

New DVD Reveals Georgia's Ancient Native America Civilizations

To celebrate New Line Cinema's recent release, "The New World," LostWorlds.org, the Interactive Museum of the American Indian, has released a new DVD titled "Lost Worlds of Georgia." The DVD covers the past 4,000 years of Georgia's Native American history by focusing on the six most important archaeological sites in the state: Sapelo Shell Rings, Rock Eagle & Rock Hawk, Fort Mountain, Kolomoki Mounds, Ocmulgee Mounds and Etowah Mounds.

The DVD uses state-of-the-art 3D computer animation to recreate these historic sites and show how they might have appeared when they were first constructed. The DVD also features interviews with historians, scholars, archaeologists and others who help tell the story of these important sites and dispel the stereotypes of Indians made popular by Hollywood movies. For instance, Georgia's Indians never lived in teepees.

Did you know that the Sapelo Shell Ring complex on Georgia's Sapelo Island is older than the pyramids in Egypt and contains some of the oldest pottery ever discovered in North



America? Did you know that Georgia's Rock Eagle and Rock Hawk are the only bird effigy mounds to be found east of the Mississippi River? Did you know that the Temple Mound, a great earthen pyramid constructed by Indians at the Kolomoki Mounds site in southwest Georgia, has a base that is larger than a football field and rises seven stories high? Did you know that this mound complex was the most populous city north of Mexico during its height over 1,500 years ago? Did you know that the earthen pyramid at Etowah Mounds in north Georgia is even taller, rising to a height of over eight stories high, and is one of the four most important earthen pyramid sites in North

America? Did you also know that the residents of Etowah carved large marble statues of important ancestors, which they placed in the great temples atop these pyramids? These and other facts are revealed in the DVD.

If your only familiarity with Native Americans is teepees and dreamcatchers, be prepared to enter an entirely new world of Indian art and architecture. All of the sites featured in the video are open to the public, thus the DVD is part historical documentary and part travelogue. The DVD may be previewed online at www.lostworlds.org/georgia_indians_video.html. ♣

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