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Henson and his characters. Photo by John E. Barrett, courtesy of The Jim Henson Company. Kermit the Frog © The Muppets Studio, LLC.

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JIM HENSON'S FANTASTIC WORLD

December 19, 2009 - March 14, 2010

Magic of Mississippian Jim Henson Celebrated
in Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition

Without "fences" to limit where his imagination could roam, Greenville, Mississippi-native Jim Henson (1936-1990) - artist, puppeteer, film director, and producer - created elaborate imaginary worlds filled with unique characters, objects, environments, and even languages and cultures. The early years he spent in the Mississippi Delta offered Henson the creative atmosphere from which many of his world-famous characters sprang. Henson spent many formative afternoons exploring Deer Creek around Leland, Mississippi, where he was inspired by the amphibians and the surrounding swamp. Henson's work is now enjoyed in dozens of languages in more than 100 countries.

Jim Henson's Fantastic World, a new exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and The Jim Henson Legacy, offers a rare peek into the imagination and creative genius of this multitalented innovator and creator of Kermit the Frog, Big Bird, and other beloved characters.