



Atlanta Update April-June 2007

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April 2007 Events

I Have a Dream: The Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection at the Atlanta History Center, April 1-May 13

The Atlanta History Center is the first venue to exhibit selections from the estate collection recently acquired by the City of Atlanta. The exhibit displays Dr. King's personal papers in his handwriting, documenting the progress of his campaign for human justice from his education and earliest sermons through his most enduring political speeches. Highlights of the exhibition include Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, his Nobel Peace Prize lecture, sermons from his ministry, personal notes he maintained in hundreds of his books, and his celebrated "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Admission to this exhibition is free the first weekend of every month and every Monday. Otherwise, this exhibition is included with general admission. For more information, call 404.814.4000 or visit www.atlantahistorycenter.com.

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition at the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center, April 1-June 3

The Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center plays host to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, bringing to life the tragic sinking of the legendary RMS Titanic through objects and stories. Visitors are drawn back in time as they step into fully reconstructed replicas of Titanic's first and third class rooms. Visitors will also view more than 300 actual artifacts recovered from Titanic's debris field including personal items as well as a three-ton section of the ship's hull. For more information, call 866.640.0303 or visit www.atlantaciviccenter.com.

Louvre Atlanta: Kings as Collectors at the High Museum of Art, April 1-Sept. 7

In the first of a three-year partnership with the High Museum and Paris' Musée du Louvre, *Kings as Collectors* is the first central exhibition and will be composed primarily of paintings, sculptures and antiquities from the collections of Kings Louis XIV and Louis XVI. The exhibition will feature paintings by Raphael, Rembrandt, Velazquez, Murillo, Poussin and others. At the center of the exhibition will be a special presentation of Raphael's Portrait of Baldassare Castiglione, one of the top treasures from the Louvre's permanent collection. For more information call 404.733.HIGH or visit www.louvreatlanta.org. Visit www.atlanta.net/louvreatlanta for information on hotel packages.

Louvre Atlanta: Decorative Arts of the Kings at the High Museum of Art, April 1-Sept. 2

Continuing a three-year partnership with the High Museum and Paris' Musée du Louvre *Decorative Arts of the Kings* is the second central exhibition and will feature decorative arts commissioned for the courts of Kings Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI. This exhibition will explore works that convey the royal and princely tastes for the decorative arts during the last 100 years of the *Ancien Régime*. The presentation includes fine examples of furniture, tapestry, ceramics and silver by manufacturers such as Les Gobelins and Sèvres and by artists such as Germain and Auguste. For more information, call 404.733.HIGH or visit www.louvreatlanta.org. For information on hotel packages, visit www.atlanta.net/louvreatlanta.

71st Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival at Piedmont Park, April 13-15

The Atlanta Dogwood Festival is considered by many to be Atlanta's premier outdoor event. Visitors can enjoy live entertainment, arts and crafts, an artist market, music on multiple stages and more. The festival is also host of the U.S. Disc Dog Southern Nationals, an international Frisbee dog contest. For more information, call 404-329.0501 or visit www.dogwood.org.

Bluegrass Barbecue at Ferst Center for the Arts, April 14

An evening of performances from local bluegrass favorite Peachtree Station, acoustic bluegrass quintet Hot Buttered Rum String Band and America's new family of bluegrass. During the barbecue, tours will be offered of Hot Buttered Rum's tour bus. For more information, call 404.894.9600 or visit www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu.

Georgia Renaissance Festival, April 14-June 3

Visitors can seize a sense of adventure by traveling back in time to Camelot and feasting like a king on a massive roasted turkey leg. For those who wish to shop like a queen, stop by the sprawling artist market for handmade treasures. Experience jousting knights and watch magnificent birds of prey during a special show. Families can enjoy the excitement of rides in the medieval amusement park. For more information, call 770.964.8575 or visit www.georgiarenaissancefestival.com.

31st Annual Atlanta Film Festival, April 19-28

The Atlanta Film Festival is the South's premier experience for movie lovers, independent film fans and filmmakers. More than 150 films from around the world, nightly parties, awards ceremonies and provocative panel discussions will be featured. For more information, call 404-352.4225 or visit www.atlantafilmfestival.com.

All Shook Up at Fox Theatre, April 24-29

This Broadway musical of romance, rebellion and rock 'n roll combines Elvis Presley songs with a dramatic story. *All Shook Up* tells the romantic tale of how a young girl's dream comes true when a guitar player rides into town and turns it upside down with his hip-swiveling, lip-curling and sexy song singing. For more information, call 404.881.2100 or visit www.foxtheatre.org.

Evita at Ferst Center for the Arts, April 27-29

From the creators of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* comes the heroic tale of one woman's rise to power in the midst of a national revolution. Audiences can follow Eva Peron's journey through songs like Don't Cry for Me Argentina, sung in contemporary rock opera fashion. For more information, call 404.894.9600 or visit www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu.

Atlanta Symphony Associates' 37th Decorators' Show House & Gardens, April 28-May 20

Visitors can tour the 37th annual Decorators' Show House & Gardens that was voted one of the top 10 show houses by About.com. Each room is exquisitely decorated by one of Atlanta's top designers and features a stroll through one of the many inviting gardens at Whitehall home in Harris Trail. For more information, call 404.733.4935 or visit www.decoratorsshowhouse.org.

Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes, April 28-29

Each year, the Inman Park neighborhood presents a festival widely regarded as Atlanta's most spirited and eclectic. Highlights include: Atlanta's biggest street market, an arts and crafts show, the city's quirkiest and most colorful parade and much more. The festival centerpiece, the Tour of Homes, features turn-of-the-century Victorian painted ladies and craftsman bungalows as well as original contemporary designs and loft conversions. Live entertainment includes music and a dance festival that showcases some of Atlanta's best ballet and modern dance companies. For more information, call 770.242.4895 or visit www.inmanpark.org.

May 2007 Events

***Sleeping Beauty* at Fox Theatre, May 3-13**

Sleeping Beauty takes its audience on a magical journey to an enchanted kingdom where good conquers evil with a single kiss. A wicked curse by the evil fairy threatens *Sleeping Beauty* and her family. Only the protective magic of her fairy godmother will keep her safe from certain death. This beloved full-length story ballet is full of lavish costumes and extravagant sets. For more information, call 404.881.2100 or visit www.foxtheatre.org.

***Spring Gala Concert of The Atlanta Opera* at Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center, May 5**

The season concludes with a Spring Gala Concert. Billed as a night of greatest hits of opera celebrating nearly 100 years in Atlanta, the event will feature worldwide mezzo-soprano sensation and two-time GRAMMY nominee Vivica Genaux, along with Georgia native Leah Partridge (a Metropolitan Opera regional winner and returning from *The Barber of Seville*), Stephen Morscheck (a Richard Tucker Career Grant winner), Jennifer Aylmer (hailed by the *New York Times* as having awesome accuracy) and John Gaston (one of the nations most sought after young countertenors). For more information, call 404.881.8801 or visit www.atlantaopera.org.

Fiesta Atlanta at Centennial Olympic Park, May 6

Free to the public, Fiesta Atlanta is the region's largest Hispanic event, attracting more than 25,000 Hispanics to a day filled with family fun. There will be a main stage and a kid's stage, an international food court and an artist's market for entertainment. For more information, call 404.350.0200 or visit www.fiestaatlanta.com.

***Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005* at the High Museum of Art, May 12-Sept. 9**

The High Museum of Art will host an internationally touring exhibition of more than 175 photographs by Annie Leibovitz, one of the most celebrated photographers of our time. The exhibition encompasses images Leibovitz created on assignment as a professional photographer as well as personal photographs of her family and close friends. For more information, please call 404.733.HIGH or visit www.high.org.

***Cecilia Beaux, American Figure Painter* at the High Museum of Art, May 12-Sept. 9**

The exhibition will feature Beaux' highly regarded portraits in the context of her commercial and student works and figure paintings, as well as landscape and still life compositions. Her sitters were drawn from the public realm, academia (numerous college presidents), business, organized religion, politics (Theodore Roosevelt, 1902) and high society (Flora Whitney, 1916) as well as from personal acquaintance (Richard Watson Gilder, 1902, and Ida Tarbell, ca. 1920); these circles frequently overlapped, permitting her selective approach to commissions. For more information, call 404.733.HIGH or visit www.high.org.

Sweet Auburn Springfest 2007, May 11-13

Known to be the largest street festival in the Southeast, this year's theme is "Linking the Global Dream." The street festival, held in the Sweet Auburn Historic District, will feature international food, film and a music festival and is organized by the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. For more information, call 404.681.4667 or visit www.sweetauburn.com.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band at Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, May 19

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band derives its name from the Preservation Hall, the venerable music venue located in the heart of New Orleans French Quarter, founded in 1961 by Allan and Sandra Jaffe. The band has traveled worldwide on a mission to propagate the art of New Orleans Jazz. This year marks the 45th anniversary of Preservation Hall and its re-opening in New Orleans. For more information, call 404.651.1234 or visit www.rialtocenter.org.

Cabaret at The New American Shakespeare Tavern, May 25-June 17

The Shakespeare Tavern morphs into the Kit Kat Club and comes alive with incredible music and dance in this award-winning musical. *Cabaret* throws an incandescent spotlight upon both the happy and dark sides of Berlin society as the Nazis rise to power. *Cabaret* is known as a high point of American musical theater that is both exuberant and tragic. For more information, call 404.874.5299 or visit www.shakespearetavern.com.

The 30th Atlanta Jazz Festival at Piedmont Park, May 26-28

The Atlanta Jazz Festival features internationally renowned jazz artists and activities throughout the metro Atlanta area. It culminates with a three-day festival of show-stopping performances at Piedmont Park. For more information, call 404.817.6815 or visit www.atlantafestivals.com.

June 2007 Events***The 1906 Atlanta Riot Exhibition at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, June 1-Aug. 31***

In partnership with the Atlanta History Center, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site presents "Red Was the Midnight: The 1906 Atlanta Race Riot," an original exhibition about a seminal event in Atlanta's history that was considered one of the biggest skeletons in the city's history. For more information, call 404.331.5190 or visit www.nps.gov/malu.

Virginia-Highland Summerfest, June 2-3

This neighborhood jamboree takes place along several blocks of Virginia Avenue and in John Howell Park. Summerfest features live music, samples of neighborhood restaurants, an artist market with more than 200 artists, a 5K race, a 'Tot Trot' for the little ones and the Kidsfest event. For more information, call 404.222-8244 or visit www.virginiahighland.com.

Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) Atlanta Open at Atlantic Station, June 7-10

AVP is comprised of the best men's and women's professional beach volleyball players in the U.S. The AVP's main goal is to deliver its fans the experience of an amazing athletic contest surrounded by an unforgettable beach party. The events play out on more than four million pounds of sand brought in especially for the AVP. For more information, call 404.888.4900 or visit www.atlanticstation.com.

Cradle of Christianity: Jewish and Christian Treasures from the Holy Land at the Michael C. Carlos Museum, June 16-Oct. 14

The Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University is one of only three U.S. venues for an important traveling exhibition tracing the shared roots of Jewish and Christian beliefs and practices through biblical archaeology. *Cradle of Christianity* explores the concurrent histories of early Christian and Jewish life through some of the most significant biblical artifacts ever found, including, from among the Dead Sea Scrolls, newly restored sections of the Temple Scroll. For more information, call 404.727.4282 or visit www.carlos.emory.edu.

Atlanta Pride Festival at Piedmont Park, June 22-24

This annual festival and parade is one of the largest in the U.S., attracting more than 300,000 participants from around the world. With core festival activities based at Piedmont Park in Midtown, special restaurant and nightlife events are offered throughout town creating a citywide celebration. The Pride festival commemorates the Stonewall Riots in New York City that launched the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual rights movement. To learn more, call 404.929.0071 or visit www.atlantapride.org.

Building Hope: 25 Years of the Carter Center at the Jimmy Carter Library & Museum, June 22

This unique exhibition opens on June 22 and celebrates the work that President and Mrs. Carter and the staff of the Carter Center have done over the past 25 years. The exhibits focus on the Center's work in fostering peace in the world, strengthening democracy, combating illness, preventing blindness, improving the environment, teaching farming techniques and fighting the stigma of mental illness. For more information, call 404.865.7100 or visit <http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org/>.

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