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2011 Georgia History Festival Kicks Off With GHS Signature Lecture Noted National Historian Gary Moulton to Speak.

Savannah, GA--Georgia Historical Society will host award-winning author and historian, Gary Moulton, in a lecture to kick off the 2011 Georgia History Festival at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 225 W. President Street. The event is free and open to all history enthusiasts.

Gary Moulton is nationally recognized for his editing of the journals of Lewis and Clark. He is considered one of the foremost experts on the expedition and understanding the colonization and transformation of America.

In the lecture, Moulton will discuss the forced removal of the Cherokee from Georgia in the 1830s. Author of John Ross, Cherokee Chief, Moulton describes the struggles within the Cherokee Nation as well as the challenges faced from the outside.

This program will set the stage for the Georgia History Festival's educational component designed to examine the pivotal role of the Cherokee in Georgia's rich



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history. This year's Festival features historical honoree, Sequoyah, creator of Cherokee syllabary, as the subject for educational material and in-school visits by a professional costumed interpreter. The Georgia History Festival consists of two weeks of programs and events that bring Georgia history to life for students of all ages.

"Lectures like these are so important to GHS's mission to actively educate and examine all of Georgia's history," Dr. Todd Groce, President and CEO of GHS, said. "It is through lectures that we have the opportunity to transport the knowledge out of academy and institution and bring it to the public."

This event is made possible by the generous donation of BG Group.

About the Georgia History Festival:

Formerly known as Georgia Days, the Georgia History Festival is the signature K-12 educational program of the Georgia Historical Society. Held annually around the anniversary of the founding of the colony of Georgia on February 12, 1733, this commemoration brings history to life for students of all ages through a variety of programs including a series of school events and curriculum, crafts workshops, the two-day Colonial Faire and Muster living-history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site, and the colorful Georgia Day parade. By engaging students in interactive learning experiences, Georgia History Festival sparks the imagination, develops critical thinking processes, and opens the exciting world of the past to exploration, study, and understanding. To learn more about the 2011 Georgia History Festival, visit www.georgiahistory.com and click on the Georgia History Festival button.

Date and Time : Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Venue : Trinity United Methodist Church, 225 W. President Street.

Admission : Free and open to all history enthusiasts.

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