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### **Museum of the State Historical Society to Host Live Webcast**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society, located at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, will host a special webcast of a program entitled “Family Storytelling with Grayhawk Perkins” from 10-11 a.m. CDT on Saturday, Sept. 21. The program is being broadcast live from the ImagiNATIONS Activity Center at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

There is no additional fee for the program but standard admission fees will apply.

Families with children are invited to experience a dynamic storytelling program with New Orleans-born Grayhawk Perkins. Perkins is a well-known cultural figure in Louisiana. He works as an educator, historian and a musician, teaching music, history, writing and environmental studies to students from Pre-K to college level. He has been a solo performer for young audiences for more than 15 years.

“This is a great opportunity to provide live programming aimed at a family audience,” commented Jay Smith, director of the museum. “Grayhawk Perkins is an extraordinary individual and every member of the audience will enjoy his presentation. We are grateful to the National Museum of the American Indian for broadcasting this program live.”

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

### **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>.

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*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](http://history.sd.gov) for more*

*information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*