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**ARIZONA HISTORY MUSEUM JOINS SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE'S
15TH ANNUAL MUSEUM DAY**

Free Admission on September 21, 2019 with a downloadable Museum Day ticket

TUCSON, AZ (September 9, 2019)— The Arizona History Museum will open its doors free of charge to all Museum Day ticket holders on Saturday September 21, 2019 from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. as part of *Smithsonian* magazine's 15th annual Museum Day, a national celebration of boundless curiosity in which participating museums emulate the free admission policy at the Smithsonian Institution's Washington D.C.-based museums.

This year, Museum Day will celebrate the [Smithsonian Year of Music](#), an institution-wide initiative celebrating the Smithsonian's vast musical collections and resources through 365 days of music-related programming. Music is not only a reflection of human creativity and innovation, but also a key method of communication and cross-cultural exchange and understanding. The Smithsonian Year of Music crosses disciplines, bringing together music-related resources in art, history, culture, science and education.

"We are very excited to participate in the Smithsonian's Museum Day! Everyone's history matters and we invite families to explore stories, history, and music in the museum! Arizona has a rich but sometimes obscured musical history and we cannot wait to share some of that history with our visitors!" said Jaynie Adams, Museum Educator with the Arizona Historical Society.

Music-related items from the collection will be on special display. Don't miss musical instruments, unique music players, records, and more! In addition, visitors can experience the museum's current exhibits and explore the stories and artifacts of Arizona personalities such as Geronimo and Wyatt Earp, as well as Emperor and Empress Maximilian and Carlota of Mexico. Families and kids can go back in time to explore the mining tunnel and a hands-on 1870s' Tucson exhibit.

The Arizona History Museum will be open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21. Located near the University of Arizona campus at 949 E. 2nd Street, Tucson, Arizona 85719, free parking is available in the Main Gate Garage. For questions, call 520.628.5774.

Museum Day tickets are available for download at [Smithsonian.com/museumday](https://www.smithsonian.com/museumday). Visitors who present a Museum Day ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues on



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September 21, 2019. One ticket is permitted per email address and visitors must have a printed ticket at the museum.

Museum Day represents a nationwide commitment to access, equity and inclusion. Over 450,000 tickets were downloaded for last year's event, and Museum Day 2019 is expected to attract more museumgoers than ever before. For more information, please visit Smithsonian.com/museumday.

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About Arizona Historical Society

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.

Founded in 1864, the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) is the state's oldest and most prestigious historical organization, dedicated to collecting, preserving and sharing Arizona's rich history. The stories of the people, places and events that have shaped Arizona – are told through museum exhibits, programs, events and outreach. The Arizona Historical Society is proud to serve as the steward of Arizona's history. Our collections, housed in AHS museum facilities throughout the state, number in excess of three million objects. Our artifact and manuscript holdings offer opportunities for public programming, educational outreach, and exhibitions, as well as academic and community-based research. National History Day in Arizona is a signature program of AHS and a year-long academic program focused on historical research, interpretation and creative expression for middle school and high school students.

For additional information, visit www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org

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