"Hollywood in the Heartland" opening weekend schedule

Friday, June 27

"Hollywood Backstories with Tom Arnold" presented by Produce Iowa

10 a.m. - FREE

Join Iowan Tom Arnold at the State Historical Museum as he kicks off opening day of the new exhibition, Hollywood in the Heartland. Tom will talk about his rise from Ottumwa to Hollywood and everything in between. And as a writer, producer, actor and comedian, he has a lot of stories to tell. Tom has been in over 120 film and television projects including True Lies, Nine Months, and Mike Myers' documentary released this month, Supermensch: The Legend of Shep Gordon. In addition to hosting CMT's top-rated My Big Redneck franchise, Tom has also been on a comedy stand-up tour throughout the US over the past year, and we are excited to welcome him back to Des Moines.

Exhibit Tour with Museum Staff

1 and 3 p.m. - FREE

Experience "Hollywood in the Heartland" with a free guided tour from State Historical Museum staff.

Music Man Matinee - FREE

1 p.m. – Doors open

1:15 p.m. – Discussion

1:30 p.m. - Movie

Attend a short preview discussion and a screening of "The Music Man" (2 hrs, 55 min). Question and Answer session to follow movie.

Saturday, June 28

Exhibit Tour with Museum Staff

10 a.m. and 1 p.m. – FREE

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Iowa's Opera Houses and Movie Theatres

11 a.m. - FREE

lowa has the full range of historic entertainment venues from opera houses located in small towns across the state to the grand movie palaces in our largest cities. This presentation from Historian Ralph Christian and Architectural Historian Paula Mohr of the State Historic Preservation Office will tell the fascinating story of how and where lowans enjoyed various forms of entertainment from early settlement to the multiplexes of today.

Children's Activities

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - FREE

Make flipbooks, storyboards, and movie posters and decorating stars.

Adam Van Wyk

2 p.m. - FREE

Adam Van Wyk will talk about animated films. Van Wyk worked on "Despicable Me," "Despicable Me 2" and "Ice Age," among others, and is a Des Moines-based voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.

Iowa Stars Trivia Game

3:30 p.m. - FREE

Find the Iowa stars in the new exhibit and answer questions.

Sunday, June 29

Exhibit Tour with Museum Staff

1 p.m. – FREE

Experience "Hollywood in the Heartland" with a free guided tour from State Historical Museum staff.

19th Century Projected Entertainment (Humanities Iowa)

2:30-4 p.m. – FREE

Join Michael Zahs as he shows some of the world's oldest films known to exist. The films were originally shown by Frank and Indiana Brinton in small town opera houses or at Chautauqua gatherings. Some of their magic lantern slides and early movie presentations will be part of Zahs discussion.

All events are at the State Historical Museum, 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines. Visit www.iowahistory.org or call 515-281-5111 for more information.