



Exhibition Fact Sheet

Description: On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, 1966, the National Football League (NFL) awarded its 16th franchise to New Orleans. Over the next 50 years, the Saints brought their fans heartbreaking losses and euphoric triumphs. While all teams have good and bad seasons, the Saints' highs and lows seem particularly dramatic. *Beyond Sunday: Fifty Years of the New Orleans Saints* commemorates these highs and lows, as well as the people who made them happen.

Exhibition Dates:

- Sept. 24, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017

Exhibition Location:

- Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, 800 Front St., Natchitoches, La.

Exhibition Hours:

- 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays – Saturdays
- Closed Sundays, Mondays and state holidays

Admission:

- Adults: \$5
- Students, senior citizens, active military: \$4
- Children 12 and under: Free

Exhibition Highlights:

- The exhibit features a pair of shoes worn by fullback Jimmy Taylor when he was with Green Bay Packers; Taylor, a native of Baton Rouge, left Green Bay to play with the Saints during their first season. A jersey from early Saints quarterback Archie Manning will also be on display.

- *Beyond Sunday* also features a special group of Steve Gleason-related artifacts. In addition to photographs and a jersey from his career with the Saints, the exhibit features the special wheelchair Gleason used on a recent trip to Machu Picchu. Gleason, who was diagnosed with ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) in January 2011, has become an outspoken advocate for those suffering from neuromuscular diseases and injuries
- Perhaps nothing signifies the Saints', and to some extent the city's, recovery as well as the team's victory against the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV. Thousands of fans flooded the streets of New Orleans to celebrate the long-awaited triumph in Miami. In commemoration of this historic win, *Beyond Sunday* includes some of the clothing items Coach Sean Payton wore during the game, as well as Marques Colston's helmet, jersey and shoes, on loan from the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Overview of the Louisiana State Museum: Founded in 1906, Louisiana State Museum is a system of National Historic Landmarks and architecturally significant structures housing a half-million artifacts that showcase the state's history and culture.

- Five museums call New Orleans' historic French Quarter home—the Cabildo, the Presbytère, 1850 House, Madame John's Legacy and the Old U.S. Mint. Museums outside of New Orleans include Capitol Park Museum in Baton Rouge; Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum in Natchitoches; Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum in Patterson; and E.D. White Historic Site in Thibodaux.
- Louisiana State Museum's mission focuses on collecting, preserving and interpreting buildings, documents and artifacts that reveal Louisiana's history and culture and presenting those items using both traditional and innovative technology to educate, enlighten and provide enjoyment for Louisianians and visitors.

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- LouisianaStateMuseum.org