



Smithsonian Institution

Women's History Month Opening Event

**ONLY A WOMAN:**  
**Female Buffalo Soldier**  
**CATHAY WILLIAMS**



Melodie L. C. Thompson  
as Cathay Williams

Friday, March 1, 12 noon  
National Museum of American History  
Carmichael Auditorium

Storyteller Melodie L. C. Thompson portrays Cathay Williams, the only known female Buffalo Soldier. After working as a cook and laundress for the Union Army during the Civil War, Williams enlisted in the all-black 38th Infantry under the name William Cathay and served two years. Her amazing story is in keeping with this year's national Women's History Month theme: Women Sustaining the American Spirit. Admission is free.

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