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Museum of State Historical Society to Host Smithsonian Sunday Program on Sept. 8

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society will host a special webcast of the Smithsonian American Art Museum’s program entitled, “A Democracy of Images Curator Talk: at 2 p.m. CDT on Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre in the center’s education room.

The program is hosted by The American Art Museum and features a discussion led by Guest Curator Merry Foresta, who selected 113 photographs from The American Art Museum’s permanent collection to uncover recurring motifs of American life. She discusses the American experience through the images in the exhibition, “Democracy of Images: Photographs from the Smithsonian American Art Museum.”

There is no fee to view the program, but standard admission fees apply for visitors wanting to go into the museum galleries.

“This is a great opportunity to enjoy a discussion that brings American Art and Culture together through photographic images,” said Jay Smith, director of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society. “We are pleased that The American Art Museum has offered to make this a public programming opportunity, and we look forward to working with them again on future programming and other projects.”

The State Historical Society became a Smithsonian Affiliate in January and is the only one in South Dakota.

“A Democracy of Images Curator Talk” was originally broadcast June 28 at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in conjunction with the new “Democracy of Images: Photographs from the Smithsonian American Art Museum” exhibition.

About Smithsonian Affiliations

Established in 1996, Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. The long-term goal of Smithsonian Affiliations is to facilitate a two-way relationship among Affiliate organizations and the Smithsonian Institution to increase discovery and inspire lifelong learning in communities across America. More information about the Smithsonian Affiliations program and Affiliate activity is available at <https://affiliations.si.edu>.

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.