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The State Museum of Pennsylvania Announces September Programming

Harrisburg - The State Museum of Pennsylvania today announced public programming features for the month of September:

Sunday, Sept. 11: Special Events for Harrisburg's Annual Gallery Walk

- Free admission day; museum open 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **Final Day: Art of the State**, a special annual exhibition presented by The Greater Harrisburg Arts Council and The State Museum of Pennsylvania.
- **1 p.m.: Artists Conversations, A Special Gallery Tour of the Art of the State Exhibition** featuring photographer and "Best of Show" winner Lydia Panas, Kutztown, and exhibit awards juror Ricardo Viera, Bethlehem, Director/Curator, Lehigh University Art Galleries. Panas and Viera will collaborate to provide an insightful insiders' tour of the exhibition. Free.
- **Final Day, 1 - 3 p.m.: IdeaZone: Experience the Arts**, a hands-on learning room for all ages. Visitors to **IdeaZone** will learn about theater, dance, music, media, architecture and fine arts and create original pieces for a community art wall. Free.
- **2 p.m.: Reception, The Doshi Gallery at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, A Project of the Susquehanna Art Museum (SAM)**, highlighting the exhibit **Latent Images**, featuring approximately 36 works of art created by emerging and established artists. Free.
- **All day: Susquehanna Art Museum's mobile exhibit VanGO!** will be parked adjacent to The State Museum and open for Gallery Walk. Free.

Friday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Grand Opening Reception, The State Museum Store

The State Museum of Pennsylvania joins Harrisburg's monthly community arts celebration, **3rd In the Burg**, with a fun-filled "Mad Men"-themed grand opening of its new museum store. Reception and door prizes from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.; ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. The State Museum Store will feature merchandise highlighting Pennsylvania's history and heritage, and supporting the mission and programming of The State Museum. The Grand Opening Reception is hosted by Harrisburg's St. Moritz Supper Club. Free.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: HomeSchool Day

The State Museum will host its third annual **HomeSchool Day**, a special program tailored for families and community organizations who teach in a home setting. **HomeSchool Day** will showcase the museum's vast collections and exhibits with a variety of gallery talks and demonstrations focusing on Pennsylvania's rich heritage. Program fee is \$6 per person (adults and children) and includes a ticket to a Planetarium presentation. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (including State Museum affiliate members) will be admitted free of charge. Register for **HomeSchool Day** by calling 717-772-6997, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Featured Planetarium Shows through Sept. 4:

- **Zula Patrol – Under the Weather** (pre-K–grade 1). Geared toward younger visitors, the Zula Patrollers are on an expedition to study the weather in our solar system. Sat., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.
- **Two Small Pieces of Glass: The Amazing Telescope** (grade 3 and up). Two teenagers learn how the telescope has helped us understand our place in space. Thur. and Fri., 1 p.m.; Sat., noon and 2 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.

Featured Planetarium Shows beginning Sept. 10:

- **Star Stories of the Native Americans** (grade 2 and up). Explore the night sky legends of the Native Americans and discover how these tales helped to develop an understanding of the night sky and its importance to the Native American people. Sat., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.
- **Ultimate Universe** (grade 4 and up). From the edge of space and time, through vast fields of wondrous galaxies, to the majesty of our solar system, take a grand tour of the universe and experience its most provocative secrets. Sat., 12 noon and 2 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.

Planetarium shows are \$2 per person in addition to general admission; free to museum members.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania's fascinating heritage. With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary era, a pivotal Civil War battleground, and the Commonwealth's vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania's story is America's story.

Museum hours are Wed. through Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and senior citizens.

For more information about the museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

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