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## **All-Star Game & South Dakota Baseball History on Display at Cultural Heritage Center through Sept. 18**

PIERRE, S.D. – While the nation turns its attention to the Major League Baseball’s All-Star Game this week, the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre has an exhibit on display that celebrates baseball tradition closer to home. “Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota” will be on display in the Hogen Gallery of the museum through Sept. 18.

“People do not realize how many exceptional baseball players played baseball in South Dakota,” commented Jay Smith, museum director. “Players like Jim Palmer, Bob Gibson, Don Sutton and many more that played baseball in South Dakota had the talent level that allowed them to play in the All-Star game at the major league level. I think that our visitors could put together a highly competitive All-Star team from those players with South Dakota roots.”

“There are just a few more weeks to see the exhibit, so we heartily recommend celebrating baseball and its all-star game by coming out to visit our baseball exhibit,” commented Jay Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. “It is time to make room for new displays about the great state of South Dakota.”

“Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota” traces the history of baseball in South Dakota from the territorial era to the present through artifacts, images, video and hands-on activities that will inspire, educate and entertain all audiences.

The museum and the exhibit are open during regular museum hours of 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. CDT Monday through Saturday, and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sundays. There is an admission fee for adults, but kids 17 and under are free.

For more information, visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) or call (605) 773-3458.

**Editor’s Note: Jim Palmer is an example of a baseball player who once played in South Dakota who went on to become a Major League All-Star. (Courtesy South Dakota State Historical Society)**

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