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Entertainment for Cultural Heritage Center Holiday Open House announced

PIERRE, S.D. – A full afternoon of entertainment is planned for the annual holiday open house of the South Dakota State Historical Society on Friday, Nov. 25, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

Following is the schedule:

- 12-12:30 p.m.: Pierre Youth Orchestra
- 12:30-1 p.m.: Gloria Merriam, piano
- 1-1:30 p.m.: Bob and Laurie Gill, guitar and vocal
- 1:30-2 p.m.: Joyce Goehring, piano
- 2-2:30 p.m.: Jeanne Schweigert, piano
- 2:30-3 p.m.: Virginia Hanson, vibraphone
- 3-3:30 p.m.: Capital City Children's Chorus
- 3:30-4 p.m.: Bev Mickelson and Jeanne Goodman, piano/saxophone and flute/saxophone duets
- 4-4:30 p.m.: Margaret Ellefson, piano

"The entertainment is always an important part of our holiday open house," said Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society. "We encourage people to bring guests, come up to the Cultural Heritage Center and support their favorite performers – or all of them."

In addition to the entertainment, the 12-4:30 p.m. CST event features living-history demonstrators Bob Travis panning for gold and April Sterk spinning yarn. There is free admission to the museum, featuring new quilt and photography displays in the Hogen Gallery and "Building South Dakota" in the Observation Gallery, holiday treats and people can shop for unique gifts in the Heritage Store. Photos with Santa Claus will be available in the Hogen Gallery.

An added attraction this year is snowflakes made by members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Capital Area hung up in the lobby.

People are encouraged to bring canned goods as a freewill donation for the Pierre Food Pantry.

Following the holiday open house, the Cultural Heritage Center will be open extended hours for the holidays. From Nov. 26-Dec. 23, the hours will be 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sundays. The Cultural Heritage Center is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

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.