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ALABAMA VOICES EXHIBITION GRAND OPENING SET FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2014 AT THE MUSEUM OF ALABAMA

Montgomery, AL, 1/6/14 - The Museum of Alabama's new centerpiece exhibition, *Alabama Voices*, will officially open to the public on Saturday, February 15, 2014. This permanent, Smithsonian-quality exhibition is the culmination of nearly a decade's worth of research, planning, and fundraising. Construction commenced in February 2013. Occupying nearly 11,000 square feet on the museum's second floor, *Alabama Voices* will cover the dramatic unfolding of Alabama history from the dawn of the 1700s to the present. More than 800 artifacts and hundreds of images will tell the story of struggles over the land, the rise of a cotton economy, industrialization, world wars, civil rights, the race to the moon, and more.

The public Grand Opening on February 15 will feature a wide variety of activities for the entire family. The official ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 9:30am on the front terrace of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. From 9am to 5pm, visitors can tour the new exhibition, enjoy food, art, and performances by Alabama musical groups on the Archives' front lawn, listen to fascinating presentations by contributors to the exhibition, participate in fun activities for families and children, and more. Musical groups to perform include the Birmingham Sunlights, Flying Jenny, Bay City Brass Band, and Mariachi Garibaldi, among others. A complete schedule of events will be released in the coming weeks. This event is free to the public.

The Alabama Tourism Department recently named the Museum as Alabama's 2014 Attraction of the Year and the Grand Opening of *Alabama Voices* as a Top 10 Event for the year. With *Alabama Voices* completed, the Museum of Alabama is the only destination offering a complete telling of the story of Alabama from prehistory to the present.

The Museum of Alabama is located at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in downtown Montgomery. Open Monday-Saturday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Admission is always free. For more information about the Museum of Alabama and the Grand Opening of *Alabama Voices* call 334-328-9088. Visit the ADAH's website at www.archives.alabama.gov and follow the ADAH on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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