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Discover King Tut's Treasures at History Museum of Mobile

TUTANKHAMUN: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb

on View October 20, 2015 – April 3, 2016



King Tut's Golden Mask

MOBILE, Ala – Experience the life and death of one of history's most legendary kings through *TUTANKHAMUN: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb*. The exhibition of more than 100 reproductions of the boy king's treasures opens October 20 at the History Museum of Mobile.

Ten years in the making from the artisans of the Pharaonic Village in Egypt, this collection recreates Howard Carter's 1922 discovery of Egyptian King Tut's tomb, the richest archaeological find of all time.

Additionally, *Mobile's Hidden Treasures*, featuring the History Museum's collection of Ancient Egyptian artifacts, will accompany the King Tut exhibition. Mobilian William T. Hamilton collected the vestiges, including a sarcophagus, scarab beetles, and religious effigies, during his travels in the 1850s.

An innocent puppet-ruler, Tutankhamun was caught in the midst of a political, spiritual, and artistic revolution against the entire pantheon of ancient Egyptian gods by the first monotheistic religious cult in history. The pharaoh's much-overlooked African heritage is explored in *Tutankhamun*, along with the religious magic of the sacred objects, and the infamous curse of Tut.

The replicas range from beautiful recreations of jewelry, enormous statues, and Tut's nearly 300-pound, solid gold inner sarcophagus. Information cards explore the religious and cultural aspects of each piece. Other replicas of the pharaoh's sacred and personal possessions include his state chariot, golden shrines, beds, thrones, jewelry, spectacular funerary mask, mummy case, and royal mummy. The exhibition is presented in 5 sections:

- An introduction to Ancient Egypt
- The archaeological discovery
- The private pharaoh
- The public pharaoh
- The royal burial

TUTANKHAMUN: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb was curated by the International Museum Institute.

Ahead of the King Tut exhibit, the History Museum of Mobile is announcing new admission prices.

Effective October 6, admission rates are:

Adult \$10.00

Children age 13 to 17 \$7.50

Children age 6 to 12 \$5.00

Children age 5 and under free

The first Sunday of every month is free admission. Members of the museum receive perks including free admission to permanent exhibits and a discount on books. For more information, check out the museum's website at historymuseumofmobile.com.

The History Museum of Mobile is located at 111 South Royal Street, in the Southern Market/Old City Hall Building. Free parking is available at the Fort Conde parking lot or across Water Street from the museum.