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Museum Day Live! Event at Cultural Heritage Center on Saturday

PIERRE, S.D. -- The holidays come early this Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

All visitors will be welcomed free of charge courtesy of Smithsonian Magazine. This is the 10th anniversary of the *Museum Day Live!* event across the nation, and the second since the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society became a Smithsonian Affiliate.

Interested people are requested to go to <http://www.smithsonian.com/museumdaylive> and fill out a short form in order to receive their free tickets to the Cultural Heritage Center and other participating institutions:

“This is a great day to visit the Cultural Heritage Center,” commented Jay D. Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. “We are happy to encourage people to visit some of the great museums across South Dakota and the rest of the nation on this special day.”

To view the list of participating institutions around the nation, go to:
<http://www.smithsonian.com/museumday/venues>.

Smithsonian Day Live! tickets are valid only on Saturday, Sept. 27.

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

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

About Smithsonian Affiliations

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