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**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE BRINGS ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE TO LIFE
WITH NEW TEMPORARY EXHIBITION**

The History Museum of Mobile is proud to announce the January 10 opening of *Ancient Rome: The Empire That Shaped the World*, presented by AM/NS Calvert and the J.L. Bedsole Foundation. The most incredible machines and technologies from ancient Rome have been brought to life for the first time in two thousand years! From catapults to Gladiators to the secrets of the incredible Colosseum, experience the Roman Empire’s most impressive machines of war and peace.

Handcrafted by the Artisans of Florence International, this exhibition contains more than 30 interactive models that integrate science and history. Guests will be encouraged to explore the innovative machines that continue to influence the technologies of today. “The History Museum is excited to be able to bring this remarkable exhibit from Italy to Mobile, and we’re grateful our partners AM/NS Calvert and the J.L. Bedsole Foundation have allowed us to do just that,” said Meg McCrummen Fowler, director of the History Museum of Mobile.

This hands-on exhibit contains four areas that allow visitors to explore ancient Rome. “Military Genius” showcases the uniforms and weapons used by Julius Caesar’s armies to conquer the world. “All Roads Lead to Rome” examines the surveying and construction tools that are still being utilized in the modern day. “Building Rome” highlights the architectural masterpieces that inspire us to this day. “Entertainment and Lifestyle” contains clothing, ancient coins and stories of the gladiators who fought to the death in the Colosseum for the entertainment of the masses.



Schools groups may be able to visit the exhibition for free. Thanks to the generous support of the J.L. Bedsole Foundation, free admission and bus transportation funds are available on a first come, first served basis for Title I public schools in Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Monroe, Escambia, and Washington Counties. For more information or to check eligibility, schools should reach out to the museum's Curator of Education, Jennifer Theeck at (251) 301-0270.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to admire the weapons, technologies and artwork of the ancient Romans. *Ancient Rome: The Empire That Shaped the World* will inspire the next generation of inventors, engineers and artists to create technologies of the future! This exhibition will be on view until April 5, 2020.



HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE: The History Museum of Mobile is where Mobile's story begins. Over 117,000 objects weave together the rich, diverse, and often turbulent histories of Mobile and the surrounding area, from the prehistoric past to the present. Located in the heart of downtown, the History Museum is in the Old City Hall - Southern Market building at 111 South Royal Street. For more information, please visit: www.historymuseumofmobile.com

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