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Smithsonian Exhibition, *Journey Stories,* Continues Utah Tour with Stay in Ephraim *Traveling exhibition help Utahns tell their journey stories*

Salt Lake City, Utah, October 27, 2014 – The <u>Utah Humanities Council</u> announces that <u>Journey Stories, a Museum on Main</u> <u>Street (MoMS) exhibition</u> continues its year-long tour with a stay in Ephraim. Presented by the Utah Humanities Council, the <u>Smithsonian Institution</u>, and communities statewide, the Ephraim portion of the tour takes place from November 1st through January 9th.



The *Journey Stories* exhibition explores how transportation and migration helped build our nation, how it has changed us, and how our mobile world looked to travelers along the way. **Ephraim will offer two companion exhibitions** *Going This Way* and *By Car, By Plane, By Boat, By Train*, which will all be held at the <u>Granary Art Center</u>.

The *Journey* Stories exhibition will open on November 1st and will run through January 9th at:

Snow College Huntsman Library 141 East Center Street, Ephraim, UT 435.283.7363

A Reception for Journey Stories in Ephraim will be held on November 14th at:

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Granary Art Center 86 North Main Street, Ephraim, UT

The reception will celebrate the Smithsonian *Journey Stories* exhibition and Ephraim's accompanying exhibitions, *Going This Way* and *By Car, By Plane, By Boat, By Train*. Reception includes a performance by the Snow Dance Ensemble called *Modern Dance Journeys Through Time*, a choreographed journey through the history of modern dance beginning with early dance pioneers. Performance starts at 8:00pm. Visit *Journey Stories* at the Huntsman Library on the Snow College campus until 9:00pm.

A full schedule of *Journey Stories* events in Ephraim can be downloaded at: <u>http://www.utahhumanities.org/journeystories/EphraimPublicProgramSchedule.pdf</u>.

Amy Jorgensen, Co-Director of the Granary Arts Center says "We are thrilled to have the Smithsonian Journey Stories exhibit in Ephraim. It offers an exciting opportunity for our community to participate in high caliber exhibition programming not otherwise available in our rural area, and it has enabled us to develop dynamic partnerships and build collaborations with community groups. Hundreds of individuals are participating in our exhibitions and events. We all have stories of movement and migration - Journey Stories, and the companion exhibits and events, serve as a forum for us to share our common journeys."

Megan van Frank, History and Museums Program Officer at the Utah Humanities Council, is coordinating the exhibition tour in Utah. She hopes that, "visitors to the exhibition will enjoy learning about American history from the viewpoint of mobility, and come away with a sense of what it was like – and is like – to be mobile, whether that's voluntarily or involuntarily. The concept of mobility is broader than simply getting from point A to point B – it often speaks to life-changing decisions that affect

generations and transform communities. The exhibition," she continues, "is an unparalleled opportunity for Utahns to tell their own journey stories and participate in a nationwide conversation about mobility in America."

The sophistication and excellence embodied in a Smithsonian exhibition is an exciting opportunity for Utah. The Utah Humanities Council works hard to bring this experience to local communities, and the collaboration among national, state, and community organizations benefits everyone.

For more information about the *Journey Stories* exhibition in Ephraim, contact them at 435.283.3456, or at <u>www.granaryartcenter.org</u>. To learn more about the statewide tour, contact the Utah Humanities Council at 801.359.9670 or visit <u>www.utahhumanities.org/journeystories.htm</u>.

The five host sites and dates for this exhibition are:

May 24, 2014 – July 11, 2014 Museum of Moab, Moab www.moabmuseum.org

July 19, 2014 – September 5, 2014 Uintah County Western Heritage Museum, Vernal www.westernheritagemuseum-uc-ut.org

September 13, 2014 – October 24, 2014 Utah Cultural Celebration Center, West Valley City www.culturalcelebration.org

November 1, 2014 – January 9, 2015 Granary Art Center, Ephraim www.granaryartcenter.org in partnership with Karen H. Huntsman Library, Snow College www.snow.edu/library

January 17, 2015 – March 18, 2015 Brigham City Museum of Art & History, Brigham City www.brighamcitymuseum.org

Journey Stories has been made possible in Utah by the Utah Humanities Council. The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

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