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State Historical Society Museum to host outdoor concert, ice cream social on Friday, July 8

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society will host an outdoor concert called “A History of Country Music” featuring traditional music artists Bob and Sheila Everhart on Friday, July 8, at 7 p.m. CDT at the Capitol Lake Visitor Center.

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 for the concert or the 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.”

Concert 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. Ice cream will be served by museum staff and volunteers.

“This is going to be a terrific event for the entire family,” said Jay Smith, museum director. “Bob and Sheila Everhart were here last year, and they are terrific performers who will put on an enjoyable show filled with classic materials and a few of their own songs they will share as well. 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.”

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

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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 history.sd.gov for more

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