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REVOLUTION 1989

Feb. 9 – Sept. 8, 2019

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STARTS IN THE
STREETS

Public art installation April 27 – Nov. 9 on the NCSML grounds

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NCSML members elect four new members to Board of Trustees

Members of the NCSML elected four people to three-year terms as new members of the Board of Trustees. The election took place March 5 at the NCSML's annual meeting of the membership. The new board members are:



Ron Detweiler Detweiler is a CPA with the Iowa-based firm Honkamp Krueger & Co. He has more than 37 years of experience in accounting, tax, business, and advisory client services. In the late 1990s he helped the NCSML establish its first chart of accounts and continued to advise the bookkeeper until the flood in 2008.



Allison Stanger Stanger is a political scientist and the Russell J. Leng '60 Professor of International Politics and Economics at Middlebury College in Vermont. A fluent Czech speaker, Stanger has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations since 2004, and since October 2009 she has worked as a part-time consultant to the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff.



Kim Becicka Becicka is vice president of continuing education and training services at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Becicka is an Academy Fellow of the Aspen Institute's Sector Academy, and she serves on several boards in the Cedar Rapids area. Her research interests include workforce development, noncredit community college students, and educational pathways for populations with barriers to education and training.



Stephen E. Zlatos Zlatos is a patent attorney representing inventors in patent litigation in federal courts throughout the United States. In 2003, Zlatos was appointed Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic, with a consulate area that includes the states of Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He has traveled extensively throughout Central Europe, speaks Slovak, and is active in assisting Indiana companies in developing business ties there.

SAVE - THE - DATE



Mark your calendars now for Sept. 20, 2019, for the 16th Annual BrewNost, an International beer festival to benefit the NCSML.

Stay tuned for Live Auction package announcements. Nicholas Lowry will again be our auctioneer.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for BrewNost 2019, contact Becky Robinson at 319.362.8500 or brobinson@ncsml.org.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT/CEO




Little did I imagine one year ago that I would be here at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library serving you our patrons, members, staff, Board of Trustees, volunteers, scholars, visitors, and students. My first several months here have been a whirlwind, from my first BrewNost, to the opening of the Uprka art exhibit, to celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Czechoslovakia in 1918, to our current Revolution 1989 exhibit. As we celebrate the historical events that “end in the 8’s and 9’s” let us pause to think how these events have influenced history. The 1938

Munich Conference changed the geography of Czechoslovakia through annexation of the Sudetenland. The 1948 Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia challenged the way of life for all Czechoslovaks for decades. However, the resilience and strength of the Czechs and Slovaks endured, and in 1968 the Prague Spring demonstrated that the people wanted democratization and less restriction in media, speech, and travel. The Prague Spring gave us musicians and literary artists such as Václav Havel, Karel Husa, and Milan Kundera. The dedication and persistence of Czechoslovaks led to the Velvet Revolution in 1989, the 30th anniversary of which we are celebrating. This revolution ended 41 years of Communist Party rule peacefully. This year we also celebrate the life of Slovak astronomer, politician, and military leader Milan Rastislav Štefánik; 2019 is the 130th anniversary of Štefánik’s birth and the 100th anniversary of his death.

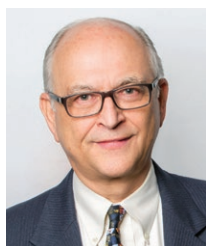
We also remember the 25th anniversary of the Velvet Divorce of 1993, which is when Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic (now known as Czechia) and the Slovak Republic (Slovakia). These two countries are examples for the world in how they became two independent nations with no bloodshed and how they remain the closest of allies.

As I reflect on this proud history, I offer this theme: “Celebrate and Remember.” Both 2018 and 2019 are significant years of celebration and remembrance, not only for Czech and Slovak cultures but all cultures worldwide. We should discuss with families and friends the meaning of freedom and sacrifice. We should take time to celebrate that we are free because of the sacrifice of thousands who paved the road to democracy and individual worth and dignity. I close with quotes from two great leaders in our path to democracy: *“In Life we should strive always to Believe, to Love, and to Work.” (Milan Rastislav Štefánik). “Work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed.” (Václav Havel, Czech statesman, dissident, and last President of Czechoslovakia).* **May our celebrations continue, but may we also reflect on the past to assure our future.**

Best regards,


Cecilia Rokusek

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Greetings from the warming Midwest! Many of us were glad to say good-bye to the Polar Vortex. It may have been frigid outside around here recently, but the heat generated by President/CEO Cecilia Rokusek and the NCSML staff ignored the weather.

I would first like to warmly welcome our newest board members: Kim Becicka, Ron Detweiler, Allison Stanger, and Stephen Zlatos. As you read their bio sketches on the opposite page, you’ll get a sense of the life experience these exceptional people will bring to continue the success of NCSML. I also want to thank our retiring board members for their efforts, and

we look to their continued support of NCSML.

A “big deal” this February was to announce our new Smithsonian affiliation. Congratulations to all staff past and present who helped in this achievement. The NCSML now has an international imprimatur and added currency to promote and share our mission. We will be attracting new partners who can help us grow the NCSML story.

Personally, I want to thank all of those who shared and supported the *Joza Uprka: National Treasure* exhibit. It was such a pleasure to introduce his art in America and to show how art can transcend region and time.

Finally, I remind you that programs and facilities of the caliber that we have at the NCSML would not be possible without our members and friends. So please don’t forget to continue your support and reach out in whatever ways you can to keep the “heat” on in this, our “jewel,” the NCSML.

Best,


George Drost



The Role of Protest Art in the Fall of the Wall

Revolution Starts in the Streets Opens April 27

This year the NCSML will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall—a historic moment that greatly affected Czechoslovakia and other countries—by building and placing a replica of a section of that wall on its campus as a public art installation. The collaborative public art space will stand from April 27 through Nov. 9, 2019, with opportunities for community members to make their own protest art statements on the wall.

The project, titled ***Revolution Starts in the Streets***, also will include residency visits from six artists recognized regionally and internationally for their contributions in public and protest art.

The project's grand opening will be Saturday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. on the NCSML's grounds and in Rozek Grand Hall. On Nov. 9, there will be a public demolition of the wall to commemorate and recreate the activities in Berlin on the same date in 1989.

Attending the April 27 opening will be Ivan Korčok, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic to the United States, who will speak about his personal experience under communism and the Berlin Wall.

"A common theme in revolution is the presence of art as a form of peaceful protest," says Sarah Henderson, K-12 learning specialist at the NCSML and the project's coordinator. "This wall, by honoring those artists and their freedom of expression, will promote a community conversation around the fall of communism in Europe in 1989 while connecting the conversation to what issues the public may find relevant today."

For this project the NCSML will once again collaborate, as it did with the Guts & Glory World War I exhibit in 2018, with students from

two Cedar Rapids, Iowa, high schools: Iowa BIG and Metro High School's STEAM Academy. Metro STEAM students will work with NCSML staff and Neumann Monson Architects to design and construct the wall. Iowa BIG students are working on programming and promotion for the project, including design, social media, marketing, and public relations.

"Often protest artists under communism were brutally punished by their governments for their acts of protest," says Henderson. "Revolution Starts in the Streets is our effort to educate the public on the above issues and encourage them to take a more active role in contemporary discussions around injustice. We hope to empower the public to think of themselves as artists who can make a difference in our world."

During 2019 the project will host six street artists, several of whom have participated in current and past revolutions. These artists will host public street art workshops on the wall and give public lectures about their experiences in art and revolution.

The artists who will visit as part of *Revolution Starts in the Streets* are:

- Paco Rosic, Waterloo based artist and Bosnian refugee
- "Ganzeer," Egyptian artist, most known for his work during the 2011 Egyptian revolution
- Jan Kaláb, Czech contemporary artist who began his career after the fall of communism
- Jordan Weber, Des Moines based artist and advocate for youth at risk
- Thomas Agran, Iowa City based artist
- Rose Couch, Los Angeles based artist

The dates of their visit and details about their presentations will be announced at a later date. Check NCSML.org for more information.

Revolution Starts in the Streets is presented by Aegon Transamerica with contributing sponsorship by the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Program Fund.



Speech Competition for High School Students

On April 9 (5:00 – 6:30 p.m.) the NCSML will host the first annual **Velvet Voices of Freedom Speech Competition** for high school students. Václav Havel was a civil activist of international stature, president first of Czechoslovakia and then of the Czech Republic, and an award-winning author. Havel wrote plays, poetry, and speeches that still inspire millions today. The NCSML seeks to honor this

incredible man and his many diverse talents by initiating the annual Velvet Voices of Freedom Speech Competition. For the first year of the speech competition, all performance entries must be taken from works by Havel. The winner of the competition will be awarded a \$750 scholarship for the winning student to take to the college or university where they are admitted upon graduating high school, and a \$500 prize to be awarded to their school speech department in their honor. For competition categories, further details, and to register visit www.ncsml.org/events/velvet-voices-of-freedom/ or email Sarah Henderson at shenderson@ncsml.org.

Sponsored by generous donations from Sharon Curtis and David and Jody Filipi.

Road to College

In June of 2018, the NCSML launched **Road to College**, an education high school program that prepares students for college humanities and social science coursework. Students come to the museum for two-hour classes taught by a college professor for an entire week. The specific topic and professor changes each day so students experience a wide variety of disciplines and teaching styles. In these college-level lectures they discuss assigned readings on complex history topics. The 2018 program covered topics related to World War I and sessions included private tours of museum archives and the NCSML World War I exhibit, *Guts & Glory*.

In June of 2019 we will hold Road to College again, with a theme of *The Fall of the Berlin Wall*; sessions will focus on the seminal year 1989 in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's demise. Already, faculty are signed up to lecture on political science, history, and art history.

Cost: \$120 for 5 sessions, Monday, June 10 – Friday, June 14, 2019. Register by May 13, 2019. For scholarship options contact shenderson@ncsml.org. A registration form can be downloaded at www.ncsml.org/roadtocollege.

Sponsored by Collins Aerospace.

Youth Council

More formally known as the **Cultural Advisory Board of Youth**, the NCSML's Youth Council was formed in February 2018 to assist in making the museum and library a more welcoming space and experience for teens and young people. The group meets at the NCSML four Sunday afternoons a year, in February, May, August, and November. With members from Kennedy High School, Metro High School, and Prairie High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area, the Youth Council students already have begun shaping museum programs. Currently the students are working to plan regular public teen programs in the evenings, including board game nights in the library and video game competitions in the NCSML theatre. Students advise staff on upcoming programs such as the upcoming Velvet Voices of Freedom Speech Competition.

Some members choose to engage with the museum in other ways as well. Jonathon Carrick, for instance, spoke at a museum donor event about his appreciation for their support on the recent exhibition, *Guts & Glory*—a project completed in partnership with Metro High School and Iowa BIG High School. Jonathon helped to build the train cars in that exhibition as a part of his industrial arts education at Metro. Jonathon told the assembled donors, "Being involved in the Youth Council makes me feel more involved in my community and the Czech and Slovak community overall."

The council is open to new members, so if you know a teen in the Cedar Rapids area who is a passionate learner and may be interested in holding a leadership position on a board serving a national museum, direct them to Sarah Henderson, NCSML K-12 learning specialist, at shenderson@ncsml.org.



IN THE GALLERIES



Revolution 1989

February 9 – September 8, 2019

To mark the 30th anniversary of 1989's Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, the NCSML tells the story in an original exhibition that features film footage, eyewitness accounts, music, and an array of artifacts. The exhibit will explore the year 1989 as communist regimes worldwide experienced major unrest, including stories from China, East Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

Visitors will have the opportunity to make their own screen-printed poster in a workshop adjacent to the gallery. Workshop hours are: Mon. -Sat. 11:30–3:30 p.m. and 12:00–4:00 p.m. on Sun. *Sponsored by Western Fraternal Life.*

In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Immigrants Bring to Iowa

February 1 – April 20, 2019



In this exhibit explore and celebrate immigration to Iowa. Iowa has become home to thousands of immigrants since the state first opened to settlers. This display explores immigration through the objects, skills, and traditions that were and are brought. Thirteen Iowa museums and organizations shared stories, artifacts, and historic photos for this traveling banner display.

The exhibition was created by Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, and is sponsored by Humanities Iowa, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Edwin R. and Joan T. Hemphill.

Roma Photography by Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert

February 23 – May 27, 2019



Between 1990 and 1997, and then again in 2004 and 2006, Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert photographed the Roma people of Sintesti, Romania. The camp is home to approximately 1,000 Kalderari Roma, predominantly metal workers by tradition. Once nomadic, they now live in Sintesti. Sutton-Hibbert recorded daily life, festivities, traditions, and the working lifestyle of the Roma during a time of substantial change in the post-Communist era. *Sponsored by Western Fraternal Life.*

Lullaby: Babies in Slovak Folk Dress

April 13 – October 9, 2019

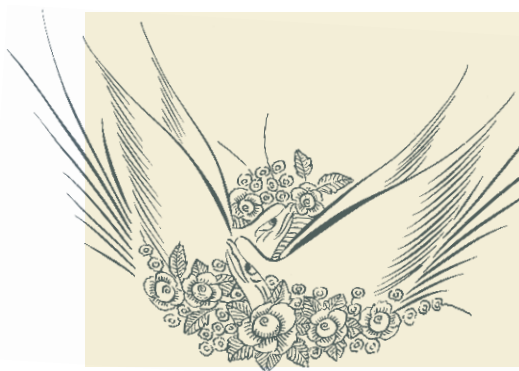
Slovak photographer Monika Klučiarová combines stunning Slovak folk dress (*kroje*) with adorable 10-day old babies to create spectacular portraits. The artist perceives the Slovak folk *kroje* as mosaics consisting of many details that result in one priceless whole. In addition to the Slovak cultural heritage value, the *kroje* showcase incredible colors and geometric and other patterns that naturally lend themselves as objects of photographic art. The *kroje* in this exhibit were tailor-made and embroidered by using traditional processes and techniques by many skilled seamstresses across Slovakia. *Lullaby: Babies in Slovak Folk Dress* will include 36 large, framed portraits. In addition, selections from The Helene Cincebeaux Collection will be displayed next to the portraits, giving visitors a view of authentic folk dress. *Sponsored by Western Fraternal Life.*



Bazelides Calligraphy

May 11 – August 18 2019

An exhibition featuring intricate calligraphy and delightful paintings. The collection is a gift from Susi Bazelides, a descendant of the two featured artists, calligrapher Vaclav Vane and oil painter Vaclav Janda. Both immigrated to Cedar Rapids from Bohemia in the 19th century.



Medieval to Metal: The Art & Evolution of the GUITAR

Oct. 5, 2019 – Jan. 26, 2020

This touring exhibition organized by the National GUITAR Museum celebrates the artistic development of the guitar. The show features 40 iconic stringed instruments, ranging from an intricately inlaid Moorish oud, a six-foot long Renaissance theorbo, to guitars displaying the modern Italian design of the Eko and one with a stunning transparent acrylic body from California's BC Rich guitars. Spanning centuries of design and craftsmanship, the exhibition takes visitors through the history of an object that is one of the most recognizable items on the planet. *Sponsored by Western Fraternal Life.*



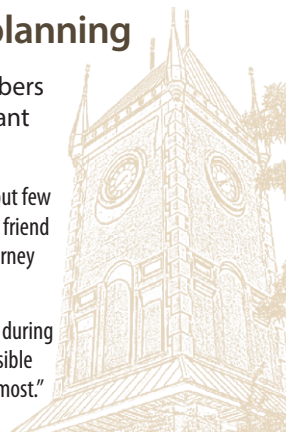
Legacies are formed by passions, and planning

What are you passionate about? NCSML Legacy Society members help ensure that the NCSML's mission and work will be relevant and vibrant today as well as tomorrow.

"People spend a lot of time planning for retirement and for their children's college, but few people are as intentional about planning their charitable legacy," says Paul P. Morf, a friend of the museum, president of the Iowa Academy of Trust and Estate Counsel, and attorney with Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC.

"Effective strategies are available for maximizing the tax benefits of charitable gifts, during life and at death, and for ensuring that your charitable dollars have the greatest possible impact over the long term for the people, organizations, and causes you care about most."

To notify the NCSML of your intentions or to discuss planned giving options with our development staff, call 319.362.8500 or email development@ncsml.org.





The NCSML Announces Smithsonian Affiliation

The NCSML has been designated a Smithsonian Affiliate, joining a national network of museums, educational institutions and cultural organizations in sharing the resources of the Smithsonian Institution.

"This affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution is a significant recognition for our museum and library. It recognizes our excellence in programs, exhibits, educational activities and in cultural and historic preservation," said NCSML President and CEO Cecilia Rokusek. "It also will enable us to work closely with the Smithsonian in securing additional programs, exhibits, and professionals from the Smithsonian to collaborate with our NCSML staff. And our members will have the opportunity to have joint memberships in the NCSML and the Smithsonian."

There are more than 200 Smithsonian Affiliates in nearly every state, Puerto Rico, and Panama. Created in 1996, Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term partnerships that share Smithsonian collections, build networks, and engage learners with Smithsonian resources. Together, Affiliates and the Smithsonian create life-long learning experiences designed to educate and inspire.

NCSML awarded \$25,000 grant from Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation

The NCSML been awarded a \$25,000, 3–1 matching grant from the Endowment Challenge Fund at the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation (GCRF). The NCSML has until 2022 to raise \$75,000 for its endowment fund in order to receive the \$25,000 challenge grant from the GRCRF. The GRCRF's Endowment Challenge Fund supports nonprofit organizations in building endowments to create sustainable funding. The funds will remain at the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation in a permanent endowment. This endowment fund will provide annual distributions to the NCSML in perpetuity to support its educational and program initiatives.

NCSML enters collaboration agreement with major university in Czech Republic

In September 2018 the NCSML and Palacký University Olomouc, one of largest and most prominent universities in the Czech Republic, have formally entered into an agreement to develop and collaborate on joint educational, cultural and research projects. The two institutions have agreed to explore future cooperation on:

- Exchange of scholars and researchers
- Joint sponsorship of courses, study tours, conferences and seminars
- Joint research projects including those eligible for external grant funding
- Exchange of administrative and professional staff
- Exchange of various types of information and resources

NCSML CEO Cecilia Rokusek receives awards from the Slovak Republic

On Oct. 21, 2018, at a meeting in Bratislava of more than 120 Honorary Consuls to the Slovak Republic, NCSML President and CEO Cecilia Rokusek was one of four Honorary Consuls awarded the Silver Medal by Miroslav Lajčák, the Slovak Republic's Minister of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Rokusek has been Slovak Honorary Consul for Florida since 2008. Rokusek was awarded the Silver Medal in recognition and appreciation for her "sustained and enduring contribution to bilateral cooperation and for significant role in promoting Slovakia's reputation abroad."

On Dec. 12, 2018, at the embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C., Rokusek was one of the inaugural recipients of the Woodrow Wilson Award. The award, which includes a specially cast bronze medal, was presented to Rokusek and the other inaugural recipients by ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States, Ivan Korčok. The Woodrow Wilson



Free First Saturdays for Students

Students of all ages (preschool through college) are invited to visit the NCSML's exhibits for free on the first Saturday of each month (9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.). Visitors will also be able to take part in different themed activities and celebrations. College students must bring a current school ID card. No registration required. *Presented by United Fire Group, with contributing sponsorship from Lu and Katherine Svoboda.*

April 6: Earth Month Party

Ready, set, compost! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will be celebrating Earth Month! We will have folks from Indian Creek



Nature Center, Solid Waste Management, Green Iowa Americorp, and volunteers from The University of Iowa Museum of Natural History with

activities for visitors and students to participate in.

May 4: Protest for Yourselfie

In 1989, the world seemed to be thrown into revolutions left and right with regular protests. Many of these rallies, art, and other forms of protest were the only way for people to voice their opinions and concerns. In our exhibit *Revolution 1989*, you can make your own screen printed protest art. Post a picture of yourselfie with your protest art with the tag #protestforyourselfie and #ncsml to enter a drawing for a free protest tote bag!

June 1: Butterfly Social

Butterflies are beautiful and fun to watch gracefully flutter through the air. Today, some folks from the Monarch Zone will be on site to show us a few local breeds of butterflies, and we will have various activities about some popular ones from the Czech and Slovak Republics.

July 6: Is That Allowed?

Living under the Soviet Union style of Communism certainly had its ups and downs, but one of the biggest issues was the extreme restrictions on what people were allowed to own or do or say. Today students will learn about similarities and differences between their life and growing up in communist Czechoslovakia.

Movin' at the Museum

Cost: Free

Movin' at the Museum has expanded this year to once every month! Each first Saturday of the month will be another chance for folks to try out another style of physical activity from Zumba to POUND. All ages welcome. This provides even more opportunity for everyone to get up and get movin' for free in 2019!

Sponsored by CRST International

Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. on the dates below.

April 6: Spring into Action (Zumba Gold),

May 4: Raise the Barre (Barre Above)

June 1: Dance into Summer (Belly Dance Fitness)

July 6: Don't sit this one out (Sentao)

History on Tap

Join us for delicious brews and fascinating history during this popular annual series! *Presented by CRST International with contributing sponsorship from Randy's Flooring.*

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.

Lasers and Beer!—mapping Iowa City's historic beer caves, and other adventures in 3D scanning

Location: Thew Brewing Company, Cedar Rapids

Using a laser-based technology for 3D scanning, the University of Iowa's Adam Skibbe (Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences) and Michelle Wienhold (Iowa Flood Center) have traveled around Iowa mapping many historic and cultural resources. Perhaps none is more interesting than the historic beer caves located underneath Iowa City's Northside district.

Thursday, May 9, 5:30 p.m.

Protecting Iowa's Bees

Location: Rapid Creek Cidery, Iowa City

We are very happy to be at Rapid Creek Cidery for this special Thursday night History on Tap! Bees are critical pollinators who keep our plants blooming and food growing, but they are declining. Hear from Steve Hendrix, professor emeritus of biology at the University of Iowa, to learn what you can do in your back yard to support Iowa's native bees. Food and drink will be available for purchase from Rapid Creek, and there may even be some honey options.

Wednesday, June 12, 5:30 p.m.

Yup... Nope... and Why Midwesterners Don't Say Much

Location: Franklin Street Brewing Company, Manchester

This light-hearted yet serious presentation explores the question of a Midwestern legacy of reserve—whether we live in a “quiet culture” in the Midwest, often without even recognizing it. Using visuals and humorous examples, presenter Barbara Lounsberry, (retired University of Northern Iowa English professor) probes the possible causes of Midwest reserve and offers strategies for dealing with our “quiet culture”—when we wish.

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PROGRAM CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 p.m.

Pop! Nuclear Weapons, the Cold War, and Eighties Popular Culture

Location: NCSML

Coe College history professor Derek Buckaloo, Ph.D., will take us through the decade of the 80's looking at how pop culture was influenced by the Cold War and ultimately the fall of communism. Join us before 5:30 p.m. and check out our exhibit *Revolution 1989* to learn even more about this fascinating subject. Our cash bar will be open with specialty themed cocktails.



Saturday at
1:00 p.m.:
May 11, June 8,
July 13, Aug. 10

Summer Art Workshops

The summer is a great time to sit down and learn a new art! Because both *Revolution 1989* and the upcoming *Medieval to Metal: The Art and Evolution of the GUITAR* exhibition highlight music and how instrumental it has been in history, our art projects will be focused around music and instruments. Presented by CRST International.



Sunday, April 7, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Farewell to Mother Winter

Cost: Free

Winter this year has been really rough, so come celebrate the triumph of spring over winter by helping us toss Morena into the nearby Cedar River! In Slavic tradition, Morena is the goddess associated with death and winter, and she must be vanquished to make way for sunny skies and warmer weather. Join us in Rozek Grand Hall before we trek over to the Cedar River. Presented by CRST International.

Tuesday, April 9, 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Velvet Voices of Freedom Speech Competition

Cost: Free

The public is invited to hear high-school students present in a variety of categories in the first occurrence of an annual speech competition to honor the life, work, and spirit of Václav Havel, the award-winning author, civil activist of international stature, president first of Czechoslovakia and then of the Czech Republic. Speeches are judged according to Iowa High School Speech Association rules and by IHSSA-certified judges. Sponsored by Sharon Curtis, and David and Jody Filipi.



Friday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.

Lullaby: Babies in Slovak Folk Dress Opening

6:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting with photographer Monika Klučiarová (Smith Gallery)

7:00 p.m. Kroje Talk with Helene Cincebeaux (WFLA/ZCJL Heritage Hall)

8:00 p.m. Book Signing with Helene Cincebeaux (Rozek Grand Hall)

Join us in celebrating the opening of our newest exhibition, *Lullaby: Babies in Slovak Folk Dress*. Special guest Slovak photographer Monika Klučiarová will perform a lullaby on the fujara. Helene Cincebeaux will talk about her more than 50 years of collecting Czech and Slovak folk dress and her adventures that went with it. Helene also will be available to sign copies of her books, *A Treasury of Slovak Folk Dress* and *Slovakia! Traditions Old & New*. Both are available for purchase from the Museum Store.

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Family Folk Day

Our newest exhibition combines stunning Slovak folk dress (kroje) with adorable babies to create spectacular portraits. Special guest Slovak photographer Monika Klučiarová will be present Saturday morning. In celebration, we are inviting kids and families to join us and learn more about kroje with fun activities. Don't worry; there will be activities for adults too! Wearing kroj is encouraged, but not required. Paid admission required to see the exhibits; NCSML members always enjoy free admission.

9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Free drop-in activities (Rozek Grand Hall)

10:30 a.m. Tour with Kroje Collector Helene Cincebeaux. Gallery Admission Required (Smith Gallery)

2:00 p.m. Booking Signing with Helene Cincebeaux (Rozek Grand Hall)

Lullaby: Babies in Slovak Folk Dress is presented by Western Fraternal Life.

Friday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Egg Decorating with Master Czech Folk Artist Marj Nejd

Cost (class materials are included in the ticket price):

\$35 per person, Egg Decorating Class only

\$50 per person, Egg Decorating Class + Traditional Starter Kit to take home

\$60 per person, Egg Decorating Class + Traditional Deluxe Kit to take home

Class participants will learn how to decorate eggs using the batik/wax resist method. Each student will leave with one finished egg. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. For ages 8 or older, ages 8—11 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Lou and Katherine Svoboda.

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Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m.

Food Tour of Historic Czech Village

Cost: \$25 for NCSML members, \$30 for general admission
Join National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library staff on a walking food tour of historic Czech Village. Learn about the unique history behind this fascinating neighborhood while sampling food and drinks. Special stories associated with food and restaurants in the Village will be highlighted. Meet at the NCSML's clock tower (corner of 16th Ave SW and Inspiration Pl SW) before 6:00 p.m.
Presented by CRST International.

Sunday, May 5, 1:30 p.m.

Bohemia on Record: Mapping Early Sound Recordings of Czech Settlers in the USA

Filip Šír is coordinator of digitization of audio documents at the National Museum in Prague. Šír will talk about the history of sound recordings by Czech immigrants to the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and introduce his latest book, *Bohemia on Records*. In 2017, together with Gabriel Gössel, he was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the Association for Recorded Sound Collections for his contribution to historical research for the book *Recorded Sound in Czech Lands 1900–1946*. : Early Czech Sound Recordings in the United States.

Friday, May 17, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

The 18th Taste of Czech & Slovak

Tickets: \$15, children 10 & under free.

Kick off Houby Days weekend by sampling delicious appetizers, soup, salads, sides, entrées and dessert recipes handed down by generations of Czech and Slovak cooks. Visit ncsml.org for ticket information and to learn more about what the NCSML is offering Saturday and Sunday of Houby Days Weekend.

Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 p.m.

New Bohemia Walking Tour with Mark Stoffer Hunter

Cost: \$5 for members of The History Center or the NCSML; \$7 for non-members.

Join Mark Stoffer Hunter, historian at The History Center, for a walking tour of the historic New Bohemia neighborhood. Learn about the evolution of this unique Bohemian commercial district from the early 1870s through the present day.

Mark will highlight the special stories associated with the architectural landmarks. *Presented by CRST International.*

Sunday, June 9, 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Ride of the Kings

Cost: Free

On Pentecost in some Moravian towns, they celebrate with a festival and parade called the Ride of the Kings. The town's men and boys come together to decorate their horses with paper flowers and ribbon and then ride around the village. Gallop over to the museum to make paper flowers and other colorful decorations to adorn the NCSML's "horse" (not a real horse) and learn more about this tradition. *Presented by CRST International.*

Monday, June 10–Friday, June 14, 1:00–3:00 p.m. each day

Road to College

Cost: \$120 for 5 sessions

The NCSML Road to College series each summer helps high schoolers tackle college preparations. Includes discussion-based sessions, college level lectures, and local professor-led classes. The 2019 Road to College is titled *The Fall of the Berlin Wall* and will focus on the seminal year 1989 in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's demise. To register for this course or for any questions please contact shenderson@ncsml.org.
Presented by Collins Aerospace.

Monday, June 22, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Playtime Poppy Summer Theatre Adventure presents Tales Beneath the Baobab Tree

Join Playtime Poppy, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, and the African American Museum of Iowa as we explore tales and traditions from West Africa. The Summer Theatre Adventure is a free week long, immersive theatre experience for kids aged 7–14 to engage with theatre, culture, and community. We will have two performances at the end of that week to show off what the students have learned! This is free and open for community members to watch.

Wednesday, June 26, 6:00 p.m.

Czech Village Walking Tour

Cost: \$5/NCSML members, \$7 non-members

Join NCSML staff on a walking tour of historic Czech Village. Learn about the unique history behind this fascinating neighborhood. Special stories associated with architectural landmarks in the Village will be highlighted
Sponsored by CRST International.

Wednesday, July 3, 6:00 p.m.

Music @ the Museum: Pianopalooza

Cost: Free with Required Freedom Festival button

Start your Fourth of July holiday with Pianopalooza, an upbeat and hilarious dueling piano duo at the NCSML! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to the museum's Rockwell Collins Amphitheater and enjoy a night of music under the stars. **An Official Freedom Festival Event!** *Presented by CRST International with contributing sponsorship from Duane and Kay Nesetrl.*

Saturday, July 27, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Summer Family Free Day

Stop by for a full day of family-friendly activities, tasty food, and music. This year's Summer Family Free Day will be all about the 1980's! We will even have a community art project with local artist, Thomas Agran. Enjoy free admission for the whole family to the NCSML's exhibit galleries! *Presented by CRST International with contributing sponsorship from Collins Aerospace, Wells Fargo and Lou and Katherine Svoboda.*

Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 p.m.

New Bohemia Walking Tour with Mark Stoffer Hunter

Cost: \$5 for members of The History Center or the NCSML; \$7 for non-members.

See May 29 Walking Tour event above for details.
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