

MUSEUM NOTES SUMMER 2018

Fort Smith Museum of History

Summer 2018

Trout Fishing in America Bicentennial Concert and Ice Cream Social

The Fort Smith Bicentennial Committee has announced that four-time Grammy nominee and beloved family and children's musical group Trout Fishing in America will perform a special concert in honor of the city's 200th birthday Saturday, August 4, 2018, 1:00 pm, at the Fort Smith Convention Center, 800 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith. Only 500 tickets will be available for the concert and it is expected to sell out quickly. Tickets are \$5 per person, age 2 and under are free.

Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet are the musicians of Trout Fishing in America. The two-man acoustic combo's website describes them as "an eclectic folk/rock band perhaps best known for family/children's music. Songs like "My Hair Had a Party Last Night," "18 Wheels on a Big Rig," and "When I Was a Dinosaur" have earned them a place in the hearts of kids and parents everywhere. Besides their quirky and memorable children focused performances, Trout has electrified festivals and performing arts centers across North America with their deep catalogue of "adult" songs.

Also, on August 4, at 2:30 pm, Mayor Sandy Sanders and the Bicentennial Committee will host a special Time Capsule Burial Ceremony at Pendergraft Park, 200 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith. Following the Time Capsule burial ceremony, an Ice Cream Social will be hosted at approximately 3:00 pm at the Fort Smith Museum of History,

Purchase Tickets Online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trout-fishing-in-america-childrens-concert-and-ice-cream-social-tickets-46574236796>

"This represents the culmination of four years of planning, and there are many, many citizens who have volunteered their time to make this year something very special for our citizens to enjoy and remember. To commemorate our 200 years of history is no small matter and the volunteers wanted to make sure the calendar of events included entertainment that appeals to all generations.

Trout Fishing in America was the perfect fit for that and we are happy to have them back in Fort Smith for such a special occasion."

Mayor Sandy Sanders



Trout Fishing in America: Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet

Upcoming Events

- *Local Color Radio Hour: A Live Show and Podcast*
July 14 at 7:00 pm, \$5
- Trout Fishing in America
August 4 at 1:00 pm, \$5
- Annual Ice Cream Social
September 2, 2-4:00 pm
\$5 per person
- *Murder and Mayhem*
October 27-31



Local Color Radio Hour: A Live Show and Podcast

Reminiscent of an old-time radio show, the evening includes live music with the Numbskulls, storytelling, "History Matters," "On Display," "Little Known Facts," and more!

July 14 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30). Live music, history, storytelling, audience participation and fun! \$5 per person.

Local Color Radio Hour March 3, 2018 podcast available: <http://differentkjones.wixsite.com/spinninroundprod>

Annual Ice Cream Social

The end of summer tradition, the Ice Cream Social, is Sunday, September 2, 2:00-4:00 pm. \$5 per person for a variety of ice cream flavors and toppings. Yarnell's Ice Cream, made in Arkansas since 1932, is featured in the old fashioned soda fountain.

Remember the Museum for Special Occasions

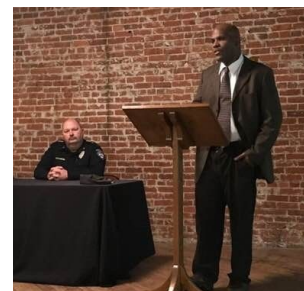
The event room and soda fountain are available for parties, receptions, reunions and all special occasions. Guests may visit the exhibits while attending the event. The second floor event room rents for \$400, the soda fountain for \$200, plus a \$100 staff fee if the event is held after regular business hours. The Fort Smith Museum of History is an historically fun place to have a party!

The museum recently offered space for the Southside High School Class of 1973, a reception for the Arkansas Historical Association and several wedding receptions. Children's birthday parties in the soda fountain are always fun!

Communities and Cultures in Fort Smith: Exploring Identities of the Region

In celebration of the Fort Smith Bicentennial, the museum offers a speaker series addressing the communities and cultures that influenced and shaped the region and the city as we know it today.

Beginning in 2018, the series featured: Captain Gerald Schaffer and Sergeant Wendall Sampson of the Police Department discussing races relations within the department and the community; Dennis Peterson of Spiro Mounds; Dr. Louray Nassir Dr. Charles Armour and Anas Ben Salah discussed he Islamic community in Fort Smith; Selina Rosan, the Jewish community; and Catherine Foreman-Gray the Cherokee Nation.



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Dr. Nassri and medical students.



2nd floor event room.

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**Communities and
Cultures in Fort
Smith: Exploring
Identities of the
Region**



The June 28 program features Catherine Foreman-Gray, History and Preservation Officer for the Cherokee Nation. Catherine is a graduate of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, a former park ranger at the Fort Smith National Historic Site and serves on the board of directors for the U.S. Marshals Museum as the official representative for the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Ms. Foreman-Gray will discuss significant events that have occurred between the Cherokee Nation and the Fort Smith community beginning with the Cherokee Old Settlers, who began immigrating to Arkansas in the late 1700s.

(Photograph: *Cherokee Advocate* Newspaper)

*Welcome home party for
Judge Parker's lizard stickpin*

The Fort Smith Museum of History

Thursday, June 14 6-9pm

*Music and dancing featuring
Robert Huston & the Western Swing Rules Band*

\$30 per person/ Must be at least 21 years of age to attend

*Put on your dancing boots,
the lizard is home!*

Call 479/783-7841 for tickets or information





**Save the Dates: *Murder and Mayhem
Haunted Trolley Tour and Progressive Dinner***

In partnership with the Bonneville House and the Clayton House, the popular and sold out *Murder and Mayhem Progressive Dinner* is planned for October 26 and 29. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with cocktails and appetizers at the museum followed by a narrated tour on the trolley bus, dinner at the Bonneville House, dessert at the Clayton House and back to the museum with haunted surprises along the way.

Regular *Murder and Mayhem* tours are scheduled for October 25, 27 and 31. Hear intriguing stories based on fact and legend and see haunted houses in the Historic District.



Tickets go on sale September 15.

Thank you to our volunteers who narrate and guide the tours featuring stories of Fort Smith's colorful past!

Marcus Woodward, Debbie Carney, Floyd and Sue Robison and Marilyn the trolley driver.

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Membership fees provide an important source of operating income for the Fort Smith Museum of History. If you membership is not current, please renew!

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