

Levine Museum of the New South Unveils New Families of Abraham Exhibition

Nearly half of humanity — Jews, Christians, and Muslims — claim the same spiritual ancestor, Abraham. The Levine Museum of the New South invites visitors to explore what these faiths have in common through Families of Abraham, an exciting new photographic narrative exhibit.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam are sometimes referred to as the "Abrahamic religions," because of the role Abraham plays in their holy books and beliefs. Today, three billion people — half the world's population — call him father, patriarch, spiritual ancestor. And while modern Judaism, Christianity and Islam share Abraham's faith in one God and many ethical teachings, each religion each speaks in its own distinctive voice.

This new exhibit explores these similarities as well as the distinctive voices found across the three faiths.

Led by project director and curator Eleanor Brawley, a team of eight local photographers followed eleven different Jewish, Christian and Muslim families from the Charlotte area for a year, documenting daily life and faith practices. They captured Holy Days across the three religions, as well as family milestones and

moments from the families' every day lives. The families portrayed in the exhibit include:

Tammy Seigel and Adam Bernstein, and children Asher (13) and Shayna (15)

Karen Garfein and daughter Hannah (7)

Rose and Imad Hamid, and children Suzanne (18), Omar (16), and Samir (13)

(5), Thomas (4)

Remzija and Mirsad Suljakovic, and children Nisveta (9), Ismet (12)

Toni and Lemuel Turner, and children Alexis (12), Bailey (9)

Debra and David Van Glish, and children Jordan (7), Ethan (5), Shayna (2)

According to Brawley, "In this exhibit, the viewer will get to know each family through photographs and their words - they will see a young Jewish boy becoming a man in the eyes of the congregation as he completes his Bar Mitzvah, and a Catholic Nicaraguan mother holding her first child moments after the birth. We hope through the experience of looking at areas we share - from the celebration of new life to the end of life - viewers will grow in their knowledge and understanding of our commonality."

The documentary photographers included: Byron Baldwin, Donna Bise, Eleanor Brawley, John Daughtry, Donna Foster, Chris Keane, Tina Manley, and Nancy Pierce. In addition to the photography team, Linda De Castrique, Linda Newcome, and Judy Simpson Cook spent many hours with each family conducting interviews.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Levine Museum has partnered

with Mecklenburg Ministries to offer tours and facilitated dialogue opportunities for groups. Designed to expand understanding and explore connections, groups will enjoy the exhibit, individual reflection and group discussion. Call us at 704-333-1887 ext. 501 for more info on the dialogues or

to book a group visit (self-guided and guided tours also available).

In addition to the exhibit and the dialogues, the Museum will be offering a variety of related programming during the five month exhibit run.

On January 13, the Museum will host a special Community Day to celebrate the exhibit. Featuring free admission all day, plus food, music and activities from each of the three faiths. ✪



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