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## Museum hosts Black History "Brown Bag" Movie Series

**January 27, 2010-Athens-** In celebration of Black History Month the Living Heritage Museum in Athens, Tennessee is hosting a "Brown Bag" Movie Series starting at 12:15pm at the Museum and invite the public to bring their lunch and view award winging documentaries. Free to the public and all are encouraged to attend. This event is sponsored by Humanities Tennessee and Plaza Electronics of Athens, Tennessee.

### **February 2 & 3, 2010 (Two part series)**

#### **Black Diamonds, Blues City**

For over half a century, organized baseball denied African Americans a chance to earn a living playing the game. In response, The Negro Leagues were created. These Negro League teams were very important community institutions, and nowhere were this more true than in the segregated South and in the city of Memphis. Black Diamonds, Blues City tells the story of The Negro Leagues and especially The Memphis Red Sox.

### **February 10**

#### **Gandy Dancers: Last of Southern Black Railroad Crews**

This program documents the occupational folklore of the crews that repaired and straightened rail lines for southern railroads. Enlivened by demonstrations from retired crewmembers, this program explores the relationship among task related work chants, synchronized actions, and the psychology of difficult physical labor.

### **February 15 & 16, 2010 (Two part series)**

#### **Freedom on My Mind**

This award-winning study examines the dramatic events in Mississippi surrounding the Freedom Summer. Archival footage and interviews with local sharecroppers and young organizers who participated culminate in the 1964 Democratic National Convention, and describe how these events helped shape a radical generation of black and white youth. 1994 Academy Award nominee for "Best Feature Documentary"; Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary, 1994 Sundance Film Festival; 1994 Distinguished Documentary Achievement Award, National Education Film Festival; 1995 John O'Connor Award, American Historical Association; 1995 Erik Barnouw Award, Organization of American Historians; 1996 National Education Association Award for Advancement of Learning through Broadcasting; 1997 Cine Golden Eagle.

### **February 17 & 18, 2010**

#### **God's Will (Two part series)**

Narrated by Ossie Davis this film explores the life, character and commitments of the backwoods Baptist preacher Will Campbell. A Yale-educated, white intellectual, Campbell is known for having sheltered

nine black children from the Little Rock mob. He was also the only white person at the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the ACLU. With commentaries by John Egerton, James Lawson, Stokely Carmichael, Waylon Jennings and Jimmy Carter, the program explores Campbell's views on Civil Rights and back-to-basics Christianity.

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