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## **“New Harmonies” exhibit opens Sept. 3 in Valentine**

“New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music,” a traveling exhibition developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit Service and presented in the state by the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC), opens Sept. 3 in Valentine. The exhibit will be housed through Oct. 11 in the Cherry County Historical Society Museum.

The exhibit tours six Nebraska sites through December 31, and celebrates—through roots music—the quintessential American values of freedom, democracy, independence, diversity, and ingenuity. Roots music embraces folk, country, blues, gospel, jazz, bluegrass, rock and roll, rap, and more.

Each site will develop public humanities programming related to the exhibit’s theme and create events and activities to encourage public participation.

The historical society will host an open house Sept. 9, from 7-9 p.m. Visitors to Valentine’s 18th Annual Nebraska Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Old West Days will have an opportunity Oct. 1-3 to view the exhibition, including its country music section featuring singing cowboys.

“New Harmonies” also will be on display Oct. 18-Dec. 31 at Loves Jazz & Arts Center in Omaha.

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