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## **Georgia Humanities Council and Smithsonian Institution Bring New Harmonies to Georgia**

(Atlanta, GA)-The Georgia Humanities Council, in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, is pleased to present *New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music*. *New Harmonies* is a traveling exhibition that shares America's story by examining the roots of American music. In Georgia, *New Harmonies* will travel to 12 communities highlighting the unique story of Georgia's musical traditions. *New Harmonies* will travel from 2012 through 2013 stopping for six weeks each in Americus, Bremen, Calhoun, Darien, LaGrange, Moultrie, Madison, Nashville, Perry, Thomson, Toccoa, and Waycross.

*New Harmonies* highlights distinct types of American roots music including blues, country, folk, gospel, Native American, and sacred harp. The exhibit also features interactive panels, listening kiosks, and tailored display cases that allow each community to explore and showcase its local music heritage. "*New Harmonies* provides the perfect opportunity to rediscover and celebrate Georgia's roots music traditions," according to Georgia Humanities Council president, Jamil Zainaldin.

Host communities will also offer companion programming for all ages including festivals, concerts, jams, contests, and related music exhibits. Tour details (including venues and event dates) are forthcoming. For additional information on *New Harmonies* in Georgia visit <http://www.georgiahumanities.org>.

*New Harmonies* is a part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Federation of State Humanities Councils. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

### **ABOUT THE GEORGIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

The Georgia Humanities Council ([www.georgiahumanities.org](http://www.georgiahumanities.org)) is a statewide nonprofit organization working to ensure that humanities and culture remain an integral part of the lives of all Georgians. The Council serves the state of Georgia through its grant program and projects, and increases awareness about the history, stories, and ideas that inform our lives, so that we can make better decisions for the future.

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