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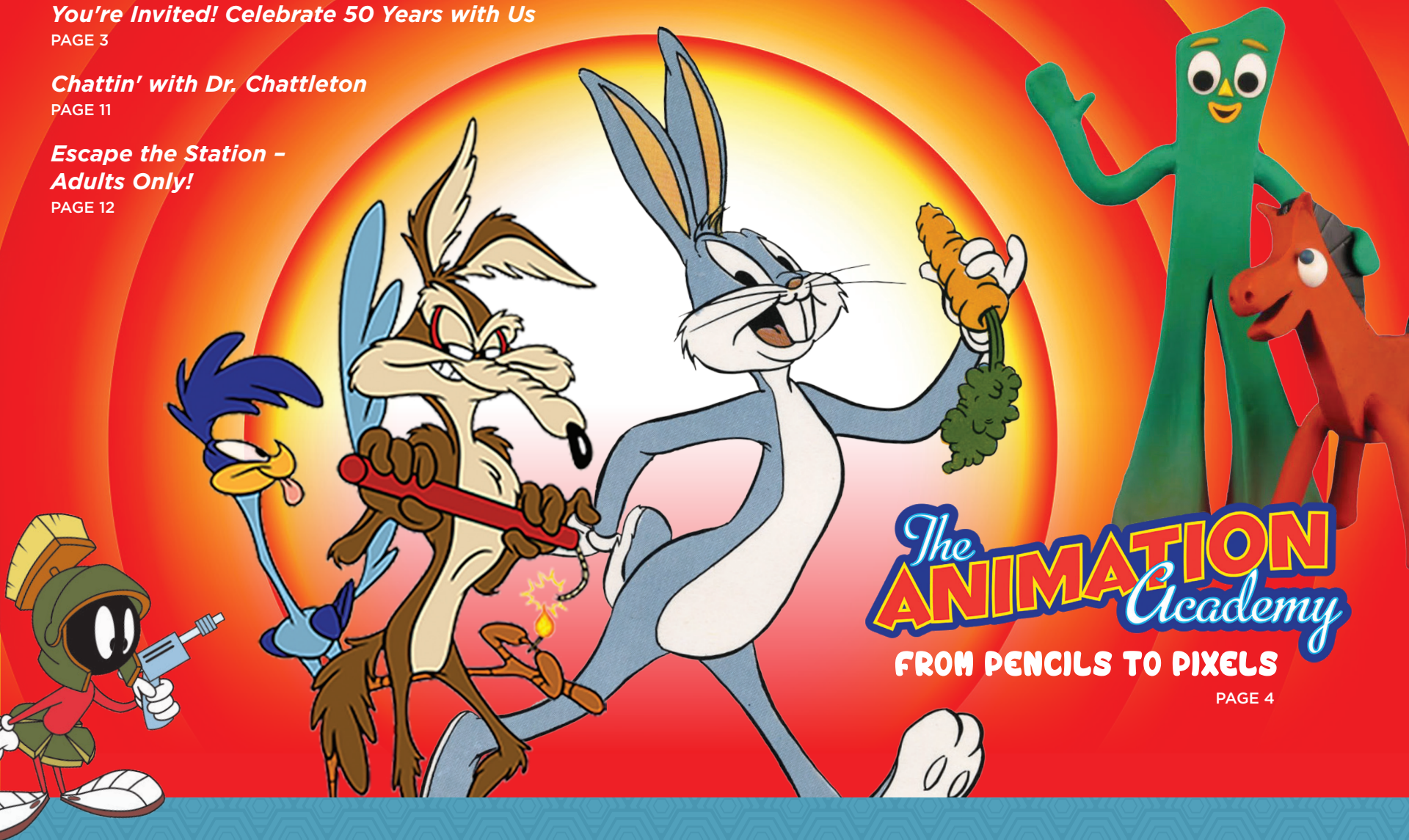
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SUMMER 2025

50 YEARS THE DURHAM MUSEUM

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ADMISSION \$15: Adults
\$12: Seniors (62+) & Military/Veteran
\$8: Children (3-12)
FREE: Members and children 2 & under

MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS, JUNE-AUGUST

Sunday: Noon-4PM
Monday: 10AM-4PM
Open Late! Tuesday: 10AM-8PM
Wednesday – Saturday: 10AM-4PM
Closed Major Holidays
(Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day)

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ARE YOU
FOLLOWING US?



A Half Century of History!

1975 was a year of new beginnings and historic milestones. The country tuned in for the premiere of *Wheel of Fortune*, packed theaters for *Jaws* and danced to Van McCoy's *The Hustle*. The Vietnam War ended, and American astronauts met Russian cosmonauts in space for the first time. History was made here, too, when The Durham Museum opened its doors, becoming Omaha's first museum dedicated to preserving our community's shared history.

Over the past 50 years, we've grown in ways we never imagined — acquiring remarkable collections and historical objects, undergoing major renovations, hosting unforgettable exhibitions like this summer's *The Animation Academy*, earning recognition as Nebraska's first Smithsonian Affiliate and having our home designated as a National Historic Landmark. We've welcomed millions of visitors from all over

50 YEARS



the world, served hundreds of thousands of students and adult learners through our education programs and gave our community time-honored traditions — like Christmas at Union Station — to create cherished memories with their loved ones. All this and SO MUCH MORE have made The Durham a place where history comes to life.

From humble beginnings to a thriving cultural hub, our journey has been driven by passion, dedication and an unwavering commitment to preserve the past for future generations. As we celebrate our 50th birthday, we thank you — our members, supporters, volunteers and staff — for believing in us, supporting our mission and being part of our story.

Join us all year long as we celebrate 50 years!

50th Anniversary Summer Celebration

Saturday, June 28, 10AM-4PM



Five decades in the making! The museum is celebrating 50 years and we want you to be part of this historic party! We're throwing back to 1975 and offering free admission on June 28, just as we did on opening day. Bring your family and friends for a day full of discovery and fun!

Celebration highlights:

- 1975 throwback prices on hot dogs, popcorn and select ice cream treats at our historic Soda Fountain! (while supplies last)
- Groove to live music — a must for any celebration — in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall.
- Get a closer look at the museum's "out of sight" history with pop-up tours and show-and-share stations, where behind-the-scene insights await! Learn about our Soda Fountain, Photo Archive, artifact collection and efforts to preserve our home, Omaha Union Station. Drop in at 11AM, Noon and 1PM to take part!
- Add your museum memories to our interactive memory wall, take part in family-friendly activities and put your history knowledge to the test with a trivia challenge spanning five decades!

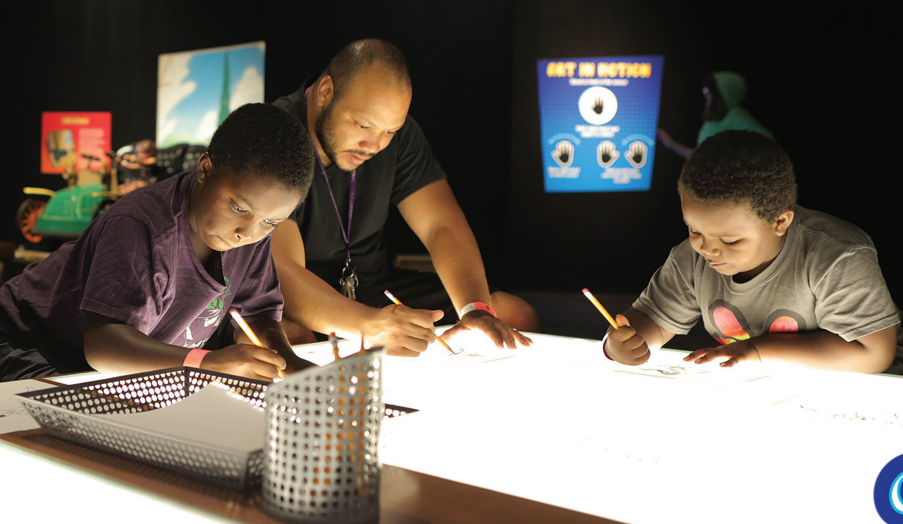
The Durham Museum:

The First 50 Years exhibition

August 30, 2025 - January 4, 2026



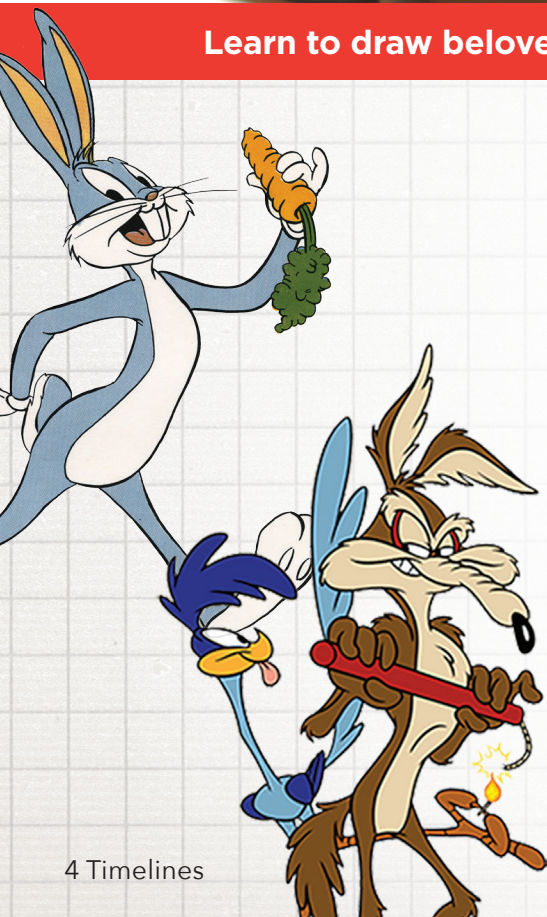
On November 22, 1975, the Western Heritage Museum, renamed The Durham Museum in 2008, opened Omaha's Union Station doors for the first time since it closed as a train station in May 1971. Since then, the museum's development has included notable people, moments and traditions that preserved this historic structure and provided a space to share our community's histories. *The First 50 Years* display tells the museum's story through images and artifacts.



Learn to draw beloved cartoons!

The ANIMATION Academy

FROM PENCILS TO PIXELS
Exhibition on Display May 31 – August 31



Step into your favorite Saturday-morning cartoons and explore the remarkable world of storytelling through animation. Our much-anticipated summer exhibition, *The Animation Academy: From Pencils to Pixels*®, invites visitors of all ages to leap into the fascinating realm of the cartoon genre.

This unique exhibit provides a rare glimpse into the magic behind some of the most beloved animated films and characters, and offers a comprehensive exploration of the art, science, technology and history of animation.

Venture through the animation process, from concept and character creation to storyboarding, rendering and final production. Explore original storyboards, scripts and narrative techniques used

in classic animation before putting your own stop-motion movie skills to the test!

Interactive stations and photo-ops add to the experience. Watch mesmerizing illusions in the world's largest 3D zoetrope. Snap a photo in *The Simpsons* living room, strike a pose with Po from *Kung Fu Panda* or meet Gumby, the beloved, green, clay humanoid and his sidekick Pokey.

The Animation Academy: From Pencils to Pixels® was produced by Stage 9 Exhibits and distributed by Exhibits Development Group.





Catch the zoetrope in action!



Try your skills at stop motion!

Also on Display

STORYTELLERS: Artists from Our Own Backyard

**Storytellers: Artists from
Our Own Backyard**
May 31 - August 31



In conjunction with *The Animation Academy*, The Durham Museum has developed a companion exhibition to feature artists and storytellers from Nebraska whose work in various media is inspiring dreamers of all generations. Through cartoons, illustrations, mixed media, musical compositions and computer animation, the work of these artists helps a story jump off the page. The display features examples from comic books and children's books to the big screen and shows how Nebraskan artists tell different types of stories through their work.

Featured artists include:

- Bruce Arant
- Michael Burton
- Caitlin Cass
- Trent Claus
- Drew Conley
- Bob Hall
- Timothy James Hantula
- Cale Oglesby
- Henry Payer
- Chip Thompson

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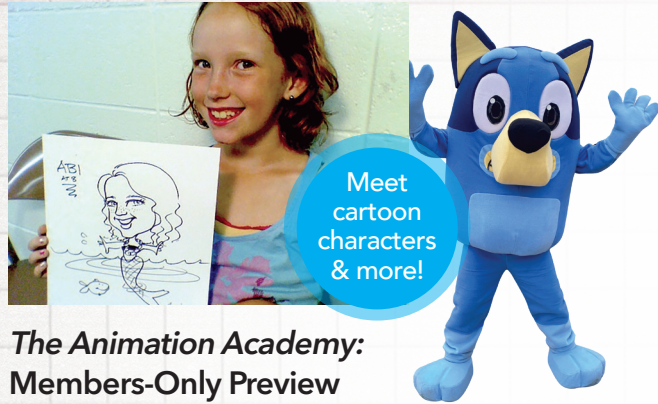


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Exhibit Programming



The Animation Academy: Members-Only Preview

Friday, May 30, 5-8PM
Advanced Registration Encouraged

Be the first to experience *The Animation Academy: From Pencils to Pixels®* during this exclusive member preview. Dive into the world of animation, sit for a sketch as a talented artist draws a keepsake caricature of your family, meet popular children's cartoon characters and more! Hungry? Tasty treats and classic eats will be available for purchase at the Soda Fountain — and during the member preview, enjoy a special discount on hot dog meals while supplies last. To add to the fun, dress as your favorite family-friendly, animated character!

Registration is highly encouraged as spots will fill up fast, so reserve yours today. This event is for active members only. If you are unsure of your membership expiration date, please contact the membership manager at 402-444-5071 x521.

How to register/renew:

- Call 402-444-5071 x521
- Email membership@DurhamMuseum.org
- Or go online to DurhamMuseum.org/member-preview and log into your account to register for this event.

Special Drop-In Programing on Wednesdays and Saturdays!

These drop-in activities are included with museum admission.
No registration required. See description for program time and dates.

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Artist Workshops
- Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 31 – August 30
Two Sessions: 11AM and Noon

Aspiring creatives, this one's for you! As part of *The Animation Academy* exhibit, we're offering hands-on drawing sessions led by local creatives or museum staff. In each session, you'll follow step-by-step guidance to sketch a beloved animated character or enjoy a unique drawing exercise, learning insider tips and tricks! Whether you're a doodler, a budding artist or just love animation, this is your chance to sharpen your skills and have some fun.



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Crafts at The Platform
- Wednesdays and Saturdays,
May 31 – August 30, 10AM-Noon

Pair your exploration of *The Animation Academy* exhibition with kid-friendly crafts on The Platform, the museum's interactive play space. Example activities may include creating your own thaumatrope, building a "wonder-turner" (the earliest animation-device) or exploring depth perception with homemade 3D glasses. Come play, create and bring animation to life!



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Storytime at The Platform
- Wednesdays, June 4 – August 27, 11:30AM

Each week features a children's storybook brought to life through virtual animation! Featured books will rotate weekly: *I Am (Not) Scared*; *Flamingo Flamenco*; *Let's Pop, Pop, Popcorn!* and *Never Let a Unicorn Scribble*. Geared towards toddlers but all ages are welcome.



S Animation Academy Trivia
Saturdays, May 31 – August 30,
10AM-Noon

How well do you know your cartoons?
Put your knowledge to the test with
animation-themed trivia.



S Animation Academy Guided Tours
Saturdays, May 31 – August 30,
1-2PM

Join us for a guided tour where
museum staff will walk you through
the must-see moments of the exhibit,
sharing fascinating details along the
way. From the evolution of animation to
the creative minds behind your favorite
characters, you'll get an engaging
overview that brings the magic of
animation to life. All ages welcome.



Disney and the World War II Homefront
featuring guest speaker **Bethanee Bemis**
Thursday, June 5
5PM Social Hour, 6:30PM Presentation
Regular museum admission applies;
free for members. Registration is required.

Explore how one of America's most iconic
brands — Walt Disney Studios — played a
role in the country's victory in World War II
with Bethanee Bemis, a public historian and
museum specialist in the Division of Political
and Military History at the Smithsonian's
National Museum of American History. Learn
how Walt Disney cemented its association
with the "American Way" — with a little
Disney diplomacy and a whole lot of Mickey
Mouse morale.

Photo: Aircraft worker victory button worn by a
worker at the Lockheed Martin munitions factory in
Burbank, California. Courtesy of the National Museum
of American History, Smithsonian Institution.



Each presentation includes a social hour
with light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a
chance to venture through *The Animation
Academy* exhibition.

Speaker Series



**Digital Threads: Fashion, Film and the
Future of Animation** featuring **Michael Burton**
Thursday, July 24
5PM Social Hour, 6:30PM Presentation
Regular museum admission applies;
free for members. Registration is required.

Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the art
and craft of animation with Michael Burton, a
filmmaker and UNL associate professor of art
and digital fashion. Drawing from his past work
of bringing historical garments to life on the big
screen, Burton will explore a range of animation
techniques featured in iconic animated films, and
discuss how studying those methods led to the
creation of the distinctive *Animating History* film
series. See for yourself the connection between
animation and fashion, and what role modern
technology (think virtual reality!) is playing in it.

Photo: Film still from *A Gold Slipper* (2020), part of the
Animating History film series and based on the short story
by Willa Sibert Cather. Courtesy of Michael Burton.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A LECTURE

- Online: DurhamMuseum.org
- Email: reservations@DurhamMuseum.org
- Call: 402-444-5071

Current Exhibits



Nature's Wrath: The 1975 Tornado
Now - August 3



Fifty years ago, two days of intense storms hit the Midwest. On May 6, 1975, the air was humid and the skies continued to darken in Omaha. The first report of tornado sightings came just after 4PM. By 5PM, the twister had dispersed and significant damage had taken place within that hour.

Photographers captured moments such as the tornado's approach, seen best through winner's circle photos taken from the Ak-Sar-Ben racetrack, and the destruction left behind. What they also captured were the citizens and first responders out on the streets assisting wherever possible. Using images from the Photo Archive, see the impact of this storm from different viewpoints and a community coming together in its aftermath.

Research assistance was provided by The Durham Museum intern, Olivia Fiore, University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate.

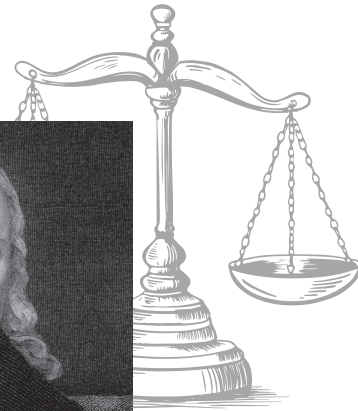
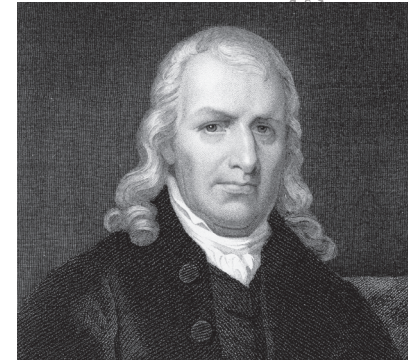


Offutt World's Fair of Aviation
Now - September 7



This Photo Archive display highlights the World's Fair of Aviation held at Offutt Field, known today as Offutt Airforce Base, just one year after World War II's end. Omaha was the headquarters for the new Second Air Force at that time and an ideal location for such a show. The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben stepped up to sponsor the event. People from around the world visited Omaha to view indoor displays on new aviation technologies developed since the global conflict and to watch military service members fly various aircraft overhead in outdoor exhibitions.

This nine-photo display was curated by The Durham Museum intern, Mina Bussa, University of Nebraska-Omaha student.



Redefining Balance: The Impeachment of Justice Samuel Chase
Now - November 2

Nearly three decades in as a nation by 1804, leaders in the United States faced a defining moment for the young country. There were two political parties, the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans, competing for influence in government positions and a notable impeachment that set a precedent for the checks and balances between government branches. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase was the first, and only, Supreme Court Justice impeached by Congress, though he was acquitted of all charges. To learn how it played out, visit this display and view items from the Byron Reed Collection that are connected to this decisive trial.

Research assistance was provided by The Durham Museum intern, Griffin Saunders, University of Nebraska-Omaha graduate.

Did you know?

The Durham Museum's Photo Archive collection contains hundreds of thousands of photos, and they all tell a story. One of the projects in the museum's internship program is developing a small exhibition based on the Photo Archive by selecting images and, through research, interpreting the history contained in those scenes.



The American Revolution Experience

June 28 - July 20

The Durham Museum is collaborating with the Daughters of the American Revolution Omaha Chapter to host a traveling panel exhibit focused on the lives of patriots and loyalists, men and women and Black and Indigenous people as we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States. Tensions mounted in the 1770s and the colonies were on the cusp of declaring independence from the British crown. Citizens were faced with important questions. What were they willing to risk in the pursuit of liberty? Would they remain loyal to the crown and face conflict with friends and family? The experiences of individuals who faced these very concerns and made different choices are detailed in *The American Revolution Experience*. Discover the stories of profiled individuals within the 12 panels and three interactive kiosks that include biographies, context on the Revolutionary War and places tied to these individuals.



This exhibit was created through a collaboration with the American Battlefield Trust and the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Made possible by generous matching funds from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program battlefield interpretation grants.



HOCKEY: Faster Than Ever

October 4, 2025 - January 11, 2026

Get ready to drop the puck on a highly interactive exhibition on the history, science and culture of one of the "coolest" sports in the world.

HOCKEY: Faster Than Ever takes visitors on an exciting journey through the evolution of ice hockey, showcasing the remarkable technical advancements and breakthroughs that have shaped the sport over time. From cutting-edge technologies to the physics of play, the exhibition will leave guests amazed by the fusion of sport and science.

Visitors will test their skills and knowledge like true hockey pros with a variety of exciting interactives. Have lightning-fast reflexes? Put them to the test in "Don't Blink" and see how many lights you can hit in one minute. Feel the adrenaline rush as you step up to "Need for Speed" and unleash your shot power — measure

your slapshot speed and compete with your friends to see who has the fastest shot. Looking to finesse your aim? Hit the targets in "Score Like a Pro" and prove your precision with a puck. Then pay tribute to the pinnacle of hockey at "The Stanley Cup®" touchscreen, where you can get up close to one of the most coveted trophies in sports history.

Visitors can also snap a selfie with a real ice resurfer and explore displays showcasing the evolution of skates and gear from the 19th and 20th centuries. The exhibit also features an impressive locker room outfitted with jerseys and more from NHL star players.

HOCKEY: Faster Than Ever is a traveling exhibition produced and toured internationally by Flying Fish in collaboration with the Montréal Science Centre and supported by the ©NHL and the ©NHLPA.

Upcoming Tours

RIVER CITY HISTORY TOURS

Enjoy A Ride (Or Walk) Through Local History

Grab your seat or a pair of comfy shoes and explore the city's vibrant past aboard a comfortable shuttle bus or on a walking tour of downtown Omaha! Led by knowledgeable tour guides, these popular group tours depart from The Durham Museum. Select from several unique tours throughout the season including new versions of two popular tours.

Purchase a ticket for a public tour or gather a group of friends, family or coworkers for your very own private trip! Private tour pricing varies based on group size and can be provided upon inquiry.

Two New Reimagined Bus Tours!

Omaha, Center of the Nation

Throughout its history, Omaha has had a lasting impact on American politics. Journey across nearly 200 years of stories of Omaha at the center of the nation. This tour is a reimagined offering of last year's "Omaha and The Presidents" tours.

The Gritty City

Now back as a full-length tour! Inspired by Omaha's rough and tumble past, "The Gritty City" explores the growth and challenges the city faced as the country expanded west in the 19th and 20th centuries. Learn why the city earned poems about its muddy streets and why some writers begged their readers to "take heed" and avoid Omaha at all costs!



We're bringing back these popular bus tours, too:

- Expositions to Jazz Musicians
- Last Call for Alcohol
- Parks and Boulevards
- Remember the Ladies!



AND, our Historic Downtown Omaha Walking Tours on select Saturdays!

Tours begin at 10AM, view schedule online.

Public Bus Tours

May-October, select
Tuesdays & Sundays
\$32 for members,
\$38 for non-members

SCAN for dates
& descriptions
or see page 15
for tour dates



DurhamMuseum.org/Tours



MUSEUM INSIDER TOURS

Go behind closed doors and get up close with our collection!

Go behind closed doors for a one-of-a-kind tour experience! Don white gloves and your own "All-Access" badge as we show off our amazing, but rarely seen, collection vaults! Tours are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Membership discount applies to those in the household.

Dressed to Impress

Saturday, June 28, 9:30-11AM

Don't be fashionably late for this one! Explore our historical clothing collection, showcasing fashion from from the late 19th through the mid-20th centuries. See examples of everyday wear, such as uniforms, day dresses and historic walking suits. Explore evening wear for weddings, Aksarben coronations or a night on the town. Finally, learn about what was worn underneath!

A Day in the Life

Saturday, November 8, 9:30-11AM

Stroll through the past and experience daily life in Omaha throughout different eras. Explore artifacts from Omaha's tumultuous historical events, advancements in technology and the mundane everyday tasks.



HOW TO REGISTER FOR RIVER CITY HISTORY TOURS & MUSEUM INSIDER TOURS

Online: DurhamMuseum.org • Email: education@DurhamMuseum.org • Call: 402-444-5027



These drop-in activities are included with museum admission.
No registration required. See description for program time and dates.



Sunday Guided Tour



Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton

Guided Tours: First Sunday of the Month

May 4, June 1, July 6 and August 3, 1-2PM

A museum guide will provide a tour of Omaha's Union Station, focusing on the history of our National Historic Landmark's time as an operating train station.

Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton

Join museum educator Dr. Kyle Chattleton for a conversation and a deep dive into local history.

Union Station: Opening Day

Sunday, May 25, 1-2PM

Kyle will lead a discussion about the 1931 opening of Union Station and how the city marked such a momentous occasion.

The Red Cap

Sunday, June 29, 1-2PM

The history of Union Station cannot be told without the Red Caps, employees who assisted millions of travelers throughout the station's past. Join Kyle as we learn about their roles, impact and personal stories.

The Union Station Experience

Sunday, July 27, 1-2PM

Journey back to Union Station's heyday as we explore what it was like to be a train traveler passing through Omaha in the middle of the 20th century.

A New Museum in Town!

Sunday, August 31, 1-2PM

Join Kyle for a conversation about the first few years of what we now know as The Durham Museum.



Drop-In Activities



Celebrate at the Platform

Celebrate these upcoming holidays with us at The Platform, the museum's interactive play space! Each date will have a special craft or activity and feature related photos from our Photo Archive for a fun history lesson.

Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 10, 10AM-Noon

Juneteenth

Saturday, June 21, 10AM-Noon

Independence Day

Saturday, July 5, 10AM-Noon

Labor Day

Saturday, August 30, 10AM-Noon



What is it Wednesday?

*Wednesdays, Now - May 28
10AM-Noon*

Join us each week as we highlight an object from the museum's permanent collection. Be sure to visit the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall and see what "it" is!



Upcoming Events



Common Senses Festival, "Going Up!"

Saturday, May 10, 10AM-1PM

The Durham is honored to host one stop of "Going Up!" part of the Common Senses Festival organized by Autism Action Partnership. Keep an eye out for local elevator enthusiasts riding our three-story glass elevator and building a sensory craft on the Platform.

Other stops include: FNBO's 40th floor, Omaha's oldest elevator at the Burlington building and many others! While the elevator rides are for our local enthusiasts and an accompanying adult, there will be enrichment activities at each stop for additional family members.

Visit CommonSensesFestival.com to register if you or someone you know has a preferred interest in elevators or to learn more about preferred interests.

Tuesdays, June - August, 5-8PM

High-five! \$5 after 5 is back this summer at The Durham Museum. In June, July and August the museum is open late on Tuesdays until 8PM and admission for all ages is just \$5 after 5PM. It's a great chance to visit the museum for an evening of family fun or a date night! Museum members, this means that on Tuesday evenings you can bring an extra friend in for just \$5. As always, admission for kids age two and under is free.



New for Scouts! Animation Merit Badge Workshop

August 23, 2025, 1:30-4:30 PM

Attention, Scouts! Sign up for our new Animation Merit Badge Workshop, which explores the history and art of animation. Learn what makes animation larger-than-life and believable, then explore our must-see summer exhibition, *The Animation Academy: From Pencils to Pixels®*. To register, please visit DurhamMuseum.org/scouts or call the Education Services department at 402-444-5027.



TEACHERS' NIGHT 2025

Save the Date! 22nd Annual Teachers' Night

Friday, October 3, 4-7PM

Teachers, mark your calendar for The Durham Museum's annual Teachers' Night, an appreciation event and resource fair for area educators. Get ready for a fun evening of food, drinks and classroom resources! Online registration opens August 14.



THE PERFECT
ADULTS-ONLY
"ESCAPE!"

Escape the Station 21 & Older Event

Friday, July 18, 6-10PM

\$25 for members, \$35 for non-members

Travel back to the past and put your skills to the test at Escape the Station, a unique, adults-only escape room-inspired event! Enjoy signature cocktails while this adventure takes you all over Union Station for an immersive experience with puzzles to solve, hands-on games and more. Plus, you'll have a chance to win great prizes and see the museum's featured summer exhibition, *The Animation Academy*, without the kids!

Each ticketholder receives entry to the event, one drink ticket for an alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage and a game packet. Guests will also enjoy a complementary popcorn bar with additional food and ice cream treats available for purchase at our old-fashioned Soda Fountain.

To purchase tickets:

Visit DurhamMuseum.org/escape or call 402-444-5071. Must be 21 or older to attend.



Still a few spots left!

There's the bell! School's out and summer is just around the corner. Still seeking summer fun for the kiddos? Sign up for Camp Durham, where excitement, adventure and discovery await!

Need more reasons to sign up?

- **Camp variety:** Enjoy fan-favorites like Omaha Staycation while venturing to new camps, including Heroes in Training or Durham Time Travelers.
- **Animation Academy:** Get special access to our summer exhibition, *The Animation Academy: From Pencils to Pixels®*, and showcase your creative skills.
- **Durham staff:** We are thrilled to have eight returning Camp Durham teachers on our staff this summer!
- **Historic fun:** A summer of learning and adventure inside a Historic National Landmark... how neat is that?!

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Register today! Visit **CampsAtTheDurham.org**

Step back in time and visit Union Station's classic Soda Fountain!

Established in 1931, the Soda Fountain is one of Omaha's most treasured destinations for classic treats. We're still whipping up the creamiest, dreamiest milkshakes just like the good ol' days. Come hungry for our hearty, feel-good food, and before you head out, grab some throwback candy that'll take your taste buds on a sweet trip down memory lane.



Applause Corner



2024 Volunteer Recognition

In April, the museum celebrated National Volunteer Month with our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It was a groovy time, with volunteers and staff dressed in their best 70s attire to mark the museum's start in 1975. Altogether, our volunteers served over 10,500 hours in 2024 in areas ranging from the Hitchcock Museum Shop and admissions to field trips and behind-the-scenes support. That equates to up to \$310,000 (\$29.50 per hour) in donated time and energy. Each year, we recognize volunteers through awards at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Please join us in congratulating our 2024 Volunteer Awards honorees.



Award recipients from left to right: Justin Buhl, Excellence in Customer Service; Nancy Harris, Newcomer of the Year; Jeanette Capps, Volunteer of the Year; Deb and Jerry Hanson, Mission Impact; George Sefzik, Exhibit Set-up Batman and Robin award; Not pictured: Tom Johnson, Exhibit Set-up Batman and Robin award.

Mission Moment



Rosalie

We've taken 9 of our grandchildren there at least once. It's an amazing experience to sit on that bench! If only it could talk!



Jim

I sat on that bench in 1953 on my way to San Diego USMC!



Hailey

I love going and just imagining the people that once filled the building, all the families, people like Mr. Lowell.



Meet Lowell

This past spring, a museum visitor named Lowell stepped into Union Station for the first time since he was a 17-year-old train passenger set to join the Navy over 70 years ago. This photo of his return visit became one of the most popular social media posts in our history, with well over 8,000 people interacting with his story and sharing their own memories of the museum and Union Station. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are grateful to be part of so many wonderful stories like his.

Help us make history

Whether we are welcoming back visitors like Lowell or greeting field trips for the first time, the museum takes pride in our work to preserve our historic building and the history housed within its walls. You can help us in our preservation mission by supporting The Durham Museum Annual Fund. Simply scan the QR code or visit us online to make a gift.



Save the Date!

Monday, November 24



**Coming Home for
the Holidays Luncheon
and Market**

Monday, November 24,
10:30AM-2PM

Kick off your holiday season with us at the On Track Guild's fifth annual Luncheon and Market! This plaid party starts with a boutique vendor market stocked with cozy essentials, decor and gifts for under the tree. All shoppers are welcome to lunch featuring a holiday-themed guest speaker and raffle drawing. It wouldn't be a plaid party without your best festive wear, so find your favorite black watch, burberry check or wallace red — the more plaid the merrier!

Coming Home for the Holidays is an annual benefit in support of The Durham Museum and its educational programming. Tickets start at \$125. Sponsorships are available. To learn more, visit DurhamMuseum.org/guild or email OnTrack@DurhamMuseum.org.

Calendar of Events

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- 3 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 3 *The Impeachment of Justice Samuel Chase* exhibit opens
- 4 Museum Guided Tour (1-2PM)
- 4 *Antarctic Dinosaurs* exhibit closes
- 5 Museum Closed
- 7 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-12PM)
- 10 Celebrate at The Platform: Cinco De Mayo (10AM-12PM)
- 10 Common Senses Festival, "Going Up!" (10AM-1PM)
- 11 Mother's Day
- 11 RCHT: Remember the Ladies! (1PM)
- 12 Museum Closed
- 14 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-12PM)
- 17 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 18 RCHT: The Gritty City (1PM)
- 19 Museum Closed
- 21 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-12PM)
- 25 Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton (1-2PM)
- 26 Memorial Day - Museum Closed
- 28 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-12PM)
- 30 Members-Only Preview: *The Animation Academy* (5-8PM)
- 31 *The Animation Academy* exhibition opens
- 31 *Storytellers* exhibition opens
- 31 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)

- 1 Museum Guided Tour (1-2PM)
- 2 Summer Camp begins
- 3 \$5 after 5PM
- 5 Disney and the World War II Homefront Lecture (5PM)
- 10 RCHT: Remember the Ladies! (6PM)
- 10 \$5 after 5PM
- 14 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 15 Father's Day
- 17 \$5 after 5PM
- 21 Celebrate at The Platform: Juneteenth (10AM-12PM)
- 24 RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (6PM)
- 24 \$5 after 5PM
- 28 50th Anniversary Summer Celebration (10AM-4PM)
- 28 *The American Revolution Experience* exhibit opens
- 28 Museum Insider Tour (9:30-11AM)
- 28 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 29 Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton (1-2PM)
- 29 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (1PM)

- 1 \$5 after 5PM
- 4 Independence Day - Museum Closed
- 5 Celebrate at The Platform: Independence Day (10AM-12PM)
- 6 Museum Guided Tour (1-2PM)
- 6 RCHT: Omaha, Center of the Nation (1PM)
- 8 \$5 after 5PM
- 12 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 13 RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (1PM)
- 15 \$5 after 5PM
- 15 RCHT: Parks and Boulevards (6PM)
- 18 Escape the Station (6-10PM)
- 20 RCHT: Remember the Ladies! (1PM)
- 20 *The American Revolution Experience* exhibit closes
- 22 \$5 after 5PM
- 24 Digital Threads: Fashion, Film and the Future of Animation Lecture (5PM)
- 26 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 27 Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton (1-2PM)
- 29 \$5 after 5PM

- 3 RCHT: The Gritty City (1PM)
- 3 Museum Guided Tour (1-2PM)
- 3 *Nature's Wrath: The 1975 Tornado* exhibit closes
- 5 \$5 after 5PM
- 5 RCHT: Omaha, Center of the Nation (6PM)
- 8 Summer Camp ends
- 9 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 12 \$5 after 5PM
- 12 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (6PM)
- 14 Teachers' Night registration opens
- 17 RCHT: Parks and Boulevards (1PM)
- 19 \$5 after 5PM
- 23 Downtown Omaha Walking Tour (10AM)
- 23 Scout Merit Badge Workshop (1:30PM)
- 26 RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (6PM)
- 26 \$5 after 5PM
- 30 *The First 50 Years* exhibit opens
- 30 Celebrate at The Platform: Labor Day (10AM-12PM)
- 31 Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton (1-2PM)
- 31 *The Animation Academy* exhibit closes
- 31 *Storytellers* exhibit closes

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The Animation Academy Drop-In Programming

Wednesdays, 10AM-12:30PM: Artist Workshops, Crafts, Storytime ▶ June 4, 11, 18, 25 • July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • August 6, 13, 20, 27
Saturdays, 10AM-2PM: Artist Workshops, Crafts, Trivia, Exhibit Tour ▶ May 31 • June 7, 14, 21, 28 • July 5, 12, 19, 26 • August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

A Moment in Time



As The Durham Museum celebrates its 50th year, we're highlighting moments and people that have played a role in shaping our story. Among those who have left an indelible mark is Omaha artist John Lajba, whose life-like sculptures in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall have brought history to life for generations of visitors.

This project started with a conversation during the museum's restoration in 1995. A group of display planners toyed with the idea of static figures and approached Lajba for his opinion. His concept showed scenarios and interactions that could have taken place at Union Station. The organizers were hooked, engaging Lajba to develop these sculptures. From a Red Cap helping passengers manage their luggage to a sailor and soldier preparing to board a train during wartime, Lajba's work captures moments in the station's history and has been in place since the museum reopened in 1996. Two more figures, "Anticipation," a young girl waiting with a gift to see Santa, and young Hollis, peeking at the front door to see museum visitors as they arrive, were added in 2012 and 2017, respectively, continuing Lajba's personal touch on the visitor experience.

Join us in celebrating this story and more in our special 50th Anniversary display, opening August 30. Also follow us on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn for additional #DurhamMuseum50Years history.

Photo: John Lajba and his sculptures prior to their installation at The Durham Museum in 1996.

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