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FEBRUARY LEARNING LUNCH AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE WILL FEATURE STEVE JOYNT, PUBLISHER OF THE MOBILE MASK

The History Museum of Mobile's Learning Lunch Program is on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 12pm and will feature Editor and Publisher of the Mobile Mask Magazine, Steve Joynt. He will deliver his presentation titled, *Mardi Gras 2021 in 15 Objects*.

Steve Joynt spent over 30 years in the journalism industry, starting in high school as a copy boy for his hometown newspaper, *The Richmond News Leader*, in Richmond Virginia. He attended the University of Virginia, and earned degrees in English and American Government. He then attended Columbia University, and earned his Master's degree in Journalism. He spent 15 years as a reporter for the *Birmingham Post Herald* and then 11 years with the *Mobile Press Register*, where he eventually became the Assistant City Editor. He covered everything from hurricanes and plane crashes, and interviewed all kinds of people, from rock stars to notorious killers. After leaving the *Press Register* in 2011, he founded Thrown Ventures, Publishing and Printing Company. He shares the uniquely rich story of Mobile Mardi Gras through the annual publication of *Mobile Mask*.

The History Museum of Mobile invites the general public to attend the free Learning Lunch lecture series. Guests are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy a presentation on an historical or cultural topic. For more information on Learning Lunch, contact Jennifer Theeck, Curator of Education, at (251) 301-0270 or by email at <u>theeckj@historymuseumofmobile.com</u>.

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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