



Established in 1956, the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MAS) serves as a regional resource and center of excellence for lifelong learning and enrichment. Changing and permanent exhibitions, plus innovative educational programming, focus on topics that have scientific, historical, cultural, and artistic value. Located on 14 acres in north Macon, the MAS includes 55,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space and is the largest general purpose museum in Georgia, featuring four galleries with art and science exhibitions, a full-dome planetarium with 125-seat space theater, observatory, Discovery House children's museum with interactive exhibits, Mini Zoo, beautiful nature trail, a 225-seat auditorium, classroom, Museum Store, and much more. Engaging diverse audiences of students, families, and adults, the MAS has an annual estimated visitation of 65,000 to 70,000 people, including 17,500 school children from 110 Georgia counties. Special interest facilities include:

**Mark Smith Planetarium** features the industry's leading planetarium projection technology—the Konica Minolta Super MediaGlobe II—plus a 44-foot dome, the largest in Central Georgia or within a 100-mile radius of Macon. This leading-edge digital system, the first installation in Georgia and only third in the U.S., incorporates a new standard in projection that is four times higher resolution than that of the best HDTV images.

**Discovery House** features interactive children's exhibits that explore art, science, and humanities. Stations in the Humanist's Study, explore natural sciences and humanities and showcase butterflies, arrowheads, dolls, and much more. In the Scientist's Workshop, interactive physical science and technology displays encourage visitors to communicate through whisper tubes, figure out how things work at the workbenches, and dig for fossils in the Ziggy Dig.

**Mini-Zoo** surrounds a replica Banyan Tree and is home to the Museum's collection of live animals. The Mini Zoo contains forest, aquatic, and desert habitats that house a variety of animal species, including an alligator, family of tamarins, plus numerous invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

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### PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS

Through an expertly planned curriculum that combines permanent and changing exhibitions and programs, MAS provides hands-on learning, STEM education, youth training, and job preparedness. Daily educational programs include planetarium and live animal presentations, animal habitats, nature trails, and dozens of interactive children's activities. The Museum also offers a continuous series of classes, lectures, workshops, and camps geared to meet specific educational needs. Investing in K-12 educational programming in coordination with curriculum standards, hosting thousands of students each year, providing critical teacher training, and working extensively with homeschoolers positively impacts the success of Central Georgia. A growing number of outreach programs and organized activities for disadvantaged youth serve the needs of the region's Title 1 schools.

### PERMANENT & EDUCATION COLLECTIONS

The MAS preserves thousands of valuable cultural objects in its Permanent and Education Collections. Ranging from modern masterpieces to recent works by emerging artists, the Museum's Permanent Collection includes more than 1,500 paintings, ceramics, textiles, and other decorative and fine works of art. Highlights include two-dimensional works by Matisse, Miro, and Whistler; an early cubist etching by Pablo Picasso; a lamp by Louis Comfort Tiffany; and a significant representation of Georgia folk pottery and contemporary ceramics. The Museum's Education Collection includes nearly 7,000 scientific specimens ranging from Native American artifacts, rocks, minerals, and shells to butterflies, taxidermy animals, and fossils—including a 40-million-year-old Zygorhiza whale fossil that was discovered at a local kaolin mine.

### ACCREDITATION & AFFILIATIONS

The MAS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural institution and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition a museum can earn. Accreditation signifies a commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards, and continued institutional improvement. Initially accredited in 1986, MAS remains Macon's only accredited museum and is one of only 15 accredited museums in Georgia. The MAS became a Smithsonian Affiliate in 2005, allowing local curators to access the Washington-based institution's 143 million-item collection. The MAS also is affiliated with Earth Share Georgia and Association of Science Technology Centers and is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, Georgia Council for the Arts, and Georgia Humanities Council.

### PARTNERSHIPS

Fueled by an inspired history and a powerful educational mission, the MAS is supported by a diverse network of members, volunteers, and philanthropic partners. More than 300 active volunteers care for the animals, monitor galleries, help with planetarium shows, staff the Museum Store, and organize fundraising events. In addition, the Museum partners with the Bibb County Board of Education, Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Department of Economic Development, NewTown Macon, Macon Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Macon Arts Alliance, and the Central Georgia Master Gardeners, plus a wide spectrum of civic groups, arts organizations, and educational partners.

**HOURS**  
CLOSED MONDAY  
Tuesday – Saturday:  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.  
Admission is free for Bibb  
County residents the first  
Sunday of every month.

**ADMISSION**  
**\$10** Adults  
**\$8** Seniors (62+) & Military  
**\$7** Students with ID  
**\$5** Children 3 - 17  
**FREE** Infants under 3  
**FREE** Museum Members

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## Levels of Membership & Benefits

Of course, Membership has its privileges and we would love to share them with you today! Your membership benefits start as soon as the Museum receives your payment. Until you receive your membership card, presentation of a photo ID is all you will need to gain access to the following membership benefits.

### President's Roundtable (\$1,000)

- 10% Discount on one Museum facility rental
  - 20% Discount in Museum Store
  - Invitations to Special Events
- plus all below*

### Benefactor (\$500)

- 20% Discount in Museum Store
- plus all below*

### Patron (\$300)

- 15% Discount in Museum Store
- plus all below*

### Friend (\$150)

- Free admission for card holders and up to four guests
  - 10% Discount in Museum Store
  - Invitations to exclusive events
- plus all below*

### Family (\$65)

- Free admission for two adult cardholders and up to four children
  - Reciprocal admission at selected museums nationwide, a \$100+ value!
  - 10% Discount in Museum Store
  - Discounts on Camps and Birthday Parties
- plus all below*

### Individual (\$35)

- Free admission for card holder
  - Two single-use guest passes
- plus all below*

### Senior/Teacher (\$25) – Student (\$20)

- Free admission for card holder
- Subscription to *the Muse*, the Museum's quarterly newsletter

## MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

*"Thank you for the planetarium and the interesting program that we were able to enjoy while we were visiting this summer. I am grateful to the Museum for hosting informative and inspiring exhibits and shows that have been such a positive influence on my children."*  
 ~ Samantha H., Perry

Celebrate, preserve, and explore the arts, sciences, and humanities by becoming a Member of the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MAS). As a Museum Member, you will join other community leaders and patrons who have demonstrated support for the region's most-attended cultural institution and a statewide leader in science and arts education. In addition to supporting the mission of the MAS, our Members enjoy a full year of great benefits and experiences, including free unlimited admission to the Museum!

Enjoy high quality fine art exhibitions, state-of-the-art planetarium shows, live animal presentations in the Mini-Zoo, nature trails, and hands-on activities in the three-story Discovery House, plus a continuous series of classes, lectures, workshops, and camps. Members stay informed of special events through our quarterly publication (*the Muse*), periodic eBlast announcements, and special invitations to programs and exhibit openings. Membership at specified levels entitles you to discounted facility rentals, camps, Birthday Parties, and Museum Store purchases, plus free admission to other museums across the nation.

**Give the gift of annual Membership!** For more information or to join by phone, call (478) 477-3232. Several levels of Corporate Membership also are available and provide outstanding benefits for employees.

Please complete and return the following to the Museum.

Cardholder 1) Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder 2) Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORIES – PLEASE CHECK ONE:

President's RT: \$1,000  Benefactor: \$500  Patron: \$300  Friend: \$150  Family: \$65  Individual: \$35  Senior (62+): \$25

Teacher: \$25  Student: \$20

Enclose a check payable to the Museum of Arts and Sciences, or provide your credit card information below:

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Renewal		Member Number: _____	
Please do not complete – MAS office use only			
Check Number: _____	Date: _____	Membership Entry Date: _____	Q.B. Entry Date: _____

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