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State Historical Society hosting outdoor concert, ice cream social on Friday, July 21

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society will host a special outdoor concert called “Smithsonian Remembers” featuring traditional music artists Bob and Sheila Everhart on Friday, July 21, at 7 p.m. CDT near the Capitol Lake Visitor Center in Pierre.

The museum is also hosting its annual ice cream social that evening, featuring several flavors from the South Dakota State University Dairy Barn. There is no fee to attend the concert or for ice cream.

The Everharts have recorded several albums of traditional, folk and country music, and earned a Grammy nomination for one of their Smithsonian recordings. They have appeared alongside such performers as Patti Page, Ray Price and Jimmy Buffet, earning accolades all over the world including the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from World Music Events in Austria. They have appeared on “The Today Show” and the “Louisiana Hayride.”

“This is going to be a terrific event for the entire family,” said Jay Smith, museum director. “Bob and Sheila Everhart have performed for us before, and they are great entertainers who will put on an enjoyable show filled with classic materials and a few surprises. Bob and Sheila are from nearby Anita, Iowa, where some of our audience may have heard their radio program or attended one of the festivals they periodically sponsor. Bob is an accomplished author as well, with five books, including his biography entitled ‘What I Saw,’ released in 2010.”

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets or any other comfortable outdoor gear for the free concert. Restrooms will be available for those in attendance. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the Capitol Lake Visitor Center.

For questions about the concert, call (605) 773-3798.

About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. 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 www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.