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"Vulcans on Parade" to Celebrate Birmingham's History and Cultural Institutions

Birmingham, Ala. — Vulcan Park and Museum is honored to reveal the highly anticipated "Vulcans on Parade" civic art project that will celebrate all of Birmingham's history and cultural institutions. Join us, Mayor William Bell, and other community leaders next Wednesday, August 26 at 8:15 a.m. The media event and unveiling will take place between the Rain Curtain and the 17th Street Plaza in the heart of Railroad Park.

"Vulcans on Parade" is the brainchild of a team of young professionals participating in the 2015 Project Corporate Leadership class. This program brings together young, local leaders to 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 will be 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 at the unveiling event on August 26. Or, interested parties can email bhamvulcans@gmail.com or contact Morgan Berney, Director of Marketing & PR at Vulcan Park and Museum.

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About Vulcan Park and Museum

Vulcan Park and Museum is a 501(c)3 organization. All proceeds from ticket purchases will be used to support Vulcan Park and Museum's mission to preserve and promote Vulcan as the symbol for the Birmingham region, advance knowledge and understanding of Birmingham's history and culture, and to encourage exploration of the region.