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The iconic wardrobe of *Downton Abbey*™ on display

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\$10: Seniors (62+) and Military/Veteran

\$7: Children (3-12)

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Letter from the Executive Director

"At my age, one must ration one's excitement." Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham

The historical TV drama series *Downton Abbey*™ has wowed audiences from across the country since it first aired in the United States on PBS in 2011. While I was aware of its initial (and continued) popularity, I did not have much interest in the series until our team expressed excitement about bringing Dressing the Abbey to The Durham Museum. Citing complex and fascinating character stories, set against a backdrop of significant historical events, it became clear that this exhibit would resonate with a larger audience than I had anticipated. Of course, I knew I would need to find some time to get familiar with the series and the characters who donned the featured costumes, and



a required quarantine provided the perfect opportunity. Only minutes into the first episode and I was hooked. The writing, the characters and, yes, the costumes created an immersive and educational experience that left me wanting more. We are beyond excited to bring these costumes and a part of *Downton Abbey*™ to the Omaha community.

Of course, we are always excited when a new exhibition makes its way to The Durham. This year, the museum is celebrating its 20th Anniversary as an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. In a sense, it was this partnership that launched our traveling exhibition program. For those who have been with us since 2002, you may recall our very first national display entitled American Originals: Collections from the Smithsonian. This exhibit brought 120 historic objects to the midwest from the "world's largest museum, education, and research complex." In total, we have hosted 14 exhibitions from the Smithsonian over the past 20 years. That's a lot of history! Please help us celebrate this milestone by joining us for special programming in the months ahead.

As always, we appreciate your continued investment in our efforts. Your support provides the necessary resources to do what we do both "upstairs and downstairs" and we cannot ration our excitement for all that you do for The Durham Museum. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Yours very sincerely,

Christi Janssen

Executive Director





DRESSING THE Hobey September 24, 2022 - January 8, 2023

Dressing the Abbey is a costume exhibition that highlights fashion from one of the most widely watched television dramas in the world, Downton Abbey™. Experience original costumes worn by the stars of Downton Abbey™ that depict fashions of the British aristocracy in the early 20th century. The exhibition showcases the turbulence and changes in the late Edwardian era through the 1920s using the fashions of the period while evoking fans' favorite moments.

The exhibition's award-winning costumes created for the British hit drama were produced by the London costume house of Cosprop Ltd. The costumes were created for the show's aristocratic Crawley family and their servants who inhabit the fictional English country estate of *Downton Abbey*™. The costumes range from country tweeds and riding outfits; servants' uniforms and footmen's livery; to lavish evening attire crafted from sumptuous fabrics and decorated with intricate embroidery, lace and beading. *Dressing the Abbey* weaves popular culture, fashion and history in an exhibition borrowed from *Downton Abbey*'s™ wardrobe.



The Dressing the Abbey exhibition is presented by Exhibits

Development Group, USA, in cooperation with Cosprop Ltd.,

London, England. The exhibition is not endorsed by, sponsored by,

licensed by, associated with, or otherwise affiliated with the television series Downton Abbey™,

NBC Universal International, Carnival Film and Television Limited or their representatives.



Exhibit Programming



Members-Only Preview: Dressing the Abbey

Friday, September 23, 10AM-4PM

Museum members get exclusive access to view the *Dressing the Abbey* exhibit the day before its public opening.

Advance registration is not required but is certainly appreciated. If you'd like to let us know you are coming, register online at DurhamMuseum.org/dressing-the-abbey or email membership@durhammuseum.org.

Special Preview Event! Thursday, September 22, 6-9PM

Tickets are \$40 for members: \$50 for non-members



It's the social event of the season and you're invited! Be the first to experience Dressing the Abbey during our special preview event, "Downton at The Durham." Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets include admission to the museum, one drink ticket and all the evening's activities. Though optional, guests are welcome to dress in attire appropriate to the Downton Abbey™ era.

Purchase tickets online at DurhamMuseum.org/downton-at-the-durham or by calling 402-444-5071.

"Downton at The Durham" event includes:

- A first look at Dressing the Abbey
- Downton Abbey™ inspired hors d'oeuvres, tea and desserts
- Cash bar available for cocktails, beer, wine and soda
- ◆ Ballroom dancing with live music from the Bel Canto Duo and performances/lessons from Vintage Ballroom
- ♦ Indoor croquet on our custom-built courts Croquet Omaha will be on hand to give guests pointers on the game and show off some trick shots
- Vintage cars from the era

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◆ Photo ops, a scavenger hunt and much more!



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and a light breakfast followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of Dressing the Abbey. This in-depth gallery

tour will include additional objects related to the exhibition from the museum's permanent collection. Museum educators and collections staff will guide this tour in a small group, allowing you to get up close before the exhibition opens to the public for the day. This VIP experience costs \$30 for museum members and \$40 for non-members. Register online at DurhamMuseum.org or by calling the Education Services department at 402-444-5027.

Thank you to the tea smith for generously donating tea for this event!

Exhibit Programming



Dressing the Abbey "What is it Wednesdays" Wednesdays, September 28 - January 4, 2023, 10AM-Noon

Our popular "What is it Wednesday" series is getting a new look for Dressing the Abbey! Each week, our "What is it Wednesday" display will feature an item from our collection related to the era of the popular TV series, Downton Abbey[™]. This drop-in programing is included with museum admission and no registration is required.

Current Exhibits



Theater Row: Stage and Screen in Early 20th **Century Omaha**

During the first half of the 20th century, along Douglas Street between 14th and 16th, was a boom of theater houses whose development tells

a story of the evolution of stage to screen. This exhibit highlights four giants of early theater houses in Omaha that gave this area a name of 'Theater Row.' The focus of this exhibit are the architectural giants including The Empress, The Moon, The Rialto and The World Theater. Using photographs and objects from the museum's collection, each theater tells a story tied to the growth of Omaha and the development of the theater industry from its earliest connections to vaudevillian stage acts to the more modern films of today. Like shows of old, stories presented will fascinate and enthrall.

Last Chance! These Exhibits Close December 31



On the Homefront: Nebraska and World War II Photo Display



A Gentleman's Collection: Highlights from the Byron Reed Vault



Political Practices: The Uses of Broadsides as Propaganda



The Durham Museum is unmasking its first exhibition of the 2023 calendar year with Hall of Heroes. This popular traveling exhibition celebrates and explores both the history and science behind America's fascination with superheroes and how they impacted our popular culture throughout the 20th century and beyond. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to explore, learn and test their heroic abilities at engaging and challenging interactive stations.

Ever wonder how your favorite super-powered characters were created? Hall of Heroes provides an immersive experience for visitors to understand the world of heroes, crime-fighters and gadgets. Their journey takes them through several themed environments with surprises around every corner. Visitors will explore the histories of heroes and the circumstances that created them, while discovering the ideals that make them the heroes that we know and love. Hall of Heroes includes:

- Life-sized statues of the Incredible Hulk, Ironman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Black Panther and Superman (great for photo ops!).
- A full-scale interactive recreation of the iconic 1960's Batmobile and Batcave. and a showcase of the various gadgets used in the television series.
- Movie props, reproductions and rare artifacts from past and present major motion pictures and television shows.

To find out more about Hall of Heroes and exhibition hours. please visit DurhamMuseum.org/hall-of-heroes.



Halls of Heroes® was created by Stage Nine Design and is distributed by Exhibits Development Group.



Halloween at The Durham Museum

Celebrate Halloween all week long at The Durham Museum! We've got plenty of spooky good fun planned for the whole family. All activities are FREE for museum members. Get ready to explore some haunted history behind the walls of historic Union Station this October!



Tuesday, October 25, 5-8PM • Advanced Tickets Encouraged

dancing zombies are back courtesy of UNO's The Moving Company.

We can't wait to see all you ghosts and ghouls for a night of trick-or-treating fun!

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THE GREAT HALL-OWEEN HAUNT

FREE to Members • Non-Members: Adult: \$13, Senior: \$10, Children (3-12): \$7, 2 & under: Free

Forest and NE SciFest for some trick-or-treating fun! Come in costume and snag sweets from

Join The Durham Museum and other community organizations like The Rose Theater, Fontenelle

historical characters and spooktacular displays located throughout the museum. You can try your

spooky but not scary Haunted Train and "crawl" your way through the Cobweb Caboose. Stop by

our historic Soda Fountain to indulge in some extra sweet Halloween treats. Plus, the crowd favorite

• Advanced tickets are encouraged due to the popularity of this event, though walk-up tickets will

tickets at DurhamMuseum.org/halloween or by calling the museum at 402-444-5071.

be available the day of the event. Members, reserve your spot or non-members purchase your

• Please note, the museum will close at 4PM and reopen at 5PM for the Great HALL-oween Haunt.

hand at ghostly games and creepy crafts in the Swanson Gallery. Don't forget to check out our



These drop-in activities are included with museum admission. Registration is not required.



Spooky Tales for Tots

Bring your little ghosts and goblins to celebrate the season with a reading of a Halloween story followed by a cute craft.



Hallo-weekend Saturday and Sunday, October 29-30

Wednesday, October 26, 10:30-11:30 AM



All weekend long, children 12 and under get in free and costumes are encouraged! Enjoy goodie bags, the Haunted Train, Cobweb Caboose, our Creepy Curator station and Halloween games on The Platform. Plus, be on the lookout for dancing zombies in the afternoon courtesy of UNO's The Moving Company.

Upcoming Events

TEACHERS'

WEEK 2022



Smithsonian's Museum Day

Saturday, September 17, 10AM-4PM

Museum Day is a one-day event hosted by Smithsonian Magazine in which participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide free entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The Durham Museum is proud to participate in Museum Day Live once again as part of the celebration of our 20th anniversary as a Smithsonian Affiliate. We encourage museum members to tell their friends about this free admission opportunity to experience The Durham! Visit Smithsonianmag.com/museumday to download your free ticket. Participants are allowed to download one ticket per email address. The ticket provides free general admission on Saturday, September 17 for two people.

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The Durham Loves Teachers!

Teachers' Week October 3-7

Calling area educators! Join us for Teachers'

Week 2022, October 3-7! This week of

appreciation for area teachers culminates

in the 19th Annual Teachers' Night event

on Friday, October 7, from 4-7PM. This free

non-profits, raffles and giveaways, food and

beverage and of course, a chance to check

out our fall exhibition, Dressing the Abbey.

a chance to win treats for the teachers at

New this year: weekly registration prizes and

Visit DurhamMuseum.org/teachers-week for

more information and to register or call us at

event will include a resource fair with area











Veterans Day

Friday, November 11, 10AM-4PM

Veterans and their families enjoy complimentary admission on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans can also enjoy a FREE hot dog meal at the Soda Fountain on 11/11. The Durham Museum proudly supports our Veterans!

10 Timelines

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Educational Programming





Weekly on Fridays beginning September 2, 11:30AM-12:30PM Gene Leahy Mall, 13th & Farnam Streets

We are bringing The Durham Museum's award-winning program "Museum Live!" to the Gene Leahy Mall! Each week, museum staff and the star of the show, Professor Durham (a puppet), will be by the canopies with interactive and engaging content to connect park goers to local history, culture and current events. Hope to see you there!



Drop-in Activities at The Durham Museum

Join museum educators and volunteers for an enhanced museum experience. These special drop-in activities are included with museum admission—no registration is required.

Great Hall Artifacts: Sundays, Noon–2PM Omaha's Union Station recently celebrated 91 years! We have a wide variety of objects related to the station and railroad travel to help tell the story of this beautiful building.

What is it Wednesday: Wednesdays, 10AM–Noon See if you can identify our mystery object, an item from our collection related to the era of the popular TV series, *Downton Abbey*™.

Train Tours: Saturdays, 10AM–Noon
Our most loved exhibit is even better on
Saturday mornings when you are greeted by
one of our expert Train Car Hosts!



Smithsonian Channel Film Series

In continued celebration of our **20th anniversary as a proud Smithsonian Affiliate**, join us for a series of screenings from the *America in Color* film series. Highlighting the same decades of the heyday of Omaha's Union Station, this series allows viewers to witness early 20th century American history as it was experienced by those who lived through it...in vibrant color.

This series is included with regular museum admission and free for members. Registration is not required.

Each film shows at 10:30AM and 1:30PM in the Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall on the following Saturdays:

- September 17: America in Color: The 1930s
- September 24: America in Color: The 1940s
- October 1: America in Color: The 1950s
- October 8: America in Color: The 1960s





Museum Insider Tour

Order Up, Omaha!

Saturday, October 15, 9:30-11AM

Have an appetite for history? We have just the thing! Omaha's culinary past is full of iconic local restaurants, manufacturers and brewers. Dig into Omaha's culture through companies such as King Fong, Mr. C's, Kitty Clover and Metz Brewery. Bon appetit!

Museum Insider Tours offer guests the chance to see our amazing, but rarely seen, museum collection. Go behind-the-scenes with our Collections team to see some of the 40,000 historical objects housed within our artifact storage area and learn a bit more about the history of Omaha.

Tours are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Membership discount applies to those in the household. Advance registration and payment are required. Space is limited! Register online at DurhamMuseum.org or by calling the museum at 402-444-5027.





DECEMBER 19-23 & 27-30

Beat the boredom of winter break by spending it at The Durham Museum! This year we are offering nine full days of themed camps, December 19-23 and December 27-30. Campers in Kindergarten-5th Grade can register beginning October 15. For themes, costs and additional information, visit:

CampsAtTheDurham.org

Scout Merit Badge Workshops

The Durham Museum provides five unique Merit Badge workshops, all

set in our historic building and taught by museum staff who are certified Merit Badge Counselors. Join us for badges such as American Heritage, Citizenship in the Nation, Coin Collecting, Railroading and Textiles. Scouts can even complete two badges in one day! For dates, descriptions, costs and to register, please visit DurhamMuseum.org/scout-programs or by call the museum at 402-444-5027.

12 Timelines

Collections Highlight

Play Ball! Summertime in Omaha means the College World Series comes to town, but at The Durham Museum, we honored a baseball team from Omaha's past. In June we welcomed a donation of memorabilia related to the Omaha Cardinals. The minor league team was based in Omaha from 1947-1959 and was part of the Western League and later the American Association, which fed into the St. Louis Cardinals' professional team.

Gary Cook, a native of Omaha, donated many Omaha Cardinals items, which help tell the story of the team and also Rosenblatt Stadium. Included are team pictures from the 1950s, tickets, schedules, signed postcards, signed baseballs, a 1950 championship ring and even two Rosenblatt Stadium seats. The signatures of star players like Bob Gibson, Curt Flood and Don Blasingame are preserved on objects now in the museum's permanent collection. Mr. Cook also donated his personal boyhood radio that he used to listen to baseball games up in bed way past bedtime.

Mr. Cook, now of California, helped bring this collection of Omaha sports history back to town and we are grateful to preserve it and share it with you!









Assorted Omaha Cardinals memorabilia, 1947-1959, a gift of Gary E. and Antoinette Cook

Calendar of Events

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- 1 Smithsonian Channel Film Series (10:30AM and 1:30PM)
- 2 SOLD OUT! RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions North (2PM)

OCTOBER

- 3 Museum Closed
- 3-7 Teachers' Week
- 7 Teachers' Night (4-7PM)
- 8 Smithsonian Channel Film Series (10:30AM and 1:30PM)
- 9 RCHT: Remember the Ladies (2PM)
- 10 Museum Closed
- 15 Winter Camp Registration Opens
- 15 Museum Insider Tour: Order Up, Omaha! (9:30AM)
- 16 RCHT: Omaha's Parks and Boulevards (2PM)
- 17 Museum Closed
- 22 Scout Merit Badge Workshop (9AM-Noon and 1:30-4:30PM)
- 24 Museum Closed
- 25 The Great HALL-oween Haunt (5-8PM)
- 26 Spooky Tales for Tots (10:30AM)
- 29-30 Hallo-weekend
- 31 Museum Closed

NOVEMBER

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- 5 VIP Tea Talk (8:30-10AM)
- 7 Museum Closed
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Scout Merit Badge Workshop (9AM-Noon and 1:30-4:30PM)
- 14 Museum Closed
- 21 Museum Closed
- 21 Coming Home for the Holidays Luncheon & Market (10:30AM-3PM)
- 24 Museum Closed for Thanksgiving
- 24 Christmas at Union Station, presented by FNBO, begins with our Virtual Tree Lighting!
- 28 Museum Closed

Weekly on Fridays! 11:30AM-12:30PM

Museum Live in the Park at Gene Leahy Mall

September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 October 7, 14, 21 & 28 November 4, 11 & 18





November 24, 2022 -January 8, 2023

Looking for dates for your favorite holiday event?

Scan the QR code for event details, available early November and look for your Christmas mailer in your mailbox soon.





26 Museum Closed RCHT = River City History Tour

SEPTEMBER

4 Dinosaur Revolution exhibit closes

4 RCHT: Expos to Jazz (2PM)

13 RCHT: Omaha's Parks and

17 Smithsonian's Museum Day Live

17 Smithsonian Channel Film Series

(10:30AM and 1:30PM)

18 SOLD OUT! RCHT: Millionaires

and Mansions South (2PM)

22 Downton at The Durham (6-9PM)

23 Dressing the Abbey members-only

24 Dressing the Abbey exhibit opens

(9AM-Noon and 1:30-4:30PM)

24 Smithsonian Channel Film Series

(10:30AM and 1:30PM)

24 Scout Merit Badge Workshop

25 SOLD OUT! RCHT: Last Call

for Alcohol (2PM)

preview (10AM-4PM)

Boulevards (6PM)

5 Museum Closed

12 Museum Closed

(10AM-4PM)

19 Museum Closed

14 Timelines



Coming Home for the Holidays Luncheon & Market Monday, November 21, 10:30AM-3PM

Don your best plaid, grab a few friends and join The Durham Museum's On Track Guild for a wonderful day of great food and shopping that is sure to put you in the holiday spirit! Enjoy shopping local vendors in front of the museum's signature tree from 10:30AM–Noon. Then, join us for a luncheon and hear from renowned chef and author Gale Gand, whose presentation on her days as a chef at the Stapleford Park Country House Hotel in Leicestershire, England, will provide plenty of inspiration for your holiday entertaining. Open shopping and revelry continue from 1-3PM.

Tickets start at \$125 and tables and sponsorships are available. To learn more, please visit DurhamMuseum.org/home-for-the-holidays, call the museum at 402-444-5071 or email Amie Prendes at aprendes@DurhamMuseum.org.



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