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HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE <u>RECEIVES GRANT FOR</u> AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

The History Museum of Mobile is pleased to announce that it has received a grant of \$1800 from the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA), the state arts agency.

This grant was given to the museum in support of an African American Music Festival that will be held at the History Museum on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This special program was developed for Title 1 schools in Mobile County and will serve approximately 450 students. Through this free event, students will learn about the different genres of music developed by African Americans – Spirituals, Blues, and Jazz. Students will also enjoy musical performances by artists who specialize in each genre.

ASCA grants are awarded through a multi-faceted competitive review process. This grant signifies that the History Museum provides programs of artistic quality, serves the needs of the community and demonstrates high-level administrative standards, as well as enhancing the education of students at all levels.

This grant awarded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts is made possible through funding from an annual appropriation from the Alabama State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. This public support enables the History Museum to reach new audiences, foster community development, provide the highest quality programming, and demonstrate the importance of arts as a component for quality of life in Alabama.

The History Museum of Mobile is committed to providing quality educational experiences to local and regional schools and the general public. It is located at 111 S. Royal St. in historic downtown Mobile.

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HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE: Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 South Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9

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a.m. -5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. -5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (251) 208-7569.

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