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A LOOK INTO LINN-HENLEY

New Exhibit Opening

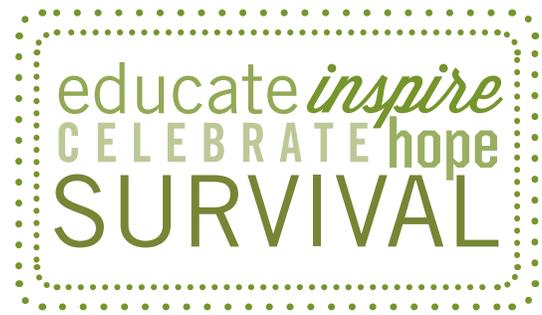
By: Mark Akerman & Lindsay Elliott

From its inception nearly 150 years ago, Birmingham has stood as the center of the iron and steel industry in a region primarily known for its agrarian strength. With an industrial foothold in the deep south came an opportunity for a demographic not reflected so predominantly in other southern cities. Birmingham's new industry created a diverse immigrant population to form new communities throughout the area. They were very much reflective of the mining and manufacturing communities in their home countries. One of the most important groups was the Jewish immigrants who played a vital role in keeping Birmingham financially, educationally and industrially relevant. The continued pride in their heritage is now reflected in a moving tribute not only to Birmingham, but to the world itself.

“The memory of that night is never far from my thoughts. I recall the feeling of hunger, having no one to turn to for comfort, and the uncertainty of where I would go. I was a frightened ten-year-old boy, a little boy alone in the dark.” -Aisic Hirsch

These and other stories of loss, family, hope and deliverance are told in the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center's (BHEC) exhibit *Darkness into Life: Alabama's Holocaust Survivors Through Photography and Art*. The exhibit, originally created in 2008, combines paintings of survivors' memories by Mitzi Levin with photography of the survivors in present day by Becky Seitel.

The original exhibit, on display at Vulcan® Park and Museum this fall, began with nine local holocaust survivors, but has since expanded to twenty. The survivors originated from several different European countries including Germany, Poland, Romania, and Belgium. All tell their unique stories in the exhibit



of life before World War II, during the Holocaust, liberation and life thereafter.

If you've ever experienced the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., then you know how hard it is to learn about the fate of an estimated six million European Jews and the others who survived. While detailing the struggles of the survivors, *Darkness into Life* also captures an unexpected emotional impact from the Holocaust. Instead of focusing on anger or revenge on those responsible, these survivors found a deep appreciation for life and family, as well as responsibility to share their stories in an effort to prevent such a horrifying event from ever happening again.

The BHEC was created to share these stories through the exhibit as well as other educational programs, including survivor talks. These talks, coordinated by the BHEC, are a chance for the survivors to share their stories so that the following generations will never forget their responsibility to stand against persecution and genocide. Vulcan® Park and Museum is pleased to host *Darkness into Life* in its Linn-Henley Gallery this September 25, 2015 through May 15, 2016.

Generously supported by Eli's Jerusalem Grill and
“...Because every life matters.” -SKD



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST



Vulcan® Park and Museum is dedicated to our community. Here, you'll find us celebrating Vulcan's 111th Birthday, a flag retirement ceremony with the Birmingham Army Recruiting Company, Thunder on the Mountain 2015, the "Vulcans on Parade" unveiling, and appearances by our loved mascot "V."



Vulcans on Parade

Vulcan® Park and Museum unveiled the newest installation of our beloved ironman on August 26. This time, NOT atop Red Mountain. "Vulcans on Parade," a concept of the young professional community of Birmingham, was launched as a community-wide civic art project to bring more awareness to our history and cultural attractions.

"Vulcans on Parade" was the brainchild of a team of young professionals participating in the 2015 Project Corporate Leadership class. This program brings together young, local leaders who learn how to become more involved in the community and to focus on becoming leaders of tomorrow.

The team's idea was simple: choose a symbol that represents and unifies all of Birmingham, build miniature replicas of that image, have them painted by local artists, and place them at sites to showcase Birmingham's history and local attractions. This innovative outdoor art exhibit is a great way for our city to attract tourism

dollars while bringing more awareness to our cultural institutions.

Two painted replicas of Vulcan are now placed in downtown Birmingham; one temporarily at Railroad Park and the other at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The statues are eight feet tall and weigh around 100 pounds. Local artists **Paul Cordes Wilm** and **Carrie McGrann** completed the artwork celebrating the Birmingham metro area.

This pilot project was structured to kick off a series of "mini-vulcans" around the metro area. The goal is to have 20 statues in place throughout the area over the next year. Local businesses, communities, or individuals who would like to get involved in the project can learn more by contacting Morgan Berney, director of marketing & public relations at 205.933.1409 ext. 21. Complete media coverage can be found at visitvulcan.com.

All On Board

Vulcan® Park and Museum presents its 2015-2016 Board of Directors:



Pictured from L to R: Mr. Larry Uptain, Mr. Shawn Smith, Ms. Suzanne Lane, Mr. Steven Davis, Mr. John Thompson, Ms. Colean Black, Mr. Guin Robinson, Mr. Lawrence Whatley, Mr. Dave Rickey, and Ms. Darlene Negrotto

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"Passing through town and was told that Vulcan is a 'MUST SEE'."

-Nicole Minutolo, July 2015 from Greenville, SC

"Liked the museum, friendly people, and the amazing view! Thanks for the exercise walking up Vulcan!" - Hanke, June 2015 from Sydney, Australia

"Very interested to learn of the history of Birmingham. Wonderful views of the city from the top of the tower."

- Jeff & Renee, May 2015 from Leeds, England

"Great view. Nice Southern Hospitality."

- Michelle, Pat, and Steve Rosvold, June 2015 from Vancouver, WA

"Glad we stopped to see this marvel!"

- Joyce and Steve Henning, Brodhead, WI, visited March 2015

"If you've not been to Vulcan Park & Museum lately or you've never been, you need to pay the big man and his surroundings a visit soon. He and the museum exhibits offer a perfect introduction to Birmingham, providing a glimpse into the city's past and succinctly explaining its origins."

- Lean Magazine, "Re-Visit Vulcan in the Magic City," June 2015

I Do with a View

Limited Number of Valentine's Day wedding packages now available for purchase at Vulcan® Park and Museum.

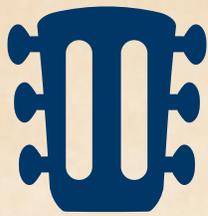
Packages include an intimate 30-minute, outdoor ceremony performed by a licensed officiate, a keepsake bridal bouquet and boutonniere, professional photographs, and a champagne toast for the bride and groom. Reservations are available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

Supporting vendors include flowers by RD Designs, Savoie Catering, aisle music by DJ Chris Amerson, Cakes by Audrey, and Event Rentals Unlimited. I Do with a View is organized and coordinated by GoPro Event Solutions.

For more pricing details or to make your reservation, call 205.933.1409 ext. 21 or email Morgan Berney at mberney@visitvulcan.com.

February 14, 2016

HUGE HAPPENINGS



BANDS

BREWS

TASTES

VIEWS

2015

VULCAN AFTERTUNES 2015

**Fall Concert Series to Light up
the Stage in its 11th Season.**

This fall, Vulcan® Park and Museum will join forces with Saturn and The Bowery Presents: South to launch its 11th year of the Vulcan AfterTunes Sunday afternoon concert series. The 2015 event will feature *Langhorne Slim & The Law* on September 20, *Karl Denson's Fantastic Fall Tour* on October 11, and *Dom Flemons* on October 25.

Enjoy cool tunes, craft brews and sweet views with these up-and-coming artists as well as everyone's favorite cast iron statue, Vulcan. Chill out in Birmingham's backyard with your lawn chairs and blankets and bring the whole family out to enjoy some of the country's best rising entertainers.

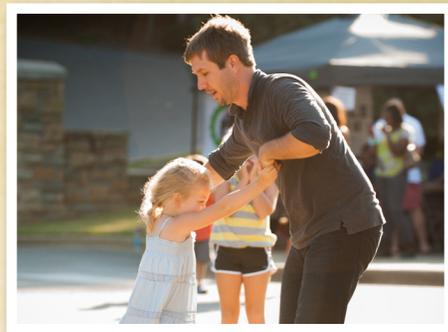
Gates will open at 1:00 p.m., opening acts begin at 3:00 p.m., and the headlining acts will begin around 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$8 for Vulcan Members and children ages 5 – 12. Children 4 and under are free. Ticket price includes live music and admission to Vulcan's Observation Tower and Museum. Tickets and seating are first-come, first-served. Light snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. No pets or outside alcohol allowed. For more information, full entertainer bios, or to purchase tickets, log on to visitvulcan.com/events.



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Vulcan AfterTunes 2015 is supported by *Vulcan Painters, AlaBev, Piggly Wiggly Birmingham, ServisFirst Bank, WELD for Birmingham, B-Metro Magazine, Long-Lewis Ford Lincoln* and *Birmingham Mountain Radio.*



Scenes from past Vulcan AfterTunes seasons. Join us for Sunday “funday” this fall. More details at visitvulcan.com/events.



LANGHORNE SLIM & THE LAW 9/20

Pennsylvania-born self-taught guitarist Langhorne Slim is celebrated from Newport to Portland as one of today’s most original singers and songwriters creatively blending genres of rock and roll, folk, and pop music. Langhorne Slim & The Law – bassist Jeff Ratner, drummer Malachi DeLorenzo and banjo player and keyboardist David Moore – have played together on tours with the Drive-By Truckers and the Avett Brothers, and have made appearances at the Newport Folk Festival and Bonnaroo.

10/11 KARL DENSON’S FANTASTIC FALL TOUR

Fresh off The Rolling Stones “Zip Code Tour,” Karl Denson’s Fantastic Fall Tour including his band The Tiny Universe, are regarded as one of the “best live bands on the planet.” Guitarist DJ Williams, drummer Alan Evans, bassist Chris Stillwell, David Veith on the keys, and Chris Littlefield on the trumpet join forces with a rotating cast of special guests including Chuck Leavell, guitar wiz Robert Randolph, Beto Martinez, and Roosevelt Collier. Denson himself is a highly acclaimed saxophonist and songwriter who first came to national attention as a member of Lenny Kravitz’s Let Love Rule-era group.



DOM FLEMONS 10/25

Arizona-born Dom Flemons moved from writing poetry to a music career after a compelling documentary about rock and roll. As a founding member of the Carolina Chocolate Drops (CCD), Flemons and the group together have garnered a Best Traditional Folk Album Grammy Award and the trio’s shows were praised wherever they performed, including the Newport Folk Festival, Celtic Connections in Glasgow, the Grand Ole Opry. The Times of London remarked, “In the end, a standing ovation was the only possible response. Anything you sense, is possible now.”

HUGE HAPPENINGS



The Vulcans Community Awards

By: Erica Miller & Sandy Yates

The Vulcans Community Awards is the premier event in our region dedicated to honoring people who – like Vulcan – stand for Birmingham! It is co-chaired by Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. and Shelby County Commissioner, Lindsey Allison.

The Vulcans Awards are intended to showcase the impact that dedicated individuals have on our community and recognize the importance of citizens throughout our seven-county region. The statue atop Red Mountain inspires hope in people who personify the values attributed to the Roman mythical figure, Vulcan. In the legend, Vulcan was ostracized by his community because of his physical imperfections, yet he responded by displaying humility, integrity, loyalty, compassion and unselfishness. Therefore, Vulcan® Park and Museum invites the community to nominate citizens who embody those qualities in their efforts to serve the Birmingham community. The *Vulcan* and *Spear* recipients are selected from those nominations.

This will be the second year Vulcan® Park and Museum has presented awards to recognize Birmingham residents in the categories of *Newcomer*, *Hero*, *Servant Leadership*, *Game Changer* and *Lifetime Achievement*. *Vulcan* and *Spear* awards for community commitment will be awarded to 13 outstanding citizens who display initiative or heroism that have or will have a significant impact on the quality of life in the region. Only one award will be given for *Lifetime Achievement*. In addition to an elegant atmosphere, you can expect to be inspired by the honorees' efforts. Brief, powerful presentations expressing the substance of their efforts will be showcased. Eight *Spear* honorees will also be presented with awards and applauded for their impressive civic contributions to the Birmingham region. All award recipients will be recognized at *The Vulcans Community Awards* dinner on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at The Club in Birmingham, Alabama.

"Each one of them contributes in so many different ways to making a positive impact on our community."

**Birmingham Mayor William A. Bell, Sr.
2014 The Vulcans Community Awards**

The Vulcans Community Awards is supported by Vulcan Materials Co., Fox 6 WBRC, Alabama Media Group, Bright House Networks, Regions Bank, Warren Averett, AT&T, Protective Life and O'Neal Industries.



Log on to visitvulcan.com/the-vulcans to see this year's recipients or to purchase your tickets to The Vulcans! Please email thevulcans@visitvulcan.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on October 8!

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Introducing Mark Akerman, Director of Education



Originally from Madison, Florida, Mark Akerman brings extensive experience as a historian, educator, administrator and museum professional.

The son of a leading historian in Florida, Mark developed a passion for history at a young age when his father was teaching and writing books about

early Florida. Mark attended the University of Florida where he studied under some of the prominent historians of the time and developed a love of Civil War and Southern Political History. He received two bachelor degrees in Applied History and Teaching History from Appalachian State University and later received a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, from Florida A&M University. Other certifications and distinctions include completion of the Administrative Leadership Program at the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, North Carolina. Mark received the 2005 Carlton Tebeau Book Award for the best book on Florida history, Jacob Summerlin, by the Florida Historical Society.

Mark's professional career began in museums, at the Center for Appalachian Studies in Boone, North Carolina. Amongst his many duties, he assisted in accessioning the Senatorial papers of the Hon. James T. Broyhill. It was at this time that he began writing for a Civil War magazine and became an avid Civil War living historian. He later established a reputation as an effective and well-respected school administrator, serving as principal at parochial schools in Florida, North Carolina and, most recently, Birmingham. A passionate educator

and leader, he is adept at developing programs that speak to the learning styles of today's youth, building consensus among individuals with diverse opinions, and incorporating sound financial practices. He has always felt that his role as an educator was to assist in developing good citizens through leadership opportunities.

Mark enjoys spending time with his family and he has a passion for genealogy, writing, and the Florida Gators.

CCRS Education Symposium and Workshop

October 28, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Vulcan® Park and Museum

Featuring:

Dr. Tommy Bice

State of Alabama School
Superintendent

and

Dr. Jeremiah Clabough, UAB

Open to all teachers and
administrators, public or private.

For more information or to
register, please contact Maggie at
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COLOSSAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

20 (Sun)— Vulcan
AfterTunes: *Langhorne
Slim & The Law*
3:00 p.m.

25 (Friday)— Linn-
Henley Gallery exhibit
opening *Darkness into
Life: Alabama Holocaust
Survivors through
Photography and Art*

OCTOBER

8 (Thurs)— The Vulcans
Community Awards
The Club 6:30 p.m.

11 (Sun)— Vulcan
AfterTunes: *Karl Denson's
Fantastic Fall Tour*
3:00 p.m.

25 (Sun)— Vulcan
AfterTunes: *Dom Flemons*
3:00 p.m.

28 (Wed)— Annual
Teacher Symposium
featuring State of Alabama
School Superintendent
Dr. Tommy Bice
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

7 (Sat)— Girl Scouts
"History Mysteries"
10:00 a.m. – Noon

7 (Sat)— Vulcan Run
(Boutwell Auditorium)
Coordinated by the
Birmingham Track Club
8:00 a.m.

18 (Wed)— Thank-A-Vet
9:00 a.m. – Noon

FEBRUARY

14 (Sun)— I Do With A View

MARCH

10 (Thurs)— Birmingham
Revealed: *Jazz in Birmingham*

19 (Sat)— Spring Walking
Tour 9:00 a.m. – Noon

APRIL

6 (Wed)— Determination,
Drama, and Daring: The Life
of Louise Wooster
*In Partnership with the UAB
School of Public Health*

16 (Sat)— Spring Walking
Tour 9:00 a.m. – Noon

21 (Thurs)— Birmingham
Revealed: *Slippery Slope*
in coordination with the
Birmingham Holocaust
Education Center

MAY

14 (Sat)— Spring Walking
Tour 9:00 a.m. – Noon

16 (Mon)— Linn-Henley
Gallery exhibit closing
*Darkness into Life: Alabama
Holocaust Survivors through
Photography and Art*

27 (Fri)— Linn-Henley Gallery
exhibit opening *Birmingham
Neighborhoods*

JUNE

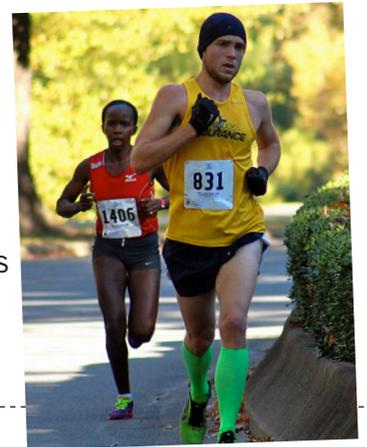
5 (Sun)— Vulcan's
112th Birthday Bash
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

SAVE-THE-DATE

The Vulcan Run 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run
coordinated by the Birmingham Track Club

November 7, 2015 8:00 a.m.
Boutwell Auditorium
Race information & online registration:
www.vulcanrun.com

Don't miss out on this
unique opportunity
to get involved in
the community while
supporting the big guy.
A portion of the proceeds
from The Vulcan Run go
to benefit Vulcan Park
Foundation.



VPM President and CEO,
Darlene Negrotto, accepts
a ceremonial flag from
the Birmingham Army
Recruiting Company.



The Birmingham Army Recruiting Company held its Change of
Command ceremony at Vulcan® Park and Museum on June 4,
2015. Vulcan's Overlook terrace provided the perfect setting for
this memorable event.

BUY A PIECE OF BIRMINGHAM



Vulcan's Gift Shop, located inside Vulcan Center, is open seven days a week and coincides with Museum hours. Select items are available at visitvulcan.com or [facebook.com/visitvulcan](https://www.facebook.com/visitvulcan). Visit the shop today to see new additions on the shelves.

Featured Items

VULCAN GLASS BLOWN ORNAMENT

\$24.99 (PLUS TAX)

New for the holiday season, this glass blown ornament features an etched illustration of Birmingham's beloved god of the forge, Vulcan. This ornament is sure to add a touch of local flare and sparkle to any holiday decorations.

LATEST VULCAN SOUVENIRS

\$6.99 - \$20.99 (PLUS TAX)

The gift shop is full of cool new items for the knick-knack-collecting traveler to the local resident looking for trinkets to remind them of home. Items range in price and include a shot glass, silver-plated spoon, bell, thimble, compass, pocket watch, and a bottle opener.

ATTENTION VULCAN MEMBERS! Receive a 10% discount in Vulcan's Gift Shop year-round. (Available in-store only)

FUNDAMENTALS



Join us for the 11th annual Vulcan AfterTunes fall concert series.

HOURS OF OPERATION

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MUSEUM:

Mon-Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun 12 - 6 p.m.

OBSERVATION TOWER:

Mon-Sat 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sun 12 - 10 p.m.

ADMISSION CHARGED

Free for Vulcan Members!

Vision

To evoke inspiration and pride in the region and its potential for the future, just as the statue of Vulcan did when it was first created in 1904.

Mission

To preserve and promote Vulcan as the symbol for the Birmingham region, to advance knowledge and understanding of Birmingham's history and culture, and to encourage exploration of the region.

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A GIANT IMPACT

By: Darlene Negrotto

Vulcan may be our area’s iron giant, but the museum shop, where visitors find Vulcan merchandise, is on the diminutive side! Despite a footprint that’s barely larger than Vulcan’s feet, the museum store has long been popular with visitors and locals alike as the go-to place for unique gift and souvenir items. By next spring, the shop is expected to nearly triple in size, thanks to a planned construction project.

The remodeled shop will feature an expanded line of quality Birmingham- and Alabama- related items, as well as a broader selection of Vulcan memorabilia. Designed to reflect the decor of Vulcan Center, the shop’s larger entrance, display windows and enhanced lighting will create a more inviting and pleasant shopping experience. “Demand has continued to increase for gifts to commemorate special events, items to add to collections, and keepsakes for out of town visitors” states director of operations Owen Blomeley. “This larger shop will allow us to significantly expand our inventory of locally produced, Alabama themed, and, of course, Vulcan branded items.”

In addition to the shop expansion, the lobby Visitor Information desk will be remodeled to enhance interaction between visitors and the Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau staff. New exhibitory is also expected to be installed in the

museum’s Birmingham Today gallery as part of this project.

Repeat visitors may also notice the construction of a new ticket booth at the park’s eastern pedestrian entrance. In keeping with the park’s WPA look, the ticket booth will be clad in the same native sandstone as the 1930s observation tower. Specially designed lighting around the booth will serve the growing numbers of visitors who enjoy the spectacular views at night, without diminishing the drama of the existing lighting effects on the statue and tower.

In addition to these more obvious enhancements to the visitor experience, modifications to office and storage areas will be welcomed by staff. Scheduled during the slower winter months, construction is expected to begin on January 4, after the busy holiday and Birmingham Bowl season, to be completed in time for the busy spring season. Vulcan Park Foundation is grateful to the City of Birmingham, Mayor Bell and the members of the City Council, for taking on these much needed projects that promise to have a giant impact on all those influenced by our mission. These Vulcan Park and Museum projects are funded by bonds approved by taxpayers in 2012.

