

DC Unveils Special Exhibits as 'Hamilton' Comes to Town

Postal Museum, Library of Congress unveil exhibits commemorating Alexander Hamilton

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The blockbuster musical “Hamilton” is finally coming to the nation’s capital, and the city is preparing in ways that only Washington can.

Lin-Manuel Miranda’s genre-bending historical musical about the life of Alexander Hamilton is starting a three-month run at the Kennedy Center on Tuesday.

Hamilton didn’t actually spend much of his life or professional career in Washington. The U.S. capital was in Philadelphia when he served as the nation’s first treasury secretary, and the federal government didn’t move to Washington until 1800, four years before his death.

However, the myriad museums of modern

Washington have been preparing specialized exhibits designed to appeal to tourists and locals who can’t get the tunes out of their heads.

“D.C. seems like the sort of town that’s tailor-made for this sort of wonky, nerding out over a former secretary of the Treasury,” said Daniel Piazza, chief curator of stamp collections at the Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum.

The Postal Museum has already launched an exhibit, “Alexander Hamilton: Soldier, Secretary, Icon,” that includes mail, portraits, and postage and revenue stamps reflective of Hamilton’s life and career. But the real prize of the exhibit are the two flintlock pistols made of walnut, brass and gold that were used

in the July 11, 1804, duel with Vice President Aaron Burr, which resulted in Hamilton’s death.

The pistols are on loan from the private collection of JPMorgan Chase & Co. They will only be on display through June 24, although the museum’s larger Hamilton exhibit will continue through

next year.

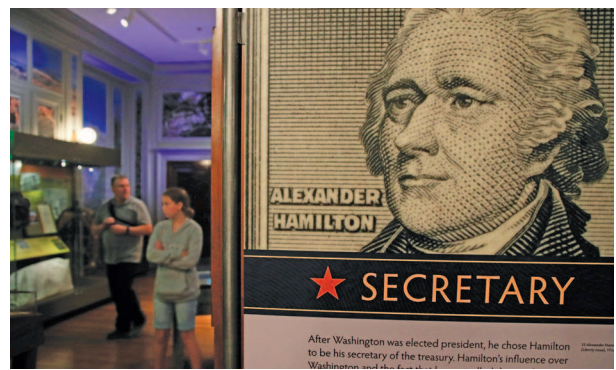
The Library of Congress is unveiling its own Hamilton display, drawing on its collection of more than 12,000 of Hamilton’s papers and documents. Much of it will have direct connections and references that fans of the musical will recognize, according to

curator Julie Miller. Miranda based his musical on a 2004 biography, “Alexander Hamilton” by Ron Chernow, which drew from much of the same material.

Miller said the exhibit includes a letter from Hamilton to his wife, Elizabeth Schuyler, in which he refers to her as “the

best of wives and best of women” — a line quoted verbatim in the musical.

There’s also material chronicling a historically important dinner meeting with Hamilton and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson. That meeting is at the heart of the song “The Room Where it Happens.”



Alexander Hamilton exhibit called “Alexander Hamilton: Soldier, Secretary, Icon,” that include mail, portraits, and postage and revenue stamps reflective of Hamilton’s life and career, at Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, Monday, June 11, 2018. The blockbuster show Hamilton is finally coming to the nation’s capital and the city is preparing in ways that only Washington can.

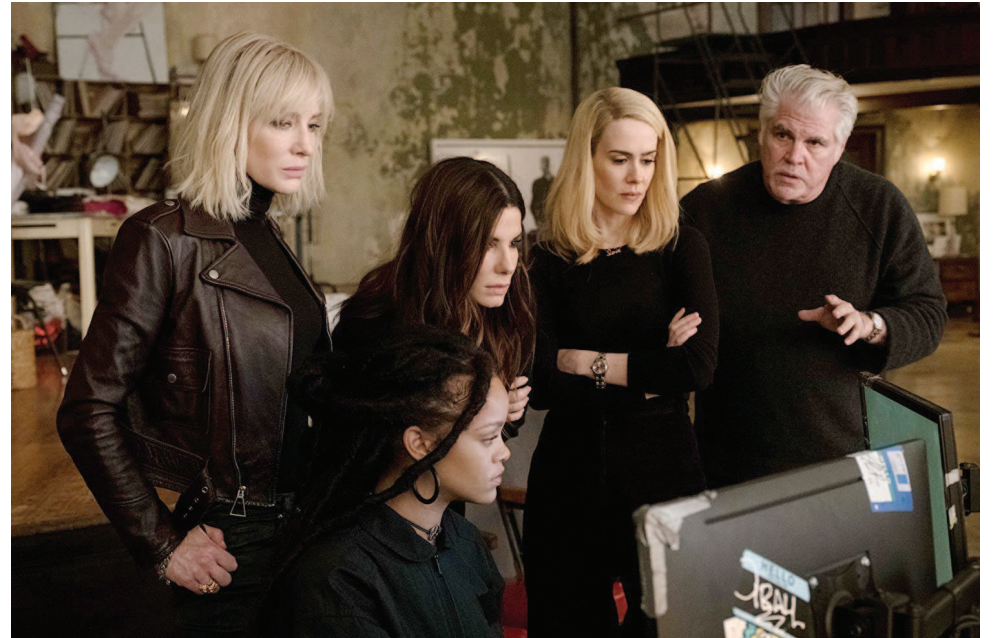
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her a key to a suite.

Next thing you know, she’s masterminding an elaborate plan to purloin a priceless diamond necklace during the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s annual costume ball. Debbie begins by recruiting a crack team of cohorts, starting with her longtime partner in crime, Lou (Cate Blanchett). The rest of the motley crew is composed of hi-tech whiz Nine Ball (Rihanna), jeweler Amita (Mindy Kaling), fashionista Rose Weil (Helena Bonham Carter), big screen diva Daphne Kluger (Anne Hathaway), ex-thief coaxed out of retirement Tammy (Sarah Paulson), and Constance, a trash-talking crook played by the scene-stealing comedienne, Awkwafina.

The real fun starts after the get acquainted phase of the adventure, when the conspiracy is put into



Kam says “Ocean’s 8” represents a refreshing departure for the testosterone-fueled franchise

action in and around the museum. Besides a super cool caper, we’re treated to a profusion of enough blink-and-you-missed-it cameo appearances to take your breath away.

Dozens of celebrities attend the marvelous Met gala, including Katie Holmes, Kim Kardashian and her sisters Kylie and Kendall, tennis pros Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova, Vogue

editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, and designers Tommy Hilfinger and Alexander Wang, to name a few. Ultimately more lighthearted than edgy, “Ocean’s 8” is a fashion-driven, fun-filled affair where all the flair and famous faces serving as backdrop practically upstage a perfectly-delightful, female-centric crime caper.

You go girls!

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