



MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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MCM Partners Signature Event, *Ignite the Night: From Sea to Shining Sea*, to be held at the Mississippi Children's Museum

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Jackson, Miss. - On Saturday, February 14, 2026, MCM Partners will be celebrating the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) through their signature fundraising event, *Ignite the Night: From Sea to Shining Sea*, presented by BankPlus!

Every February, adults are given permission to play after hours at the Mississippi Children's Museum during its signature fundraising event, *Ignite the Night*. Each gallery comes to life with food, fun, and entertainment centered around that year's theme. Hosted by MCM Partners, a group of volunteers and donors who support the museum, this is not your typical party. It is imaginative, entertaining, and, most importantly, fun!

In celebration of America250, this year's *Ignite the Night: From Sea to Shining Sea* invites guests to step into the timeless glamour of Americana for an unforgettable evening at the museum. Attendees will embark on a coast-to-coast culinary journey, savoring signature flavors inspired by iconic destinations from the East, Gulf, and West Coasts—and everywhere in between—paired with dazzling entertainment and atmosphere. More than just a night out, *Ignite the Night* brings the museum to life with music, flavor, and celebration, all in support of a meaningful cause that helps transform young lives.

This Valentine's Day, *Ignite the Night* offers the ultimate date night with a purpose—an evening where guests can enjoy great food, lively entertainment, and a playful night at the museum while giving back. Proceeds from *Ignite the Night: From Sea to Shining Sea* directly support the Mississippi Children's Museum's mission to create unparalleled experiences that inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning, helping ensure the museum continues to serve children and families across Mississippi for generations to come.

By supporting MCM Partner's signature fundraiser, *Ignite the Night: From Sea to Shining Sea*, you are supporting the museum in its mission to create unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. Proceeds from the event provide critical funding for the museum's operations, including ongoing exhibit and program needs. Enjoy the ultimate Valentine's Day date night at the Mississippi Children's Museum. Purchase your tickets online [HERE](#) or at the door!

Ignite the Night Sponsors:

Ignite the Night: From Sea to Shining Sea is presented by BankPlus and is sponsored by Kroger, Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, APAC-Mississippi, Inc., Jill and Barton Burwell, Ginny DeHart and Marcello Gambino, Aplos/La Presa Taqueria, Butler Snow, Jones Walker, Cathy and George May, StorageMax, Sunbelt Sealing, Inc., Annette and Bob Foreman, Sam and Melanie Taylor, Cadence Bank, Gallagher, Kinkade's Fine Clothing, McNeely Plastics, Raymond James, Renasant Bank, Renova Roofing, Ross & Yerger, Sea & West, Story Financial Partners, The District at Eastover, W.G. Yates & Sons Construction.

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2026 Ignite the Night Committee:

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About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. MCM's two award-winning museums in Jackson and Meridian collectively offer over 100,000-square feet of exhibits and educational programming designed around five primary initiatives, Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. MCM offers exceptional resources for children, families, and educators through MCM at Home virtual programming, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and *Talk from the Start* and *Reach Out and Read*, initiatives for parents and caregivers to promote language development in children from birth to five years old.

MCM is honored to have received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the Mississippi Tourism Association Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year, and USA Today's '10Best Travel Award for Best Children's Museum. Learn more: www.mschildrensmuseum.org

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