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## **The Columbus Museum Presents *Leaving Mississippi-Reflections on Heroes and Folklore: Works by Najee Dorsey***

**Columbus, GA** – The Columbus Museum is pleased to present *Leaving Mississippi-Reflections on Heroes and Folklore: Works by Najee Dorsey*, on view August 21, 2014-January 4, 2015 in the Legacy Gallery. This exhibit features mixed-media works showcasing a number of unsung heroes of the Civil Rights movements, participants of civil disobedience in the early 20th century, and folklore legends, including historic figures from Columbus.

Born and raised in the Delta and now a resident of the Columbus area, Najee Dorsey's roots emerge as he pays homage to a cast of colorful characters, historic events, and conditions of Southern life in the exhibit. "In the work I do, I present an American experience through the lens of my African-American perspective", says Dorsey who uses a variety of materials, blending textures and layers, to create commentary about current economic and social conditions in America.

You are invited to join us for a weekend of celebration beginning with the opening reception, Thursday-August 21, 6-8 p.m. at the Museum. Meet the artist, enjoy live music and food, and view the featured works in the exhibit. This program is free and open to the public.

Continue the festivities with our young patrons, the Contemporaries, for the In the Garden Concert Series, Friday-August 22, 5:30-8 p.m. Soak in the soothing sounds of New York style blues in the historic Bradley Olmsted Garden. Bring your picnic baskets, beverages, and blankets or chairs. The entry fee is \$10 for Museum members; \$15 for future members. Register at [www.columbusmuseum.com](http://www.columbusmuseum.com) or call

706.748.2562 ext. 544. Gourmet picnic baskets from Bitter Brick are also available for pre-order online or at 706.221. 5317.

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**\*Pictured:** *Leaving Mississippi* (detail), mixed media, Najee Dorsey, Image courtesy of the artist

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