

Tubman Museum of African American Art, History and Culture Opens in Macon, Georgia



The Tubman Museum of African American Art, History and Culture, the largest institution of its type in the state of Georgia and a key educational and cultural resource center for the Southeast opened May 16, 2015 at its new 49,000 square-foot location at 300 Cherry Street in downtown Macon, Georgia. The museum is devoted to the African American experience from 1619 to the present, with a particular focus on the American South. The museum is named for Harriet Tubman (1882-1913), the “Black Moses” who liberated hundreds of people from the holocaust of enslavement in the U.S.

Founded in 1981 when Father Richard Keil made a down payment on a dilapidated former warehouse in downtown Macon, the museum has grown from a local attraction into a major collection of African American art, artifacts, and documents for national visitors. The mission of the museum is to educate people about African American art, history, and culture wherein historically significant achievements of African American inventors, military leaders, artisans, musicians, writers, artists, and heroes are featured (one of the most important paintings in the collection is a mural entitled *From Africa to America*, by Macon artist Wilfred Stroud). The museum (www.tubmanmuseum.com) is open Tuesdays 9 AM until 5 PM and Saturdays 11 AM until 5 PM.