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**LOCAL ATTRACTIONS SIGN ON FOR
MUSEUM DAY 2007 PRESENTED BY
SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE AND HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA**

*—THIRD ANNUAL MUSEUM DAY FEATURES
FREE GENERAL ADMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2007—*



9/20/07 - On Saturday, September 29, 2007, the 1797 Ezekiel Harris House, Augusta Museum of History, National Science Center's Fort Discovery and Morris Museum of Art will participate in the third annual "Museum Day," presented by *SMITHSONIAN* magazine and Hyundai America. Joining the Smithsonian Institution's tradition of offering free admission to visitors, museums and cultural institutions nationwide will open their doors free of charge to the general public. Celebrating culture, learning and knowledge,

Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine and the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based facilities.

“Museum Day is an outstanding way for the 1797 Ezekiel Harris House, Augusta Museum of History, Fort Discovery and Morris Museum of Art to participate in a nationwide celebration of the country's cultural offerings. Participation in Museum Day stays true to the Smithsonian's Mission by encouraging the dissemination of knowledge nationwide and aligns with the Augusta Museum of History's mission of sharing and enriching the history of the CSRA for present and future generations,” said Nancy Glaser, Executive Director of Augusta Museum of History.

Rob Dennis, President and CEO of The National Science Center said, “Being a part of Smithsonian Museum Day is a great way for The National Science Center to become involved with another national organization that recognizes the value of promoting education and learning initiatives.”

Kevin Grogan, director of Augusta's Morris Museum of Art, stated that, “We're pleased to celebrate National Museum Day with our friends and colleagues at Augusta's other museums. Every day, year in and year out, all of these fine institutions educate, inform, enlighten, and entertain the residents of and visitors to the CSRA, and they contribute significantly to the economic vitality and quality of life here.”

Attendees must present *Smithsonian* magazine's Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry to the local participating institutions. The Museum Day Admission Card is available in the September issue of *Smithsonian* magazine or a free downloadable version is available on the Museum Day website at www.smithsonian.com/museumdaycard. The general public is welcome to participate by going to the Smithsonian.com website and downloading the Museum Day Admission Card.

During last year's Museum Day, forty-nine states were represented by 448 participating museums.

The 1797 Ezekiel Harris House will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Museum Day. Said to be the “finest eighteenth-century house surviving in Georgia”, the Ezekiel Harris House is an outstanding example of early Federal style architecture. Fully restored in 1964 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Ezekiel Harris House is a reminder of the days when tobacco was the primary cash crop of Georgia.

Founded in 1937, the Augusta Museum of History is Augusta's oldest historical agency devoted to the preservation and presentation of local and regional history. Located at 560 Reynolds Street in downtown Augusta, the Museum is home to the award-winning permanent exhibition, "Augusta's Story," a 12,000 year journey through the region's rich and diverse past. In 2005, the Museum achieved accreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM). The Augusta Museum of History is Augusta's only accredited museum and one of only thirteen in the state. From early Indians to The Godfather of Soul, James Brown, Augusta's history is brimming with the people and the forces that make Augusta a historical journey worth taking!

The National Science Center's headquarters, Fort Discovery, is located on the Riverwalk in downtown Augusta. This 128,000 square-foot family-oriented math and science center fires the imaginations of children and adults by making math, science and technology come alive with 250 hands-on exhibits, custom digital theater programs, a portable planetarium, educational workshops and demonstrations. Fort Discovery also serves as the home-base for an array of national educational outreach programs.

The Morris Museum of Art, located at 1 Tenth Street on the Riverwalk in Downtown Augusta, is the first museum dedicated to the art and artists of the American South. The collection includes more than 4,000 paintings, works on paper, photographs, and sculptures dating from the late-eighteenth century to the present. In addition to the permanent collection galleries, the museum hosts eight to ten temporary special exhibitions every year. The museum also houses the Center for the Study of Southern Art, a reference and research library that includes archives pertaining to artists working in the South.

Now in its 70th year, the **Augusta Museum of History** was established for the purpose of preserving and sharing the material history of Augusta and the Central Savannah River Area. From a 10,000 year-old projectile point to a 1914 locomotive, the collections chronicle a rich and fascinating past. The museum is located at 560 Reynolds Street in downtown Augusta. Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Closed Monday. Admission: Adult: \$4 • Senior: \$3 • Child (6-18): \$2 • Child (5 & under): Free.

The **1797 Ezekiel Harris House** is located at 1822 Broad Street. Tours *by appointment only* Tuesday – Friday; Open Saturday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm; Closed Sunday & Monday. Admission: Adult and Senior: \$2 • Child: \$1. Please call (706) 722-8454 for more information or visit our website www.augustamuseum.org

Fort Discovery is open seven days a week with the exception of New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Hours: Monday thru Saturday: 10am – 5pm, Sunday: 12 noon – 5pm.

Admission Fees: General Admission is \$8 for Adults and \$6 for Children, Seniors and Active Military. Members are free. All-day pass for the Paul S. Simon Discovery Theater is \$2/person. Admission to the StarLab Planetarium is \$2/person. Special rates for school students and other groups.

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Founded in 1985, the Morris Museum of Art is the oldest and largest museum in the country that is devoted to the art and artists of the American South. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and on Sunday, noon–5:00 p.m. For more information about the Morris Museum of Art, visit our web site at www.themorris.org or call 706-724-7501.

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