

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Soon to The Durham Museum

- Clef Notes and Carver – October 2
- Durham Discovery Day – October 15
- Christmas at Union Station Tree Lighting Ceremony – November 25
- Ethnic Holiday Festival – December 2
- CUT! Costume and the Cinema opens December 3
- Family Nights with Santa – December 6, 13 & 20
- Noon Year's Eve Celebration – December 31

**Museum Hours:** Tuesday: 10AM-8PM; Wednesday – Saturday: 10AM-5PM; Sunday: 1-5PM  
Closed on major holidays. From November 26-December 26, The Durham is also open on Monday from 10AM-5PM

**Admission:** Adults \$8, Seniors \$6, Children (3-12) \$5, FREE for members and children age two and under

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December						
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Wells Fargo Family Festival Holiday Concert Series		Family Night with Santa				Holiday Concert Series
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Holiday Concert Series		Family Night with Santa	Dec. 10 – 18: Soda Fountain Special – Members receive \$1.00 off the "Wint Melt Away" sundae			Holiday Concert Series
	18	19	20	21	22	23
Holiday Concert Series		Family Night with Santa				Museum closes at 1PM
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## Christmas AT UNION STATION

The Durham Museum invites you to "experience the wonder" this year during Christmas at Union Station. The famous indoor tree custom began in the 1930s, when Union Pacific would decorate and display large evergreens from the Pacific Northwest for Union Station travelers during the holiday season. The holiday custom returned when Union Station became a museum in the 1970s. Today, this cherished tradition continues with the region's largest indoor Christmas tree and an exceptional line-up of family-friendly events.

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, November 25, 4-7PM

The Christmas season begins at The Durham with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. A highlight of this year's celebration will be a performance by jazz singer Camille Metoyer Moten, who will dazzle you with her beautiful renditions of holiday carols. Join the fun by decorating cookies, creating holiday crafts in Mangelsen's Craft Corner, and singing Christmas carols. It also is the perfect opportunity for children to share wish lists with Santa and Mrs. Claus under the glow of the sparkling tree.

### Ethnic Holiday Festival

Friday, December 2, 5-9PM

Learn how the world celebrates this joyful time of year during the Ethnic Holiday Festival. Local cultural organizations proudly display their crafts and traditional dress while musicians and dancers perform throughout the evening. You can also purchase hard-to-find ethnic foods and gifts at this festive celebration.

### Family Nights with Santa

Tuesday, December 6, 13 and 20, 5-8PM

During the busy holiday season, The Durham Museum is making it easy for families to create special memories. Children will be able to share their wish lists with Santa and meet his reindeer, who will be making a special stop at the museum. Take part in holiday crafts in Mangelsen's Craft Corner and enjoy live musical performances.

### The Durham Museum's Holiday Concert Series

Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4; 10 & 11; and 17 & 18

Enjoy some of the area's most beautiful holiday music under the glow of The Durham's Christmas tree. Talented local entertainers, school musicians, and choirs perform on weekends as part of The Durham Museum's Holiday Concert Series.

### The Durham's Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 10AM-1PM

Get an early jump on your New Year's Celebration! Children will especially enjoy this fun-packed party with music by Dino O'Dell, special crafts, and activities. The day ends with a celebratory bubble wrap stomp and ball drop at noon in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall.

### Holiday Miniatures Exhibit

November 25, 2011-December 31, 2011

Returning to The Durham Museum during the Christmas at Union Station festivities is the highly popular Holiday Miniatures exhibition organized by the Omaha-Council Bluffs Miniature Guild. Featuring pieces from multiple participants and showcasing varied interests, hobbies, and themes, the Holiday Miniatures exhibition is a favorite exhibit that is not to be missed.

### Ethnic Holiday Trees Exhibit

November 25, 2011-December 31, 2011

Another holiday favorite makes a returning appearance during Christmas at Union Station in 2011. The Ethnic Holiday Trees exhibition is one of the enduring fixtures of the event and showcases how cultures from around the world celebrate the Christmas season. Each tree is decorated by a local Omaha ethnic society and is accompanied by interpretative text explaining the meaning behind the various decorations and unique traditions within each culture.

### Winter Camp

December 26-30, 9AM-4PM

Kids, join the fun during your holiday break! Spend the week at The Durham learning about history, science, and fitness. Winter camp is \$150 for members and \$170 for non-members and includes before and aftercare. Lunch is available for an additional cost. Call Emily Bensink at (402)444-5027 to make reservations. Hurry, this camp fills up fast!

### Food Drive

Throughout the holiday season, The Durham will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Omaha Food Bank. Visitors are encouraged to drop off donations and help support ConAgra Foods' Shine a Light on Hunger Campaign.

Christmas at Union Station is presented by ConAgra Foods. Holiday programming sponsored by the On Track Guild, Pinnacle Bank, and ConAgra Foods. Media support provided by KETV. Special thanks to Union Pacific, Omaha Public Power District, and Mangelsen's.



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These last few months of the year are packed with opportunities to celebrate the season. Whether it is a special holiday or a favorite sports team that brings you together with friends and family, there is no denying that this is the season for traditions. With the end of the year quickly approaching, I invite you to make an investment in The Durham by contributing to the 2011 Annual Fund Campaign. A gift received by December 31 can mean a significant tax deduction for you, plus it will help provide much needed operating support for the museum and one-of-a-kind programs such as the annual Christmas at Union Station tradition. Every gift is appreciated, and every gift makes an impact! Please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation today, or contact me, Corey Wilson, for more information at (402) 444-5071, ext. 577.

**From the Executive Director**



"Experience the Wonder" is the tagline for our upcoming Christmas at Union Station celebration. For those of you who have experienced this long-standing tradition, I think you'll agree that it's quite fitting. For those of you who are new to The Durham, you won't want to miss the fun-filled line-up of events and programming.

Much like the George Washington Carver exhibition now on display, Christmas at Union Station reminds us of the impact one person can make. Though its roots recall the earliest years of Union Station, the tradition we know today began in the 1970s thanks to a dedicated museum employee and volunteer, Itey Crummer. Itey dedicated much of her life to improving the Omaha community and especially The Durham Museum. Though she passed away recently, her impact on the museum will long be remembered and celebrated during the holiday season.

The Durham Museum is also celebrating the wonder of technology! In September, we were awarded the prestigious Pinnacle Award for the 2010-2011 school year from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC). The CILC helps schools by advancing learning through videoconferencing and other collaborative technologies. Awards are presented to top ranking programs and are based exclusively on feedback from teachers who have used the content in their classrooms. Currently, The Durham offers two programs (with four additional programs in development), which allow us to reach students both locally and throughout the country.

As always, we thank you, our supporters, members, and volunteers for your extraordinary generosity. There are so many things that make up this museum, but you are by far the most important. Thank you for making the difference.

With sincere appreciation,

*Christi Janssen*  
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Executive Director

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**Holiday Programming**  
On Track Guild  
Pinnacle Bank  
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**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER** EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER 6!

A complex and intimate portrait of one of America's best-known names – and least-studied men – is presented in *George Washington Carver*. This exhibition follows Carver's entire life and career, revealing both his struggles and his remarkable achievements as a scientist, conservationist, educator, and humanitarian. It brings together more than 100 artifacts from Carver's personal life and work along with videos, interactive displays, and re-created scenes. Visitors will discover fascinating insights into the life and work of a man whose curiosity and persistence took him from slavery in a remote Missouri town to success as a teacher and researcher at the famed Tuskegee Institute.

This exhibition is organized by The Field Museum in collaboration with Tuskegee University and the National Park Service.

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**Carver Events**

**Clef Notes and Carver**  
Sunday, October 2, 2PM-4PM

One of George Washington Carver's many passions was music. To celebrate, The Durham is hosting Clef Notes and Carver – an afternoon filled with the melodic sounds of jazz and blues and beautiful gospel music. Performers include Camille Metoyer Moten, Salem Baptist Church Choir, and others.

**Durham Discovery Day**  
Saturday, October 15, 10AM-3PM

Join us for an exciting day of discovery! Meet the experts from Edgerton Science Center and see presentations and demonstrations encouraging scientific discovery and exploration; learn about physics, chemistry, and energy resources with UNO's CAPOW; take part in hands-on recycling crafts; and stop by the reading room to hear science-themed stories. Come early as the first 600 visitors will receive a free Arrowcopter™ – the original flying toy.

**Update from the Education Department**

This fall has been as busy as ever for The Durham's education department. The Scholars in Residence education series, created to give local students the chance to learn about different cultures from national scholars and presenters, resumed with programs in September and November. On October 7, the museum will host its 8th annual Teachers' Night, a unique information exchange for arts and education organizations and teachers of all grades and subjects from across the region. And, this fall the museum kicked off another semester of distance learning, in which it shares the history of our region with classrooms from Washington state to Florida. This summer, The Durham's distance learning program received the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration's Pinnacle Award, reserved for the highest rated programs in the nation!



**Membership**

Join us for the following member-only programs and specials:

**Hitchcock Museum Shop**

**October:** Beginning October 15, *George Washington Carver* merchandise will be 25% off including books, science kits, botanical items, microscopes, and naturalist décor. Members receive their 10% discount on all sale prices.

**November:** The Durham's Holiday Preview begins November 12! Be the first to shop for one-of-a-kind ornaments and unique gifts that will put you in the holiday spirit! Members receive a special 15% total discount on all purchases November 12-19.

**December:** Mark your calendar for the end of the year Hitchcock Museum Shop Clearance Sale, December 20 through 31. Members will receive their 10% discount on all sale prices!

**In Memoriam**

The Durham Museum lost a dear friend and loyal volunteer. R. Lee Hanson passed away on July 14, 2011. A retired Union Pacific employee, Lee used his extensive knowledge of the railroad to serve as a docent in the museum's train car exhibits. Lee shared personal stories and facts about train travel, Union Station, the history of Omaha, and growing up in the 1930s and 1940s with visitors, seniors, and student groups. Each day he volunteered, Lee dressed in an authentic train conductor uniform and passed out train tickets to the children.



Discover the glamour, luxury, and artistry of cinematic couture in *CUT! Costume and the Cinema*. You will experience five centuries of fashion and style as interpreted by award-winning costume designers. Through 43 period costumes, created by and borrowed from the London costume house of Cosprop Ltd., *CUT!* 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*.

Since 1986, when the Academy Award for Costume Design was awarded to a Cosprop designer for *A Room With A View*, the company has supplied costumes for 24 nominated films. In 2008, three of the five Oscar nominees included Cosprop designs. In 2009, the Academy Award for Costume Design was awarded for *The Duchess*, the highest accolade for a designer and the costumers. Like their period prototypes, these opulent costumes are crafted of sumptuous fabrics and decorated with intricate embroidery and lace. This beautiful exhibition will allow you to get close to the stories portrayed on screen and to appreciate the fine details that often can only fleetingly be viewed on the screen.

The exhibition is presented by Exhibits Development Group in cooperation with Cosprop Ltd., London, England. *Cut! Costume and the Cinema* is generously sponsored by the On Track Guild, the Douglas County Commissioners, the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation, the Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation, and KETV.

**CUT! Tea and Tour**  
Sunday, February 12 & April 15: 2-4PM; Saturday, March 10: 2-4PM

It's tea time at The Durham. Enjoy a guided tour of *CUT! Costume and the Cinema* followed by a lesson on the etiquette of afternoon tea. During this special presentation, guests will enjoy an array of delectable desserts. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and reservations are required. Please contact Emily Bensink at (402) 444-5027 or email ebensink@durhammuseum.org.

Privately scheduled tea and tour events are available for groups of 25 or more and subject to space availability. Please call Emily for more information.

**Pirate Day**  
Saturday, January 21: 10AM-3PM

Ahoy Mateys! Join us for a fun-filled, swashbuckling afternoon as we celebrate everything pirates! Enjoy activities for the whole family which include finding buried treasure, making pirate hats, and a special movie presentation.

**Mysterious Mayhem at the Museum!**  
Tuesday, March 20: 6-8PM

Help Sherlock Holmes solve "The Case of the Missing Gold Medallion." Visitors can participate in a museum-wide clue hunt and interview characters from the story. Additional activities include CSI Stations, mystery storytelling, and "unexplained" Soda Fountain specials.

**The Art of Costume Design Presentation and Fashion Show\***  
Presented by Amanda Fehlner  
Saturday, March 24: 1PM

Amanda Fehlner is a designer who specializes in historical clothing. During this special presentation, she will discuss the art of costume design and present a fashion show with many of her exquisite creations. Fehlner has designed costumes for numerous shows including *Julius Caesar*, *The Secret Garden*, and *Urinetown, The Musical* and received first place in Region V of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

**A Century of Fashion, 1870-1970\***  
Presented by Sue McLain  
Tuesday, April 10, 5PM Reception; 6:30PM program

Step back in time to discover the history of fashion from 1870 through 1970 and see authentic period clothing. Join us for a special presentation by Sue McLain, the owner of Yesterday's Lady, a vintage fashion museum and store located in Beatrice, Ne. McLain will discuss the history of fashion and showcase many of the items from her collection.

\*Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Please call (402) 444-5071 or email reservations@DurhamMuseum.org. Cost of admission applies and members are free.

**CUT! Costume and the Cinema Book Club – A new book club is being developed celebrating novels that inspired great film. Watch for details coming soon!**



Amy Adams as Delia LaFosse in *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day*, costume design by Michael O'Connor

**Upcoming Exhibits**

**Drawn to Fashion: The Illustrations of Mary Mitchell**  
January 28 – May 27, 2012

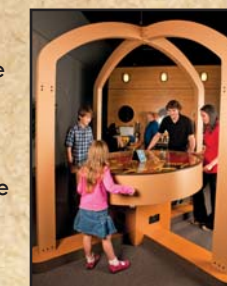
Taken from a personal collection of over 1,000 fashion illustrations, the *Drawn to Fashion* exhibition will educate visitors about the lost art of fashion illustration, Omaha's rich retail history, and advertising during an era before Photoshop. Authentic clothing and other artifacts related to the process of producing these illustrations for newsprint will be on loan from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Textile, Clothing, and Design collection and the Omaha World-Herald. In addition, 150 original images will be showcased from local fashion illustrator, Mary J. Mitchell, who worked for such well known Omaha clothiers as Topp's, Goldstein Chapman, Herzbergs, Zoobs, and many others.



**Mindbender Mansion**

**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.



**The American Soldier**  
September 22, 2012 – January 6, 2013

**THE AMERICAN SOLDIER**  
FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE WAR IN IRAQ

*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 to 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.

