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Cultural Heritage Center to host Everharts outdoor concert July 10

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center will host a free outdoor concert featuring traditional music artists Bob & Sheila Everhart on Friday, July 10, at 7 p.m. CDT at the Capitol Lake Visitor Center in Pierre.

The concert is being held in association with the Bad River Museums Music Project along with a marketing grant provided by Missouri River Tourism. The Bad River Museums include the Cultural Heritage Center, the South Dakota Discovery Center and the South Dakota National Guard Museum in Pierre, and the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center in Fort Pierre. The Bad River Museums are each hosting a concert event this summer to promote awareness and visitation to Pierre and Fort Pierre attractions.

The Everharts have recorded several albums of traditional, folk and country music and earned a Grammy nomination for one of their Smithsonian Institution 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.”

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

“This is going to be a terrific event for the entire family,” said Jay Smith, museum director at the Cultural Heritage Center. “Bob & Sheila Everhart are terrific performers who will put on an enjoyable show filled with classics and a few of their own songs in that traditional music style. Bob & 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.”

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

Other Bad River Museum concerts include Phil Baker at the South Dakota Discovery Center’s Discovery Town Grand Opening on Thursday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m.; a Kids Street Dance from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the South Dakota National Guard Museum; and Del Shields on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 3-5 p.m. at the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center.

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.