

The MAX March | April Events

Ongoing

Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited

Now through May 4, 9am–5pm

The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited is a dynamic new visitor experience exploring Jim Henson's groundbreaking work for film and television and his transformative impact on popular culture. The exhibition includes more than 20 puppets, storyboards, photos, film and television clips, costumes, and interactives. Free for Members | \$5 Non-members | Kids 5 and under Free

Make + Take Workshops

Saturdays; every half hour, 1–3pm

Young visitors to The MAX make an art project to take home. Activities are led by a museum educator in the second floor classroom. A parent or caregiver must be present for every two children. Free with MAX admission.

Mini Maestros Programs

10am

Play is the work of early childhood, and children 4 and under are invited to play at The MAX in our programs for the very young. Free for toddlers and their parents/caregivers with adult admission to The MAX. Limit two children per adult. Registration required.

Mini Maestros in the Exhibits: 3/6, 4/3

Mini Maestros Jamboree: 3/9, 4/13

Mini Maestros Enrichment: 3/21, 4/18

Mommy + Me Fitness

Thursdays through April 25, 9–10am

From yoga to stroller aerobics, Leslie and Erin from Elegance Ballroom lead Mommy + Me Fitness classes at The MAX. The type of class varies, and moms and their children are invited to all. \$5 Members | \$7 Non-Members

March

Puppet Building Workshop

March 1, 4–8pm

High school students, learn how to build large parade puppets from the Wood & Strings Theatre company, and with your puppet, join us in the Meridian Mardi Gras parade the next day! Funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and The MAX. Class is limited 10. Free with registration.

Mardi Gras Day + Night at The MAX!

March 2, 9am–6pm

Join us for **Mississippi Day**, a day of fun in downtown Meridian! Stop by The MAX after Meridian's Mardi Gras parade—we'll be celebrating Mardi Gras with our discount admission. MAX exhibits: \$5 Adults | \$1 Youth. Jim Henson Exhibit: \$5. Both exhibits: \$8 Adults | \$4 Youth | Kids 5 and under FREE for all exhibits.

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5–6pm

Wood & Strings Puppet Theatre presents "Out of the Mist a Dragon," the story of a young man's journey of self-discovery. Join us for this special presentation followed by a Q&A session. Funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and The MAX. Free and open to the public.

8:30–11:30pm

Dance the night away at the **Mardi Gras Masquerade After-Party**, sponsored by the City of Meridian and The MAX. Costumes encouraged! Music by LuV Undercover; food and beverages for sale. One drink ticket with admission. \$20 per person | Free for members or with a Mardi Gras Symphony Concert ticket stub

Movie Screening: The Muppet Movie

March 8, 12–1pm and 6:30–8:30pm

Join us at The MAX for our first Lunch + a Movie—a preview of tonight's screening of *The Muppet Movie*! Ward Emling, Retired Director of the Mississippi Film Commission, will introduce the film. He'll show snippets from the movie, discuss its connection to Mississippi and its importance to film history. Free and open to the public.

The Muppet Movie will be screened at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm. The screening is free and open to the public. *The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited* will be open for extended hours 6–9pm, admission fees apply.

Family Workshop: Painted Pottery + Plantings

March 10, 3–4pm

Get ready for Spring! Bring your family downtown for an afternoon of fun with flora, painting flowerpots and filling them with plantings. Free and open to the public. Registration required by March 8.

Sims School Choir Concert

March 15, 11am–12pm

As part of their trip to The MAX, students from Sims Middle School in Pace, Florida will perform a choir concert for our community. Stop by for a free hour of music in the Citizens National Bank courtyard.

Calligraphy with Graham Carraway

March 16, 9am–12pm

Introduction to Copperplate is your one-stop calligraphy course with hands-on guidance and one-on-one instruction. You will walk away with a solid foundation of the fundamentals of calligraphy and the knowledge to create beautiful script. All supplies included. Ages 16 and up. Class size limited to 20. Registration required. \$50 Members | \$75 Non-members



Mississippi's Arts + Entertainment Experience

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Movie Screening: *Labyrinth*

March 22, 12–1pm and 6:30–8:30pm

Enjoy a preview of Jim Henson's *Labyrinth* at our second Lunch + A Movie series. Ward Emling, Retired Director of the Mississippi Film Commission, will show snippets from the movie, discuss its connection to Mississippi and its importance to film history. Free and open to the public.

Labyrinth will be screened at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm. The screening is free and open to the public. *The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited* will be open for extended hours 6–9pm, admission fees apply.

Brown Bag Lunch

March 21, 11:30am–1pm

The Brown Bag Lunch series returns to The MAX! Bring your lunch to the courtyard and enjoy a performance by singer/songwriter and Meridian native Emily White.

MAXEats: Cast Iron Cooking with Nick Wallace

March 28, 6–8pm

Join Nick Wallace for a cooking demonstration featuring cast iron cookery. Chef Nick blends his family-farm origins with sophisticated French techniques to create exceptional dining experiences. Registration required. General Admission: \$50 Members, \$55 Non-members | VIP Tickets (10 spots available) \$60 Members, \$65 Non-members | Limited seating.

Phone Photography for Professionals w/ Kim Rushing

March 30, 9am–12pm

What is the best camera to have? The one that's in your pocket! You will use your phone's camera and free or inexpensive image manipulation apps to learn advanced image making. We will look at a variety of output options, including social media and printing. Class size limited to 20. Registration required. \$25 Members | \$30 Non-members

April

Plant Swap with Felder Rushing

April 6, 9–11am

Get ready to garden! Felder Rushing, the Gestalt Gardner, will be at The MAX to lead a plant swap and chat about gardening. Bring a labeled pest-free plant (flower, vegetable, or herb). It can be a seedling or a full grown plant, potted or bare rooted—just promise to give it some TLC when you get home. Free with museum admission. Registration required.

Phone Photography for Families w/ Kim Rushing

April 6, 1–4pm

The best camera to have is the one that's in your pocket! In this workshop, you will use your phone's camera and free or inexpensive image manipulation apps to learn how to produce great family photos. Ages 16 and up. Class size limited to 20. Registration required. \$25 Members | \$30 Non-members

MAXSpeaks: 2019 Youth Poetry Contest + Slam

April 11, 5–7pm

You're invited to a poetry contest at The MAX, open to 8th–12th grade students from across the state. There are two categories: Poetry Recitation (students choose a poet and poem to recite), or Poetry Slam (students perform their original poetry). Participants can participate in one category only. Registration required for contestants.

Family Workshop: Balloon Poetry

April 14, 3–4pm

Bring the whole family and participate in this active and creative event—family members will pop balloons filled with phrases and words and create a piece of poetry. Great for families with readers. Free and open to the public.

WineDown: Sauvignon Blanc

April 18, 6:30–9pm

It's time for another WineDown! Join us for our spring WineDown, a unique wine-tasting contest featuring Sauvignon Blanc! For rules of the game, visit msarts.org or contact Margo at 601-581-1550, ext.24. Registration required. \$15 person | Free for Members

MAXEats: Jazz Your Grits with An Howard Hill

April 25, 6–8pm

Join local chef An Howard Hill for a cooking demonstration celebrating Mississippi's culinary heritage—featuring grits from Sciple Mill (just a stone's throw from Meridian). Registration required. Limited seating. \$40 Members | \$45 Non-members

Encaustics with Terrell Taylor

April 27, 9am–3pm

Also known as hot wax painting, encaustics applies melted and pigmented beeswax to a wood surface. Other materials can be layered into the painting using the beeswax to adhere them to the surface of the painting. Ages 16 and up. Class size limited to 12. Registration required. \$40 Members | \$45 Non-members

Spring Class Series

Beginner's Hip Hop Dance

Tuesdays, April 9–30; 5:30–6:30pm

Build your street dancing skills in this progressive course and learn the cultural history of the Hip Hop Dance style. Registration required. Four-week course. \$15 before April 1 | \$25 after April 1

Beginner's Ceramic Glazing

Tuesdays, April 9–30; 6–8pm

Dillan Ladner instructs this four-week course on glazing ceramic pieces for ages 16 and up. All materials included in the course fee. Registration required. \$60 Members | \$75 Non-Members | \$65 Seniors 65+

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