



Discover "What Inspires You in Atlanta" During Black History Month

ATLANTA (January 20, 2011) – We are defined by our past. Atlanta is the home of the Civil Rights movement, with a rich history wrought in the struggle for freedom and equality. The city is full of bold stories that demonstrate the depth of human courage in the face of adversity.

During Black History Month, the streets, museums and theatres of Atlanta will come alive with events that tell these stories of bravery:

- "Africa's Origins Africa's History in a Name" at [Emory University's Robert Woodruff Library](#) features rare photographs of Africans freed from slaving vessels, alongside nineteenth-century registers documenting liberated African's names. Closing Feb.12.
- [True Colors Theatre Company's](#) "Broke-ology" investigates the science of being broke. Starring Jasmine Guy, and directed by Kenny Leon, the play follows the King family as they learn to sacrifice and stay together. "Broke-ology" opens on Jan. 28.
- The whole family can learn about African culture at [Imagine It: The Children's Museum of Atlanta](#) where "From Here to Timbuktu: A Journey Through West Africa" takes center stage from Feb. 5 – May 30.
- At the Fabulous Fox Theatre, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns to Atlanta for Artistic Director Judith Jameson's final year. Guests will enjoy new productions, repertory favorites and Ailey's masterpiece [Revelations](#) at all five performances. The show runs from Feb. 10-13.
- Enjoy an evening of jazz (America's only indigenous art form) at the Ferst Center with the soothing sounds of The John Faddis Jazz Orchestra during "An Evening of Ellington" on Feb. 12.
- Learn "How to Honor your African American Ancestors by Tracing, Documenting, Publishing, and Donating Your Family History" at the [Atlanta History Center](#) on Saturday, Feb. 19.
- Before Black Power emerged to give a name to black dissent from the mainstream civil rights agenda, African Americans in Atlanta questioned the meaning of equality and sought the steps to share in the American dream. Learn all about it at a lecture called "[Courage to Dissent: Atlanta and the Long History of the Civil Rights Movement](#)" on Feb. 26 at the Atlanta History Center.
- The [Sweet Auburn District](#), where Martin Luther King Jr. was born, raised and preached, comes alive with a Black History Month Parade on Feb. 26.

- For music lovers, there's plenty of jazz to enjoy during Black History Month. At 85, the eternally youthful Roy Haynes is the very definition of a living legend of jazz. See him and the Fountain of Youth Band perform at the [Rialto Center for the Arts](#) on Feb. 26.

Visitors can also enter to win a chance to explore Atlanta's Civil Rights Legacy first hand with the "What Inspires You in Atlanta" contest. Visit www.atlanta.net/civilrights2011 and fill out an official entry form before Feb. 22 to win:

- Airfare to Atlanta on AirTran Airways
- Two nights at the luxurious Loews Atlanta Hotel
- \$1,000 Kroger gift card
- Enhanced VIP Experience at the 2011 Atlanta Jazz Festival (May 28-30)
- VIP lunch and tour with the CEO of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

If you can't make it for Black History Month, check out the Major League Baseball Civil Rights Game on May 15. The game between the Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies is the culmination of a week-long celebration (May 12-15) of the important role baseball played in the Civil Rights movement.

For more information on Atlanta's civil rights history, visit www.atlanta.net/civilrights2011.

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