Pentecost) brought to the colonies by the Dutch in the 17th century. During the 18th and early 19th centuries, the enslaved African and African-American communities were so successful at incorporating their own culture and traditions into the celebration that by the early 1800’s, Pinkster was considered a holiday for the enslaved Black community. For enslaved men and women, this was the one time of year they were given time off from their unceasing labor.

**Performers will be expected to:**

* Perform in 18th century repro clothing
* Read primary and secondary sources about Pinkster
* Through third -person interpretation, recreate the experience and activities of Pinkster attendees. Specifically, men and women selling wares; who had traveled far and were camping on the Pinkster grounds; who were reunited with loved ones; who were planning escape.
* Participate in interactive dance with music performers, the ending procession, and the crowning of King Charles.
* Interact with the public and answer questions about what they are portraying.
* Ideally, actors should be available the entire event, 11 am to 4 pm.

**PLEASE APPLY ASAP**. Please contact Michelle Mavigliano at Schuyler Mansion: **(518)434-0834,** michelle.mavigliano@parks.ny.gov. Experience with historical reenactment appreciated, but not required. Headshots NOT required, however, resumes of relevant experience are appreciated.