



## Behringer-Crawford interprets N. Ky. heritage

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At the Florence Rotary meeting on July 21 at the Hilton of Florence, Behringer-Crawford Museum's education director Regina Siegrist shared the story of the museum in Covington's Devou Park and what's next in its future.

From the ridiculous, the infamous two-headed calf, to the sublime, the 1892 Kentucky streetcar and significant local artist collections, Behringer-Crawford Museum impacts the community through its unique and steady focus on interpreting NKY's heritage.

It also features the innovative freshART event and annual family traditions such as the Music@BCM concert series and the Holiday Toy Trains.

Reviewed from a Trip Advisor patron as the "Best place to get to know your area's roots!" BCM hosts several rotating exhibits per year in combination with its 16 permanent displays.

The current exhibit, "Vietnam: Our Story," is a compilation of area veteran experiences during the war as told by them. A video complements the exhibits as well as personal artifacts from many featured in the display.

Opening in October will be an exhibit associated with the regional wide FotoFocus exhibits featuring photographers and photographs. "50 Years of Photojournalism: 1960-2010 Winter Edition" will showcase images of winter in Northern Kentucky in the last 50 years as published in our local newspapers.

A favorite annual event, the Music@BCM concert series, continues its success with up to 300 to 400 in attendance each week listening to a wide genre of local musical talents. A recent patron said, "This is the most rockin' museum – I'll be back!" The series ends Aug. 7 with a popular reprise of the Bourbon n' Blues concert featuring the Tim Goshorn Band.

Enjoy Art 3-Ways at BCM on Sept 13. BCM will once again host its 22nd freshARTEvent. We'll see the signature plein air event in which artists create an original work in the park during the day to be auctioned off that evening, and the silentART where artists submit original previously completed works.

"NEXT-Gen, The Cheese on Top" is an exciting new opportunity for promising high school and college art students to showcase and promote their art.

Private grants fund scholarships for field trips to allow up to 9,000 students per year to participate in BCM programs for free.

And as part of the upcoming Covington 200 Bicentennial celebration, more programs have been developed specific to Covington's history. New exhibits are underway with a complete Rails Gallery renovation.

BCM is certainly not your grandmother's museum. Rockin' music, family and classroom enrichment programs with a multitude of hands-on activities, engaging exhibits and plein air artists capturing historic landscapes, there's not a static and dusty history lesson in the house.