



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Georgia Press Release**

In 1967, for the first time in 10 years, Otis Redding beat Elvis Presley when he was voted the World's Best Male Vocalist. Within a few short months, the 26 year-old Otis was killed in a plane crash. This year Otis's home town of Macon, Georgia is commemorating the 40th anniversary of his tragically premature death with Otis Redding: I've Got Dreams to Remember - a very special multi-media exhibition which displays over 200 artefacts connected with the singer. The exhibition runs until September 2008, and more information can be found by visiting [www.gamusichall.com](http://www.gamusichall.com)

On 4 April 1968, a shot rang out which was heard around the world, when Dr Martin Luther King was assassinated. Throughout his 39 years Dr King was synonymous with the civil rights struggle, and a passionate advocate of non-violent protest. Martin Luther King remains one of the true giants of the 20th Century, commemorated in song by U2, Stevie Wonder and Bob Dylan. Atlanta, Georgia is where Dr King was born, preached, and is buried.

The Auburn district of the city has many historic links with Dr King - his birthplace and grave are on the same city block, right opposite the Martin Luther King Visitor Center which chronicles the fascinating struggle for civil rights. The state website for the area is [www.nps.gov/malu](http://www.nps.gov/malu). In January 2008, the Centre for Civil Rights is scheduled to open in Atlanta.

Atlanta native Margaret Mitchell only ever wrote one novel, but it *was* Gone With The Wind! First published in 1936, it remains far and away the world's best-selling novel. Since its release in 1939, the film of Gone With The Wind has been seen by more paying customers than any other movie on the planet. Now, 70 years on, Gone With The Wind: The Musical comes to the stage. Produced by the same team responsible for Cats, the show opens at the New London Theatre in April 2008. You can find out more about next year's most exciting theatrical event by visiting [www.gwtwthemusical.com](http://www.gwtwthemusical.com).

The state of Georgia's website can be visited at [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org) or for full details of visiting Georgia from the UK, telephone 01462 440766.