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**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE TO HOST AWARD-WINNING
FILMMAKER MARGARET BROWN**

The History Museum of Mobile will host award-winning filmmaker Margaret Brown at its April 8 Learning Lunch at noon. The trailer of the documentary will be viewed followed by a discussion with the filmmaker.



The Mobile native will discuss the making of her newest documentary, [*The Great Invisible*](#), which offers the first comprehensive overview of the Deepwater Horizon disaster and its aftermath. This film interweaves personal stories, insight from industry insiders, and news footage of the disaster and its aftermath, creating an intimate and emotional look at the people still haunted by the explosion long after the story has faded from the front page.



During the making of this documentary, Margaret Brown traveled to small towns and major cities across Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas to explore the fallout of the environmental disaster. Years later, Gulf state residents still haunted by the Deepwater Horizon explosion provided first-hand accounts of their ongoing experiences.

"We're delighted to welcome Margaret Brown back to the History Museum," said David E. Alsobrook, PhD, Director of the History Museum of Mobile. "We're very fortunate here in the Mobile Bay area to live among so many creative voices of conscience who continually remind us of the eternal verities and what's truly important to us and our descendants--Winston Groom, John Sledge, Roy Hoffman, Watt Key, Rick Bragg, and Frye Gaillard, just to mention a few. Filmmaker Margaret Brown is also one of these creative artists who consistently tell us what we need to hear rather than what we want to hear. Such is the case with her latest highly-acclaimed documentary, *The Great Invisible*. Her sensitive, incisive film about the oil spill's devastating impact upon the people who live and work on the Gulf Coast is of equal historical and cultural significance as any written documentation of this environmental disaster."

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The "great invisible" that gives the film its title is still out there — the unseen crude that sunk to the ocean floor and the unanswered questions about the consequences of oil consumption on a massive scale. These environmental concerns are represented in the History Museum's newest exhibit, *What's at Stake?*, which also includes clips of *The Great Invisible*, courtesy of RADiUS. Visitors can view the work of more than 20 local artists exploring the Gulf Coast's natural environment affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.



The Great Invisible premieres on [PBS's Independent Lens](#) and on [Pivot](#) Monday, April 20 at 9:00 PM CST. Representatives from the network will be in attendance.

[Learning Lunch](#) is a discussion series sponsored by the museum. It features free presentations about the rich diversity of southwest Alabama at noon on select Wednesdays of every month. Guests enjoy complimentary beverages and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

For more information about the History Museum, contact the museum at (251) 208-7652 or e-mail museumrelations@cityofmobile.org.

Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 S. 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 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free.

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