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Please Join Us for a Media Preview of the Exhibition
The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes
at the **N.C. Museum of History**
5 East Edenton St., Raleigh
Thursday, June 28, 10 a.m.-noon



Study A for Victory in Overtime (1995), *The Drum Major* (2003), *The Gospel Truth* (1985)

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- WHAT:** Media Preview for the North Carolina Museum of History's new exhibition, ***The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes***
- Coffee, doughnuts, and remarks by **Luz Rodriguez**, co-Trustee of the Ernie Barnes estate and his longtime assistant, and members of the museum's Ernie Barnes exhibition team.
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 28, 10 a.m.-noon
Please RSVP by Friday, June 22, to AK Brinson at AK.Brinson@ncdcr.gov.
- WHERE:** North Carolina Museum of History's Demonstration Gallery (lobby level)
- DETAILS:** This exhibition will showcase unpublished Ernie Barnes original paintings, as well as artifacts from his life. Barnes was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina. After five seasons as a professional football player, he retired at age 28 to pursue art. Known for his unique style of elongation, energy, and movement, Barnes is the first professional American athlete to become a noted painter.

The exhibition **officially opens Friday, June 29** in our third-floor gallery space, adjacent to our award-winning *North Carolina and World War One* exhibit.

About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The NC Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the NC Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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