

## ***If you haven't been to Birmingham lately, you're in for a pleasant surprise!***

The city has undergone a cultural renaissance, and our restaurants, shops, museums, and nightspots reflect that. What's more, autumn in Birmingham brings a "second Spring." Warm days, light breezes, and cool nights are ideal for exploring galleries, cafes, and parks. Don't miss a chance to see one of the most historic and vibrant cities in the South.

### ***Come Early...***

#### **9/24 Wednesday afternoon Tour Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame 1:00 p.m.**

Guided Tour with jazz legend "[Doc](#)" Adams. (Admission \$3) Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the [History of Jazz in Birmingham](#) from our very own "ambassador" and charter member of the Jazz Hall of Fame who has performed with such greats as Duke Ellington and Erskine Hawkins. (Sign up at the conference.)

#### **9/24 Wednesday Wine & Cheese Reception at Sojourns 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

(217 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street ) Alabama's premier fair trade store and gallery. Join host Melissa Kendrick in her journey to promote peace by expanding local knowledge of our global neighbors. Direct relationships with individual artists and fair trade wholesalers bring a stunning variety of international arts and crafts that reflect the Sojourns philosophy of Adventure Art Peace.

[www.AdventureArtPeace.com](http://www.AdventureArtPeace.com).

#### **9/24 Wednesday evening 5 to 8 p.m.**

20<sup>th</sup> Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Stroll— Several local galleries & businesses along the 20<sup>th</sup> Street greenway and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South will stay open late to welcome SETESOLers to our *Magic City*. So enjoy the stroll on your way to the Reception at Sojourns.

### ***Stay Late...***

#### **9/27 Saturday Tour of Vulcan Park & Museum 3:45 p.m.**

Vulcan Park and Museum is home to the world's largest cast iron statue. Designed and built by Guiseppe Moretti for the 1906 World's Fair, Vulcan now sits atop Red Mountain in a 10-acre park that features spectacular panoramic views of the city. \$5 admission includes a trip up to Vulcan's observation balcony and entrance to the museum, which highlights the development of the city through interactive exhibits. (Capacity is limited. Sign up at the conference for this self-guided tour.)

#### **9/27 Saturday Taste of 4th Avenue Jazz Festival**

Noon until Midnight —This 1-day jazz festival showcases Birmingham's Historic 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue District downtown. Sponsored by the [Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame](#), the street party offers local as well as nationally known jazz artists, food, swing dance lessons, and artists' exhibits, as well as films in the Carver Theater (as part of the [Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival](#)). Watch for more info at <http://www.iustatate.org/>.

#### **9/26-28 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**

One of TIME magazine's *Film Festivals for the Rest of Us*, the 10th annual [Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival](#) is a celebration of new independent cinema. Films are screened among nine venues in Birmingham's historic downtown Theatre District, featuring the exquisitely restored [Alabama Theatre](#), a 2,200 seat movie palace built by Paramount in 1927.

## ***And while you're here, catch the Stars...***

### **9/25 Thursday lunch**

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Conference Luncheon Speaker: Listen to celebrated author Rick Bragg read from his new memoir, *The Price of Frogtown*. A former Pulitzer-Prize winning reporter for the *New York Times*, Bragg has touched readers everywhere with his stories of family, hardship and enduring love, growing up on Sand Mountain, Alabama. The author will be signing copies of his new book. ([Read more on Rick Bragg](#))

### **9/25 Thursday evening Reception and Concert/ Birmingham Museum of Art** 5 to 7 p.m.

Take a mini-vacation with singer/songwriter Brent Burns, whose offbeat, humorous songs that have made him a pop/country music hero across the nation, but especially along the Gulf Coast. His song, *Pain at the Pump*, will make you smile – even about high gas prices. For more on Burns, his music and charity work, see his Web site at <http://www.brentburns.com>

### **9/26 Saturday lunch**

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Conference Luncheon Speaker. Kim Sunée, the author of *Trail of Crumbs: Hunger, Love, and the Search for Home*, is a native of South Korea, orphaned at 3 and adopted by American parents. She grew up in New Orleans and writes vividly about love and finding her identity – against the luscious backdrop of food and culinary heritage. The food editor at *Cottage Living* magazine, she lived in Europe for 10 years before writing her new memoir. The author will be signing copies of *Trail of Crumbs*. For more information, see <http://www.kimsunee.com>

### **Civil Rights Tour—Thursday 9/25 or Friday 9/26**

2:00 p.m.

Visit historic landmarks of the Civil Rights Movement, including Kelly Ingram Park, the focal point of grassroots resistance which now serves as a threshold to the Civil Rights District. The District includes [The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute](#), The [Carver Theatre](#), and Sixteenth Street Baptist Church—meeting place for civil rights leaders and site of the infamous 1963 bombing. Two opportunities to take this tour: 2:00 Pm on Thursday or Friday (Capacity is limited. Sign up at the conference)

For tour information and a complete menu of tourist attractions, visit <http://www.birminghamchamber.com/visiting/birmingham-attractions.html>