

WHAT CAN I DO TODAY IN MEMPHIS?

Rhodes Open House ♦ Monday, October 13, 2008

Indie Memphis Film Festival – Now in its 11th year, Indie Memphis utilizes Memphis' rich cultural history to serve as a connecting point for regional filmmakers from all corners of the country and provides a showcase for films celebrating Southern stories and storytelling. The festival builds bridges that inspire filmmakers and film lovers to collaborate and connect in the unique creative landscape that is the home of the Blues and the birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll. Malco's Studio on the Square, 2105 Court Avenue – close to Rhodes.

In Spite of Race: The Robert R. Church Family – Highlights the lives of many members of this extraordinary family, from Robert R. Church, Sr., Memphis' first black millionaire, to his granddaughter Roberta Church, an influential member of the Eisenhower administration. Presented at the Memphis Pink Palace Museum. For more information, call 901-320-6362 or visit memphismuseums.org, 3050 Central Avenue.

On Track in Memphis! Pink Palace Museum – Get on board for an exciting ride into the world of model trains. This fun and colorful exhibit comes courtesy of the Memphis Society of Model Railroaders. Model railroading has everything – trains, travel, people, buildings, trees, deserts, mountains, lakes, bridges, towns – anything you can image. Admission: \$8.25 for adults, \$7.75 for seniors and \$5.75 for children. Pink Palace Museum, Bodine Exhibit Hall, 3050 Central Avenue.

Cedar Hill Farm Corn Maize – Experience the corn maize turned haunted on Friday & Saturday nights, along with the Haunted Hayride and Trail of Terror. These three unique attractions will begin at dark. Other fall activities include pick your own pumpkin, petting zoo, pony rides, hay fort, chicken show and tractor-drawn hayrides. For more information, call or visit the Cedar Hill Farm Web site at cedarhills.com. Cedar Hill Farm, 008 Love Road, Hernando, MS 38632.

Anybody and Nobody: Andy Warhol Photographs – A more in-depth look at the “sketches” of one of the most influential artists of the 21st century. Art Museum of the University of Memphis, 142 Communication/Fine Arts Building.

Scarecrows at Lichterman – These scarecrows will be lurking in demonstration gardens and even sitting on benches around Lichterman's Lawn. Each Scarecrow delivers messages ranging from recycling to planting for wildlife, all of which relate to the display area. Lichterman Nature Center, 5992 Quince Road.

Margaret Cogswell: Mississippi River Fugues – Mississippi River Fugues is a site-specific installation that uses the musical structure of a fugue to weave together video and audio components exploring the interdependency of people, industry, and river waters in post-industrial cities. Admission is free and open to the public. Art Museum at the University of Memphis, 3750 Norriswood.

Color Play: Exploring the Art and Science of Color – Explore more of the world of color and its artistic and scientific attributes at the Children's Museum of Memphis. For more information, call 901-458-2678 or visit the museum's Web site at cmom.com. 2525 Central Avenue.

Photographs from the *Memphis World, 1949-1964* – *The Memphis World*, an African-American newspaper published from 1931 to 1973, chronicled the complexity and variety of its readers' lives. Behind some of the seemingly ordinary images is evidence of the courage, dignity and ingenuity that citizens brought to bear on the living conditions in the Jim Crow South. The Brooks Museum, 1934 Poplar Avenue – very close to Rhodes.

Exhibit: *I SHOT RAY CHARLES* – This collection of color and black-and-white images of the late, great Ray Charles features the singer, songwriter, and entertainer in an array of environments, from back stage and behind the scenes to portraits and live performance photos. *I SHOT RAY CHARLES* is on loan from the California African American Museum (CAAM), which recently hosted the Stax Museum's exhibit *WATTSTAX: I Am Somebody*, which debuted at the Stax Museum in 2004. Stax Museum of American Soul Music, 926 E. McLemore Avenue.

IMAX: Prehistoric Sea Monsters and Roving Mars. For more information, call 901-320-6362 or visit memphismuseums.org. CTI Imax Theatre, 3050 Central Avenue.

Our Place in Space – Complete an astronomy crossword puzzle with a host of endangered animals as your guide and find the answer to clues such as, "A Milky Way that's not a candy bar?" \$4.50 adults, \$4 seniors, \$4 children, under 3 free. No reservations needed. Sharpe Planetarium, Memphis Pink Palace Museum, 3050 Central Avenue.

WHAT CAN I DO EVERY DAY IN MEMPHIS?

Mud Island Riverpark – Experience the Mississippi. Enjoy a scale model of the lower river – you can even dip your feet in. Canoe or kayak the harbor and explore the 18-gallery Mississippi River Museum. Located downtown off of Front Street.

Beale Street – One of America's most famous musical streets. Located in the heart of downtown Memphis with three blocks of more than 30 nightclubs, restaurants and retail shops. Music includes traditional blues, jazz and rock 'n' roll.

Soulsville: Stax Museum of American Soul Music – Mon through Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m.-5 p.m. \$9 adults, \$6 children. 926 East McLemore. 901-946-2535.

Smithsonian's Rock and Soul Museum – Located in the FedEx Forum off of Beale Street. According to the Smithsonian Institution, "in the quest to identify the roots of America's music, all roads lead to Memphis." \$8.50 adults, \$5 children. Open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

National Civil Rights Museum – Off of South Main, downtown. Housed in the historic Lorraine Motel, this museum is the first of its kind in the country. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors 55+ and students, \$6.50 children 4-17. Mon. – Sat. 9a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1p.m.-6 p.m. A special exhibit titled "Living History" is on display until June.

Graceland – 3734 Elvis Presley Boulevard, phone 901-332-3322. Admission: Platinum tour: \$25.25 adults, \$22.73 seniors/students, \$12.25 child. Mansion only: \$16.25 adults, \$14.63 seniors/students, \$6.25 child. Mon - Sat 9a.m.-5p.m., Sun 10a.m.-4p.m.

Brooks Museum of Art – Located in Overton park, across the street from Rhodes. This dynamic cultural complex consists of 29 galleries and encompasses works in all media made throughout the world, from antiquity to the present day. Special exhibits include "The Pop Environment" and "A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr." \$6 adults. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. 901-544-6200.

Gibson Beale Street Showcase – Get an up-close look at Gibson guitars being crafted by hand. Tours at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2 pm. \$10 per person, ages 12 and up only. 145 Lt. George W. Lee Avenue, a block south of Beale Street. 901-544-7998.

Pink Palace Museum, IMAX and Sharpe Planetarium – 3050 Central Avenue. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5.50 children. Special exhibits include "In Spite of Race, The Robert Church Family" and "Gregor Mendel Genetics." The IMAX is showing "Deep Sea" and "Roving Mars." Also visit the Sharpe Planetarium for "Visions of a Spring Night" and "Our Place in Space." For more information, call 901-320-6362.

Memphis Zoo – Located in Overton Park, across the street from Rhodes. See the adorable giant pandas and the newly constructed Northwest Passage! Admission: \$10.00 adults, \$9.00 seniors, \$6.00 ages 2-11. Hours of operation: Mar-Oct: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun Studio features a guided tour of the legendary studio where Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash began their careers. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$9.50 per person, children under 12 are free. 706 Union Avenue. 800-441-6249.

Shopping at Oak Court Mall on Poplar Ave, Laurelwood Shopping Center on Poplar, Saddle Creek outdoor mall on Poplar, Wolfchase Galleria on Germantown Parkway, and boutiques in Midtown.

And so much more!

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