



## The International Civil Rights Center & Museum Fact Sheet

**Location:** Greensboro, N.C.

**Chairman:** Melvin "Skip" Alston

**Web Site:** [www.sitinmovement.org](http://www.sitinmovement.org)

### **The Museum:**

The International Civil Rights Center & Museum is an archival center, collecting museum and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum will celebrate the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.

The Museum complex features educational exhibits, a gallery, auditorium, archival center and a proposed Joint Center for the Study of Human Rights. The Museum will open on Feb. 1, 2010, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Greensboro sit-ins.

The International Civil Rights Center & Museum was founded by Melvin "Skip" Alston and Earl Jones in 1993 under the auspices of the Sit-In Movement, Inc.

### **Museum Features, Exhibits and Size:**

The Museum complex includes 30,000 square feet of exhibit space and is located in the historic 1929 F.W. Woolworth building. The Museum features:

- Original lunch counter and stools where the A&T/Greensboro Four (Ezell Blair, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and David Richmond) began their protest on Feb. 1, 1960.
- Educational exhibits, including 14 signature exhibits devoted to the struggle of human and civil rights in the "Battlegrounds" area of the Museum.
- State-of-art auditorium (seats 172)
- Archival center
- Gallery featuring traveling exhibits and community meeting space
- SIMI's Room, a children's education and activity center for K-12 students and educators
- A proposed Joint Center for the Study of Human Rights
- Administrative offices for Museum staff

### **Museum Design & Construction Team:**

Exhibit Designers: Eisterhold Associates Inc.

Exhibit Fabricators: Art Guild

Architect: The Freelon Group

General Contractor: Weaver Cooke Construction

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