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The Durham Museum's 2012 Exhibition and Event Schedule

CUT! Costume and the Cinema

Now – April 29, 2012

Through 43 period costumes, created by and borrowed from the London costume house of Cosprop Ltd., *CUT! Costume and the Cinema* takes an in-depth look at the art of making costumes that set the scene and establish authenticity in period films. The films represented in the exhibition depict five centuries of history, drama, comedy, fantasy, and adventure through period costumes worn by such famous film stars as Johnny Depp, Daniel Craig, Kate Winslet, Sandra Bullock, Uma Thurman, Angelica Huston, and many others. In all, more than 30 actors will be represented from 27 films, including *Sherlock Holmes*, Academy Award winner *The Duchess* and favorites *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Phantom of the Opera*.



Drawn to Fashion: The Illustrations of Mary Mitchell

January 28 – May 27, 2012

Drawn to Fashion will educate visitors about the lost art of fashion illustration, Omaha's rich retail history and advertising during an era before Photoshop. The exhibition will showcase 150 drawings taken from the private collection of over 1,000 drawings by well-known local fashion illustrator Mary J. Mitchell. Mitchell worked for such well known Omaha clothiers as Topp's, Goldstein Chapman, Herzbergs, Zoobs, and many others during the late 1960s, 70s, and 80s. In addition to illustrations, the display will include period clothing and other artifacts on loan from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Textile, Clothing, and Design collection.



Mindbender Mansion

May 26 – September 2, 2012

Mindbender Mansion is an immersive exhibition full of brainteasers and interactive challenges guaranteed to test the brain power and problem-solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers! Visitors are encouraged to think outside the box and collaborate with their fellow "mansion" guests, with the ultimate goal of joining the Mindbender Society. The 40 individual puzzles and five large-scale group activities provide an excellent tool for explaining mathematical and physical science concepts. *Mindbender Mansion* is the fourth exhibition that The Durham will host from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.



Railroad Days

Saturday, July 14 & Sunday, July 15

The Durham Museum is teaming up with Lauritzen Gardens, the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, the RailsWest Railroad Museum, and the Historic General Dodge House to celebrate Omaha and Council Bluff's rich railroad heritage and celebrate Union Pacific's 150th Anniversary. During Railroad Days 2012, each participating venue will offer a variety of family-friendly activities in addition to the venues' ongoing programs and exhibits. A \$15 family pass allows admission to and transportation between all five locations. A \$5 pass is also available for one additional adult with the purchase of a family pass.



Wild, Wild West Day

Saturday, July 21

The Durham Museum is teaming up with Wild West Creations to bring back the Old West! Museum guests will enjoy a rootin-tootin good time with a full line-up of activities including old-fashioned gun fights, whip cracking demonstrations, leather craft and blacksmith demonstrations, and famous cowboys such as Wyatt Earp, Pecos Pete, and Curly Bill reenactments.



The American Soldier

September 22, 2012 – January 6, 2013

The American Soldier is a dramatic exhibition of photographs that captures the essence of American soldiering over the past 150 years. The 116 photographs in this exhibition cover America at war through the Civil War, Spanish American War, Boxer Rebellion, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan, and the streets of Baghdad. The exhibition captures the danger and the frustration, the humor and the beauty, the camaraderie, the death, and the victory that soldiers encounter in their odyssey through history. A complementary exhibition featuring soldiers' uniforms and war artifacts will also be on display.



The American Soldier is sponsored by EADS North America, the North American operations of EADS, the second largest aerospace defense company in the world. Sponsored and presented by Business of Entertainment Inc. Cyma Rubin producer, curator.

Christmas at Union Station

November 23 – December 31, 2012

Each year, The Durham Museum lights up the holiday season during Christmas at Union Station. This longstanding Omaha tradition begins the day after Thanksgiving at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, when thousands of people gather at the museum to enjoy holiday music, visit Santa, and see the region's largest indoor Christmas tree. The celebration lasts through the end of the year and includes the Ethnic Holiday Festival, Family Nights with Santa, the Holiday Concert Series, and The Durham's Noon Year's Day Celebration.



About The Durham Museum

The Durham Museum, making its home in Omaha's beautiful art deco Union Station, is home to permanent exhibits that preserve Omaha's vibrant history, traveling exhibits covering subjects ranging from history and culture, to science and industry, and many entertaining, educational, family-oriented activities. The Durham Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and has strong ties with the Library of Congress, National Archives, and The Field Museum. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors; \$5 for children 3-12; and free for members and children age 2 and under. For information about The Durham Museum please visit the museum's website at www.DurhamMuseum.org.

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