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SDPB to air Great Sioux Horse Effigy return celebration banquet on Nov. 1

PIERRE, S.D. -- The South Dakota State Historical Society's recent banquet held during the celebration for the return of the Great Sioux Horse Effigy will be broadcast on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. CST.

Two prominent speakers made presentations at the banquet, including Kevin Gover, director of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., and Gaylord Torrence, senior curator of American Indian Art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. Torrence was one of the chief curators involved in the organization of the international touring exhibition, "The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky," which included the Great Sioux Horse Effigy. Jay Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

"We are especially excited about the broadcast," said Vogt. "Response to the presentations after the banquet was tremendous, and I think people will be very interested in what the speakers had to say."

South Dakota Public Broadcasting recorded the event at the Ramkota in Pierre on Sunday, Oct. 11, as part of what is hoped to become an annual program and a new partnership between the South Dakota State Historical Society, South Dakota Public Broadcasting and the Smithsonian Affiliations program.

"We are working out the details between the State Historical Society, the Smithsonian Institution and South Dakota Public Broadcasting for a new partnership," said Jay Smith, museum director and Smithsonian Affiliations coordinator for the society. "We hope to annually host in the state a Smithsonian speaker for broadcast on SDPB starting next year."

The official announcement is pending.

The South Dakota State Historical Society, headquartered at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, became a Smithsonian Affiliate in January 2013 and is the only affiliate in South Dakota.

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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.

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>.