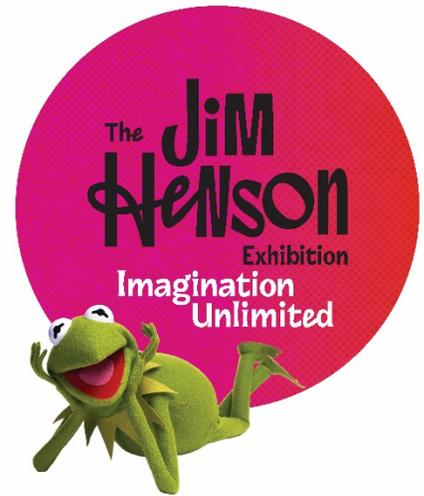


Bring your Museum or Community Theater Group to The MAX! The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited

A wonderful excursion for Senior Adult and Youth Groups

Travel to Meridian, Mississippi and experience the South's spectacular new museum showcasing Mississippi's arts and entertainment legacy, honoring our creative legends, and inspiring tomorrow's artists. Organize your motor coach trip today! It's easy and can also serve as a fundraiser for your organization.

The Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience is presenting [The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited](#), a new and compelling attraction that explores the life of Mississippi-native Jim Henson and the impact that his creations have had on popular culture. Meridian is the only venue in the southeastern US to present this exhibition!



The traveling exhibition runs through May 4, 2019, and will feature Henson's iconic Muppets and other puppet creations from familiar productions like *Sesame Street*, *The Muppets*, *Fraggle Rock*, *The Dark Crystal*, and much more. Visitors, school groups and people of all ages can experience Henson's creations and see how his early work in film and television evolved into the magical worlds that have become so familiar to audiences worldwide.

The exhibit will also provide behind-the-scenes glimpses to reveal how Henson and his crew of voice actors, builders, and creators created an iconic family of puppets and characters that continue to entertain both children and adults.

"Jim Henson was a creator and entertainer with a unique vision, and he had a tremendous influence on our culture by giving us magical characters and worlds that many of us grew up with," said Mark Tullos, Executive Director of The MAX. "This is yet another amazing story of a native Mississippian who left his mark on the world, and this exhibit allows visitors to retrace Henson's life from his early years in Leland, Mississippi, to the studios of PBS, to the film sets of major motion pictures."

The exhibition features a broad range of artifacts related to Henson's unparalleled career, including more than 20 puppets, character sketches, storyboards, scripts, photographs, film and television clips, behind-the-scenes footage, and iconic costumes. It also features interactive experiences that allow visitors to try their hand at puppeteering on camera and designing a puppet character.

Imagination Unlimited begins with a brief look at Henson's early life through reproductions of some of his early drawings and sketches, then follows his steady rise and immense contributions to the art and industry of the moving image. Highlights include a Kermit the Frog puppet from 1978; handwritten scripts from Henson's first television series, *Sam and Friends* (1955-1961); a clip from his Academy Award-nominated experimental film, *Time Piece* (1965); Jen and Kira puppets from *The Dark Crystal* (1982); iconic *Sesame Street* puppets including Grover, Ernie, Bert, and Count von Count; and costumes from *Labyrinth* (1986).

About The MAX

By shining the spotlight on Mississippi's statewide contributions in arts and entertainment, The MAX guides visitors to other towns and museums throughout the state - from Tupelo's Elvis, to Indianola's B. B. King, to Pascagoula's Jimmy Buffett, to Jackson's Eudora Welty, to Ocean Springs' Walter Anderson, and many more.

The immersive exhibits at The MAX take you behind the scenes to the birthplace of the stars. Come explore their cultural influences, glimpse their earliest forms of creative expression, and see the raw creative process behind the polished work you know and love. Stroll the beautiful avenue and enjoy interactive presentations and films in the artist's living room and writer's studio. Explore Mississippi foodways in the kitchen and our musical heritage in a recreation of a Delta Juke Joint!

HOW TO PLAN

Organize your motor coach trip today! It's easy. First contact a motor coach service for pricing and available dates. Here are a few.

MOTOR COACH COMPANIES

BSCI Tour and Travel

<https://bscitourandtravel.com/>

ACR Coach

<http://www.acrcoach.com/>

Cline Tours

<https://www.clinetours.com/>

Corinth Charters

<https://corinthcharters.com/>

US Coachways

<https://www.uscoachways.com/charter-bus/mississippi-ms-charter-bus-services.html>

PLAN YOUR TIMETABLE

Your motorcoach provider can give you travel time estimates. The time needed to tour the Henson exhibition is approximately 90 minutes to two hours. To tour the rest of exhibitions in The MAX takes between two and four hours depending on the visitor.

Take a break for lunch!

We have a wonderful restaurants within a mile of The MAX including the historic Weidman's and Harvest Grill a farm to table menu. Your group may prefer to place a delivery order from our list of restaurants and have lunch in our café area adjacent to the Hall of Fame.

PLAN YOUR BUDGET

Here is a sample budget: A motorcoach holds 55 passengers.

Motor coach seat per guest: \$45 (depending on distance)

Admission rate: \$17 for Henson and The MAX or \$5 for Henson Only.

Snacks per guest during the road trip: \$4

Driver gratuity: \$100 divided between 55 guest = \$1.80

Box Lunch and drinks \$9.00 (includes drink)

Example Total: \$76.80 per guest

You also may want to add other treats like muffins and juice on the morning journey, and bottle tea and water with a snack on the return trip.

Make it a fundraiser! Round up the price. Example: if your organization sold seats at \$100 each and there were 50 sold that would leave 5 for your staff and a profit of \$1,160. Round it up at a lower rate if you need to. From our experience, many people enjoy the carefree group tour experience. No driving, navigating, parking, arrangements, etc. Plus, your staff gets to spend time with friends and supporters of your organization.

To book your group's tour, contact Ethan Grisham, Tour Manager at 601-581-1550 x 31, ethan@msarts.org



**The Jim
Henson**
Exhibition
Imagination
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Admission:

Adults

\$17 Jim Henson Exhibition + Museum

\$14 Museum Only

\$5 Jim Henson Only

Youth 13-17

\$11 Jim Henson Exhibition + Museum

\$8 Museum Only

\$5 Jim Henson Only

Students, Seniors + Active Military

\$15 Jim Henson Exhibition + Museum

\$12 Museum Only

\$5 Jim Henson Only

Members and Children 5 + Under FREE