

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE & ARTS

THE MUSEUM OF UTAH

THERE IS ONLY ONE UTAH

But there are many stories of the past that have shaped who we are today — and who we'll be tomorrow.

The Museum of Utah will exhibit Utah's vast collection of historic artifacts, letters, photographs, manuscripts and fine art that bring Utah's memory and meaning to life.

A MUSEUM THAT CONNECTS UTAHNS THROUGH STORIES

The Museum of Utah has the opportunity to bring Utahns together by sharing the stories of inventors, indigenous cultures, miners, settlers, artists, activists and more from their perspectives, side by side, while inviting visitors to add their stories along the way.

A GATHERING PLACE ON THE UTAH STATE CAPITOL CAMPUS

Thanks to the vision and support of Governor Gary R. Herbert and the Utah State Legislature, Utah's vast collection of artifacts and art will be protected and shared in a new museum on the Utah State Capitol Complex. Planning has begun for this new building that will include collections storage, exhibition, education and gathering spaces.

SUPPORT FOR UTAH'S MUSEUM AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

The new museum will allow the Department of Heritage & Arts to better support and partner with hundreds of museums and cultural organizations statewide. Plans include expanding programs to train museum professionals throughout the state; collaborating with museums to curate and exhibit items of cultural significance; and partnering in ways that serve and attract hundreds of thousands of Utah schoolchildren each year.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Museum of Utah will honor the past and inspire the future by sharing the state's unique history, culture, and art.

UNITING PEOPLE

The Museum of Utah will serve Utahns with an interest in art, history and culture; students from around the State; out-of-state tourists; and the 200,000 annual visitors to the Capitol each year.

LINKING MUSEUMS

There is no other museum in Utah that shares a comprehensive story of Utah's cultural heritage and serves to link all of Utah's museums.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Department of Heritage & Arts is working with a Museum Advisory Committee, an Interpretive Planning Team, business planning consultants, architects, a Building Steering Committee, museum professionals and community volunteers to develop a project that strikes the right balance between the preservation needs of the collection, the education and exhibition potential of the building, and the responsible use of public funds to make it all happen.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

There will be multiple opportunities for the public to get involved and provide input throughout the design process. More information can be found at heritageandarts.utah.gov/utahartifactsandart.

THE TIMELINE

- In 2019, the Utah State Legislature provided funding to begin the planning process for The Museum of Utah.
- Planning and design will continue in 2020 with a draft of the Interpretive Plan available to the public this winter.
- Completion of The Museum of Utah is anticipated in 2023.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Heritage & Arts cares for an estimated 1.8 million pieces including photographs, manuscripts, art, artifacts and digital images.
- The collection is valued at an estimated \$125 million.
- Much of the collection is currently at risk due to inadequate storage conditions.



THE STATE'S COLLECTION INCLUDES

Historic Artifacts • Art • Manuscripts • Letters • Photographs