

The MAX Spring | Summer 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 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

Thursdays: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | June 6, 13, 20, 27 |
July 11, 18, 25 | 10:30–11:30am

Play is the work of early childhood; children four and under are invited to play at The MAX! Our summer theme is "Picnics", so bring a lunch and enjoy music, crafts, and the outdoors every Thursday in May. Free for toddlers and their parents/caregivers with adult admission. Limit two children per adult. Registration required.

Members Only: Open Ceramics Studio

Tuesdays + Thursdays beginning April 2, 11am–2pm

Take your lunch hour to The MAX! For three hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the ceramic studio will be open to our members. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. Available space in the studio is first come, first serve. Includes materials and firing. \$40 per month. Registration required by the first of each month.

April

Brown Bag Lunch: Josh Rosonet

April 18, 11:30am–1pm

Bring a friend (and your lunch) to The MAX courtyard for April's Brown Bag Lunch concert! This month's artist is Tupelo vocalist/guitarist Josh Rosonet. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi's Entertainment Industry program, Josh has worked as a full-time musician for 10 years. Free and open to the public.

WineDown: Sauvignon Blanc

April 18, 6:30–9pm

Join us for our Spring WineDown, a unique wine-tasting contest featuring Sauvignon Blanc! **Rules of the Game:** Put together a team of 1–3 participants. Each team brings three identical bottles of Sauvignon Blanc (two chilled). The chilled wine is anonymously bagged, the third placed in "the pot." Participants are provided a score card and complimentary MAX wine glass. They taste and score the wines, scores are tallied, and the team with the highest score wins "the pot." For more information and to register your team, visit msarts.org or call 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. Ages 16+. Class size limited to 12. Registration required. \$40 Members | \$45 Non-members

May

Jimmie Rodgers Festival:

St. Paul & The Broken Bones Concert

May 2, 6:30–10pm

Join us for a great night of music—*NPR* describes St. Paul & The Broken Bones as "a sound that keeps getting weirder, more inventive and...more committed than ever to the pleasures of sprightly, joyous funk." Opening for St. Paul is Los Coast. The concert will be held in the Citizens National Bank Courtyard at The MAX. Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm. **To purchase tickets, visit jimmierodgersmusicfestival.com** General Admission \$20 | VIP General Admission \$50

First Anniversary Celebration

An Evening at The MAX 2019

May 3, 7pm–Midnight

This upscale cocktail party includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing under the stars to the music of Compozitionz. There's both a silent and a live auction, and food and libations by Pretty Presentations. And this evening will be your last opportunity to see *The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited*. Attire is Queen City Dressy—Cocktail. Tickets \$150

Mississippi Day: Leland

May 4; 9am–5pm

What better way to say goodbye to Kermit than to visit The MAX on this Mississippi Day—celebrating Jim Henson's hometown of Leland. *The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited* ends today, so don't miss this last opportunity to celebrate the creative genius of Jim Henson. Discount admissions—The MAX Only: \$5 All Adults | \$1 Youth 6–17. The Jim Henson Exhibition Only: \$5 All Adults + Youth. Both Exhibits: \$8 All Adults | \$4 Youth 6–17. Kids 5 and under + Members are always FREE!

Steve Forbert

Walk of Fame Star Installation + Book Signing

May 4, 2–4pm

Join us on this Saturday afternoon as we honor one of Meridian's own, Steve Forbert.

The MAX Walk of Fame Star Installation: Steve joins 26 other Mississippi artists, writers, and performers honored with a star on The MAX Walk of Fame. His star will be unveiled on 22nd Avenue, near Weidmann's, at 2pm. Free and open to the public.

More 

For more information or to register for events, visit

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May Events *Continued*

Book Signing: Steve Forbert's *Big City Cat: My Life in Folk-Rock* focuses on his early NYC days and his career up to the present. This insightful and humorous memoir is the story of a talented survivor, a glimpse into a musician's life and the challenges faced and lessons learned in a changing industry. Copies available for purchase. Following the Walk of Fame star installation.

Jimmie Rodgers Festival: Steve Forbert Concert

May 4, 6:30–10pm

Rounding out the Jimmie Rodgers Festival is a much anticipated and long overdue performance by singer/songwriter and Meridian native Steve Forbert at the Temple Theater. Opening for Steve is Nashville artist Paul Burch. **To purchase tickets, visit jimmierodgersmusicfestival.com**

DATE CHANGE

Family Workshop: Balloon Poetry

May 5, 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.

Brown Bag Lunch: Louis Ball

May 16, 11:30am–1pm

The MAX is proud to present one of its own, keyboardist Louis Ball, at our May concert. Bring your lunch (and a friend), find a seat in the courtyard, and settle in for an hour of great music. Free and open to the public.

Earth's Bounty + The MAX present Night Market 2

May 16, 5–9pm

Welcome to our second Night Market! We're partnering with Meridian Council for the Arts and Earth's Bounty to bring artisans and foodies together. There will be live music, beer and wine, a farm to table experience, artists, artisans, farm vendors, food trucks, and more. Free and open to the public.

Movie Preview + Screening: Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

May 17, 12–1pm and 7–9pm

The MAX Summer Film Series features iconic actor James Earl Jones, born in Arkabutla, MS. We start off with Jones in perhaps his best known role—the voice of Darth Vader—in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Ward Emling, Retired Director of the Mississippi Film Commission, will be here to preview the movie from noon–1pm. The full length screening of *Rogue One* begins promptly at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Free and open to the public.

Other films in the series include *Coming to America* (June 21), *Sneakers* (July 19), and *The Sandlot* (August 2).

Exhibit Opening

Material Pulses: Seven Viewpoints

May 25, 9am–5pm

Material Pulses: Seven Viewpoints,* the next changing exhibit at The MAX, focuses on the art of quilt making and represents seven fiber artists from around the world. *Mississippi Quiltings* is the materialization of talent from right here in Mississippi. Twenty quilts were selected from submissions of original quilts by artists from across the state to make up this exhibit. On view through August 11, 2019. Free with museum admission.

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June

Blues Series: King Edward

June 14, 6–9pm

Tonight's featured Blues artist is Edward "King Edward" Antoine. Planted firmly in his chair, King Edward picks his guitar and shares his music all over the country. "I've been everywhere, but my best music was right here. Mississippi blues artists are moving back here because the blues is coming back," says King Edward in an interview with the *Jackson Free Press*. Food and beverages available for purchase. \$20 Non-members | FREE for Members

Brown Bag Lunch: Ra'Shad The Blues Kid

June 20, 11:30am–1pm

Ra'Shad The Blues Kid is our featured artist for June's Brown Bag Lunch concert. Ra'Shad is an Urban/R&B/Southern Soul artist who performs from the heart. Bring your lunch down to the Courtyard at The MAX and enjoy music by this soulful singer from Laurel. Free and open to the public.

Movie Preview + Screening: *Coming to America*

June 21, 12–1pm and 7–9pm

We continue our salute to James Earl Jones with *Coming to America* (1988). Jones stars as King Jaffe Joffer, father of Eddie Murphy's character Prince Akeem in this comedy/romance. Ward Emling, Retired Director of the Mississippi Film Commission, will be here to preview the movie from noon–1pm. The full length screening of *Coming to America* begins promptly at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Free and open to the public.

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July

MAXSpeaks: "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?"

July 13, 4–5pm

John Maxwell becomes William Faulkner in this one-man show, "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?". Based on Faulkner's life, the show includes recollections of his days in Hollywood writing screenplays, stories about his family, an amusing and highly insightful Q&A, and much more. It's a powerful evening of theatre and literature, entertainment and enlightenment! Free and open to the public.

Movie Preview + Screening: *Sneakers*

July 19, 12–1pm and 7–9pm

The third film in our Summer Film Series is *Sneakers*. James Earl Jones plays NSA Agent Bernard Abbott in this crime drama released in 1992. Ward Emling, Retired Director of the Mississippi Film Commission, will be here to preview the movie from noon–1pm. The full length screening of *Sneakers* begins promptly at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Free and open to the public.

The last film in the series is *The Sandlot* (August 2).



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