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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTS THE 2011 *YEAR OF ALABAMA MUSIC* AND *BECOMING ALABAMA* AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought begins another year of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Many of the programs in 2011 highlight *The Year of Alabama Music* or the *Becoming Alabama Initiative*. For the next five years, we will commemorate and study significant events in our state and national history relating to the War of 1812 and Creek Indian War, the Civil War, and the Civil Rights movement as part of the *Becoming Alabama Initiative* commemorations. During 2011, we will also celebrate and examine Alabama musical traditions during the Alabama Tourism Department's *Year of Alabama Music*. Join us, at noon, on the third Thursday of each month as we reflect, remember, and preserve Alabama's fascinating past.

- January 20** *The Road to War: January – April 1861* by Robert B. Bradley
February 17 *My Father, Hank Williams* by Jett Williams
March 17 *The Civil War Pharmacy* by Michael Flannery
April 21 *To Kill a Mockingbird: Successes and Myths* by Nancy Anderson.
May 19 *The Freedom Riders Come to Alabama* by J. Mills Thornton
June 16 *Mobile Brass Band Traditions & Mardi Gras* by Kern Jackson with a performance by Marcus Johnson and the Bay City Brass Band
July 21 *Alabama Stories: Food and Memory* by Scott Peacock
August 18 *Race Relations in Alabama, 1965-1968: A Photojournalist's Perspective* by Jim Pepler
September 15 *Tecumseh at Tuckabatchee: Fact and Fiction* by Kathryn Braund
October 20 *The Legacy of Alabama Gospel Quartets* by Doug Seroff with a performance by the Four Eagles Gospel Singers
November 17 *The Civil Rights World in Alabama, 1961-1962: Reflections* by Fred Gray
December 15 *Southern Music of the Civil War Era* by Daryl Masters with a performance by the 33rd Alabama Campfire Players

The 2011 ArchiTreats series is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and is co-sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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