



Atlanta Update *July-September 2007*

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July 2007 Events

The Gates of Paradise: Lorenzo Ghiberti's Renaissance Masterpiece at the High Museum of Art, July 1-15

In collaboration with the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo in Florence, the High Museum of Art will display three newly restored panels from Lorenzo Ghiberti's "Gates of Paradise." The three scenes depict Adam and Eve, Jacob and Esau, and Saul and David. This exhibition, which also highlights the challenges faced by contemporary restorers, will celebrate Ghiberti's accomplishments while assessing the importance of his works for later generations. For more information, call 404.733.HIGH or visit www.high.org.

Animal Planet Summer Adventure at Stone Mountain Park, July 1-Aug. 5

Animal Planet and Stone Mountain Park present 58 days of summer fun for the entire family. Kids of all ages will enjoy shows from All The King's Horses, Extreme Parrots, Hog Wild Revue, Wonders of Nature and an all new train show. For more information, call 770.498.5690 or visit www.stonemountainpark.com.

Southern Trails & Rails in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, July 1-Aug. 12

This summer, Amtrak and the National Park Service offer a unique excursion through history, nature and culture. The Amtrak/National Park Service Trails & Rails program aboard Amtrak's Crescent train between Atlanta and New Orleans features exhibitions and presentations on areas of interest along the train's route Thursdays through Sundays. Park Rangers and volunteer guides from Atlanta's Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site will highlight destinations important to the Civil War, civil rights, and Native American heritage, as well as "Southern Wonders" like kudzu and the 24-mile railroad bridge spanning Louisiana's Lake Pontchartrain. For more information, call 800.USA.RAIL or visit onto www.nps.gov/trails&rails/htm.

Lizards & Snakes: Alive! at Fernbank Museum of Natural History, July 1-Aug. 12

Visitors can explore the diversity of lizards and snakes in this engaging new exhibition representing 26 different species from around the world. An activity center features touchable skin casts, puzzles, question-and-answer sliders, games and more. For more information, call 404.929.6300 or visit <http://www.fernbank.edu/museum>.

Fourth Saturday Family Fun Days at Centennial Olympic Park, July 1-Sept. 1

One a month, enjoy an afternoon of free, themed family fun at Centennial Olympic Park's Fourth Saturday Family Fun Day. The event is full of interactive, entertaining and educational activities for children and each Saturday features a different theme. Fourth Saturday Family Fun Day is an award winning event, voted "Best Community Involvement" program in Georgia by the International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA). For more information, call 404.223.4412 or visit www.centennialpark.com.

Nature's Jewels: Butterflies and Other Insects at Fernbank Museum of Natural History, July 1-Sept. 2

Vivid color photographs reveal the beautiful world of insects and their natural surroundings. Flowers, plants, trees and many other insect habitats provide a beautiful backdrop for spectacular, close-up photography of butterflies, dragonflies, bees, wasps and lesser-known insects like flowerflies and robberflies. For more information, call 404.929.6300 or visit <http://www.fernbank.edu/museum>.

Can You Tell Me How to Get to Sesame Street? at Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta, July 1-Sept. 9

Children will have the chance to feel like they're a part of the Sesame Street show. They'll learn all about their ABCs and 123s as they skip through the familiar places, like Gina's Day Care Center, Oscar's Newsstand and Bird Air Travel Agency. In the Hands-on Minds-on Playground, they can turn a crank to spin letters and discover new words, play with letters in the A-Z cubbyholes, count animals and objects hidden in the counting tree and experiment with notes and scales on a set of steel drums. For more information, call 404.659.5437 or visit www.imagineit-cma.org.

Lasershow Spectacular at Stone Mountain Park, July 1-Oct. 20

Visit Stone Mountain Park this summer to see the world's largest lasershow with colorful lasers, surround sound and special effects. For more information, call 770.498.5690 or visit www.stonemountainpark.com.

Big Bugs and Killer Plants at Atlanta Botanical Garden, July 1-Oct. 31

Zoologically accurate, sculptor David Rogers' Big Bugs popular exhibition provides an insightful perspective on insect predators, pollinators, and beneficial critters. Activities during the summer range from insect chef cooking demonstrations, drop-in kids classes and the insect petting zoo, to a Buggy-Triathlon. For more information, call 404.876.5859 or visit www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

Building Hope: 25 Years of The Carter Center at the Jimmy Carter Library & Museum, July 1-Nov. 25

This unique exhibition 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 www.jimmycarterlibrary.org.

40th Annual Fantastic Fourth Celebration at Stone Mountain Park, July 3-4

The evening begins with the Lasershow Spectacular and follows with a traditional fireworks display with fireworks shot from both the base and the top of Stone Mountain. For more information, call 770.498.5690 or visit www.stonemountainpark.com.

4th of July Celebration at Centennial Olympic Park, July 4

Festivities include music, children's activities and a fireworks display against the downtown skyline. Onstage entertainment includes musical performances before the fireworks commence. For more information, call 404.223.4412 or visit www.centennialpark.com/events/fjuly.html.

4th of July Celebration at Lenox Square Mall, July 4

The 18-minute fireworks spectacular is the Southeast's largest. The party begins in the parking lot, where musical performances entertain the crowd. During the day, costumed characters, face painters, balloon artists and an Uncle Sam on stilts entertain the audience. For more information, call 404.233.6767 or visit www.lenox-square.com.

Peachtree Road Race, July 4

The annual 10K Peachtree Road Race has more than 50,000 runners and follows a path that winds through the heart of the city, from Buckhead to Midtown and is the largest 10k in the world. Restaurants and bars along the route offer specials and many have live entertainment to greet the runners as they pass. For more information, call 404.231.9064 or visit www.atlantatrackclub.org.

Benjamin Franklin "In Search of a Better World" at the Atlanta History Center, July 4-Oct. 14

On the 300-year anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth (1706-2006), visitors are invited to join in the national celebration honoring the life and enduring legacy of one of the most remarkable founding fathers. The exhibition is divided into six sections: Character Matters, B. Franklin Printer, Civic Visions, Useful Knowledge, World Stage and Seeing Franklin. For more information, call 404.814.4000 or visit www.benfranklin300.org/exhibit.htm.

Heritage Arts Festival at Underground Atlanta, July 7

The Heritage Arts Festival is a 10-day cultural celebration of the African-American arts that has been growing for more than a decade. This year's festival will feature a collection of fine arts and on-site demonstrations from world-renowned artists. Live entertainment will include jazz, gospel, R&B and blues. The outdoor vendor market will house national and international merchants exhibiting jewelry, clothing, health & beauty products, African Artifacts, art and more. For more information, call 404.523.2311 or visit www.heritageartsfestival.com.

Coca Cola Summer Film Festival at Fox Theatre, July 8-Aug. 27

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a mix of classic and current films on the biggest screen in Atlanta. Prior to the screenings, Movies, Mixers and "Mo!" offers wine tastings and a magical pre-show experience including an organ concert and sing-a-long featuring Larry Douglas Embury and the showing of a classic cartoon. For more information, call 404.881.2100 or visit <http://www.foxtheatre.org/filmSchedule.htm>.

Flicks on 5th – Summer Film Series, July 12-26

Movie fans can head to Technology Square in Midtown to see movies this summer on a large outdoor screen while enjoying free popcorn. Restaurants along Fifth St. offer several opportunities for dining before or after the movie. For more information, call 404.894.2805 or visit <http://www.flickson5th.com/>.

Dreamgirls at Fox Theatre, July 19-29

Jennifer Holliday reprises her Tony Award-winning role as Effie, the talented but troubled star of a legendary female singing group in Michael Bennett's highly-charged musical about success and the cost of achieving it. For more information, call 404.881.2100 or visit www.foxtheatre.org.

Great Atlanta Musicfest at Woodruff Park, July 20-22

Held during the National Black Arts Festival, the Great Atlanta Musicfest will feature musical performances by Ms. Monique, Slide by Slide, Tiffany Williams and many more. For more information, call 404.730.7315 or visit www.sweettauburn.com.

National Black Arts Festival (NBAF), July 20-29

This 10-day cultural festival celebrates the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to art with events throughout the city featuring the work of more than 1,000 artists from the Caribbean, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Included are artist and vendor markets, a gallery crawl and live entertainment encompassing music,

literature, theater and performance art, film, dance, visual art and folk art. For more information, call 404.733.5000 or visit www.nbaf.org.

August 2007 Events

Grant Park Summer Shade Festival, Aug. 25-26

The 5th Annual Grant Park Summer Shade Festival is set along the shaded pathways in historic Grant Park. The two-day event features an artist market, live music and entertainment, food, children's activities and the much acclaimed Corks & Forks, a fine food and wine event. For more information, call 404.521.0938 or visit <http://gpconservancy.org/summershade>.

Peachtree Latino Festival at Underground Atlanta, Aug. 26

The Peachtree Latino Festival combines arts, culture and tradition to showcase talent from different Latin America countries. There will be Latin music and dancing, costume displays and ethnic food. For more information, call 404.523.2311 or visit www.underground-atlanta.com.

Atlanta Home & Family Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center, Aug. 31-Sept. 3

With hundreds of exhibits teaching participants about the best resources in remodeling, landscaping, design services, anyone with an interest to update, enhance, and create a new look or amenity for their home will benefit from the Home and Family Expo. For more information, call 404.223.4000 or visit www.emcexpos.com.

September 2007 Events

Montreux Jazz Festival Atlanta at Underground Atlanta, Sept. 1-3

The Montreux Jazz Festival Atlanta is an internationally-renowned jazz festival and Atlanta is the only city to host this festival in North America. Multiple outdoor stages will feature a variety of music genres. At night, Kenny's Alley at Underground Atlanta will come alive as the clubs feature entertainment to compliment the weekend's festivities. The weekend will also include an interactive Kid's Zone, arts & crafts and food vendors. For more information, call 404.523.2311 or visit www.underground-atlanta.com.

39th Annual Yellow Daisy Festival at Stone Mountain Park, Sept. 6-9

The Stone Mountain Park Yellow Daisy Festival, voted the best arts and crafts show in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine four years in a row, hosts more than 500 artists and crafters from all over the United States who display their works for appreciation and purchase. The festival includes shopping, live entertainment, children's activities and fantastic festival foods. For more information, call 770.498.5690 or visit www.stonemountainpark.com.

10th Annual Atlantis Music Conference, Sept. 20-22

For four nights in September, Atlanta becomes home to some of the most exciting new music and industry insiders in the country. The conference features parties and offers artists and aspiring music business entrepreneurs an unparalleled 360-degree-view of the music business in a truly unique and focused environment as well as access to industry professionals. For more information, call 404.885.1365 or visit www.atlantismusic.com.

Atlanta Braves Fan Appreciation Weekend at Turner Field, Sept. 21-23

The Atlanta Braves will thank their fans for a season of tremendous support as the Braves take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Braves fans will be rewarded with valuable prizes throughout the games all weekend. For more information, call 1.800.326.4000 or visit www.braves.com.

Wine South Grand Festival 2007 at the Georgia World Congress Center, Sept. 28-30

The 8th Annual Wine South Festival is the premier wine and food event of the South. For the first time ever, the festival moves to a new venue at the Georgia World Congress Center where two days of events will feature more than 600 wines from every major wine growing region in the world. Upscale food samples from Atlanta's finest restaurants, cooking demonstrations, seminars, fine art displays and live music. For more information, call 404.223.4000 or visit www.winesouth.com.

The 17th Street Art Fair at Atlantic Station, Sept. 28-30

New to Atlantic Station, the 17th Street Art Fair is slated to bring the works of hundreds of national and international artists to Atlanta, showcasing a global art collection. The fair will give visitors a rare opportunity to meet and talk with international artists, sample fine cuisine, visit special exhibits and entertain kids with creative activities. For more information, call 404.260.3519 or visit www.atlanticstation.com.

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