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**Durham Museum and Strategic Air & Space Museum Offers Free Admission on
Smithsonian Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day on Saturday September 26
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(OMAHA, Neb. and ASHLAND, Neb.) – On Saturday, September 26, 2009, the Durham Museum and Strategic Air & Space Museum will participate in the fifth annual Museum Day, presented by Smithsonian magazine. A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, Smithsonian's Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. Free admission is available at The Durham Museum and Strategic Air & Space Museum for visitors who present a Museum Day Admission Card, which are available in the September edition of Smithsonian Magazine and online at www.smithsonianmagazine.com/museumday.

Last year, upwards of 200,000 people attended Museum Day, with all 50 states plus Puerto Rico represented by over 900 participating museums, including 84 Smithsonian affiliate museums. This year, the magazine expects to attract over 1,000 museums.

Visit www.smithsonian.com/museumday to download your Museum Day Admission Card. Attendees must present the Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry to participating institutions. Each card provides museum access for two people, and one admission card is permitted per household. Listings and links to participating museums' can also be found at www.smithsonian.com/museumday.

About Strategic Air & Space Museum:

The Museum is regarded as the nation's foremost facility of its kind. The 300,000 square foot Museum proudly houses two aircraft display hangers, traveling exhibits, children's interactive gallery, 200-seat theater, aircraft restoration gallery and café. The stunning glass atrium welcomes visitors by showcasing the awesome Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest jet-powered aircraft in the world.

The Museum provides an exciting and always-changing permanent collection and traveling exhibits. We promote education through curriculum in aviation and aerospace topics and encourage school participation through formal group tours and classroom activities. The Museum opened in 1998 and preserves aircraft and missiles for future generations. A unique feature of the Museum allows visitors to watch the restoration of warplanes. Currently on exhibit through January 23rd – May 9, 2010 is Leonardo da Vinci's Machines in Motion.

About Durham Museum:

Beautiful architecture blends with memories of a time gone by at The Durham Museum. Making its home in one of Omaha's most unique treasures, Union Station, The Durham Museum offers a fascinating look at the history of the region and offers a broad-range of traveling exhibits covering subjects ranging from

history and culture, to science, industry and more through our affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution and strong ties with the Library of Congress, National Archives and the Field Museum. We encourage you to explore all that The Durham has the offer! Now through November 22, experience the exhibit **THE ART AND ARTISTRY OF AK-SAR-BEN**.

About Smithsonian Media

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