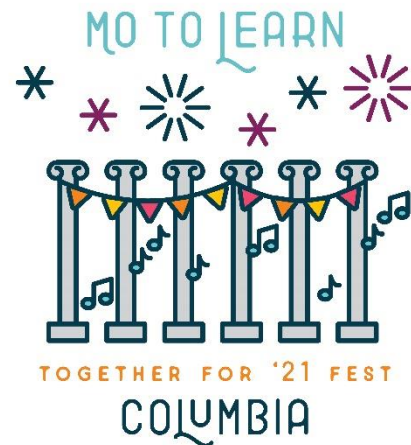


# TOGETHER FOR '21 FEST: A MISSOURI BICENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH

August 6-8, 2021

Together for '21 Fest is an event of the Missouri Bicentennial Commission, organized by The State Historical Society of Missouri and The University of Missouri. Statehood Day events are sponsored by Shelter Insurance and Union Pacific Railroad.



The University of Missouri and the State Historical Society of Missouri continue to monitor the pandemic situation closely and follow guidance from public health experts and from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We encourage mask-wearing and social distancing in public gatherings, particularly for unvaccinated individuals. Many of the activities will be live-streamed for people unable to attend the events.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, August 6

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\*\* Formal tours of the murals will be given by Bob Priddy at **9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Friday only).**

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***Missouri: Heart of the Nation VR Gallery*** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

MU engineering faculty members and the Associate Curator of European and American Art from the Museum of Art and Archaeology will discuss the process of developing the *Missouri: Heart of the Nation* virtual reality exhibit.

Panelists:

- Professor Fang Wang, MU College of Engineering-Information Technology Program
- Professor Chip Gubera, Director of Undergraduate Studies, MU College of Engineering-Information Technology Program
- Alisa McCuker, Associate Curator of European and American Art, MU Museum of Art and Archaeology

**10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**

***Bicentennial of the Missouri Judiciary with Judge Mary Russell*** – Hamra Classroom, Center for Missouri Studies

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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**Book talk: Dr. William S. Belko** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

Dr. William S. Belko, Executive Director of the Missouri Humanities Council, will discuss his recent book, *Contesting the Constitution: Congress Debates the Missouri Crisis, 1819-1821*.

**2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

**Children's Program: Bicentennial of the Missouri Judiciary with Judge Tracy Gonzalez** – Plassmeyer Classroom, Center for Missouri Studies

**Book talk: Dr. Jeffrey Pasley** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

Dr. Jeffrey L. Pasley, Professor of History and Associate Director of the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at The University of Missouri-Columbia, will present on his recent publication, *A Fire Bell in the Past: The Missouri Crisis at 200 (Vol. 1) Western Slavery, National Impasse*.

**2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

**Latinx Communities in Missouri** – Hamra Classroom, Center for Missouri Studies

In this event, filmmaker and literary critic Prof. Juanamaría Cordones-Cook presents her documentary *Nancy Morejón: Famous Landscapes*, filmed in Havana in 2013. In it, she offers an intimate view of the inner world, intellectual journey, and life experiences of Nancy Morejón, one of the most notable poets of contemporary Afro-Cuban Renaissance. Images and sounds from her poetry, her home, and Havana’s landscape combine with the discussion of prominent Afro-Cuban intellectuals, providing a deep portrait of the gender identities, roots, and culture that characterize Morejón’s literary production. Following the documentary, Cordones-Cook will share her views in conversation with sociologist María Rodríguez-Alcalá about the diverse racial and cultural identities of the Latinx communities in Missouri.

**3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

**Fiddling Jam Session** – Masters (Missouri Folk Arts Program) – Peace Park

Fiddling is deeply-rooted in Missouri history. Fiddler John P. Williams, of Madison, Missouri, who apprenticed under the late Pete McMahan, will lead a jam session in Peace Park which will showcase traditional fiddling tunes and techniques. Fiddlers Dave Cavins and Amber Gaddy of Columbia, Mo. will provide backup.

**7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**An Evening of Missouri Music** – Jesse Auditorium

Music has always been an important part of Missouri culture from early folk musicians to the explosion of jazz, blues, and Ozark bluegrass. “An Evening of Missouri Music” will feature three different types of Missouri musical traditions and reflect how artists have put their own “spin” on traditional music of the state.

Performers:

- Little Dylan Triplett
- The Kay Brothers and the Burney Sisters
- Pablo Sanhueza and the Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra with Carmen Dence

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**9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.****Missouri Bicentennial Mural with Aaron Horrell and Barb Bailey** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

In commemoration of the Missouri Bicentennial, juried Best of Missouri Hands artists, Aaron Horrell and Barb Bailey assisted thousands of Missourians across the state in painting a large composite aluminum panel mural featuring Missouri state symbols, including but not limited to the State Capitol building, State flag, and St. Louis Gateway Arch. Horrell and Bailey will present on the process of project and the status of the final painting.

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.****Missouri Special Olympics Demonstration Softball Game** – MU Softball Complex

In collaboration with Missouri Special Olympics, MU and Missouri 2021 will host a softball demonstration game in honor of the Missouri Bicentennial. “The Friends” from Kansas City will play the “Jets Unified” from St. Louis.

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.****Missouri on Mic** – Hamra Classroom, Center for Missouri Studies

What comes to mind when you think of Missouri? What do you hope for future Missourians? A team of MU Journalism students will be asking these and other questions and recording oral histories at the Missouri on Mic traveling audio booth. KBIA News listeners will have a chance to hear some of these stories in the Fall and the stories will also appear at Ragtag Cinema later in the year.

**12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.****Blacksmith Demonstration**– (Missouri Folk Arts Program) – Parking Lot, Center for Missouri Studies

Before the Industrial Revolution, blacksmiths provided essential products to communities, such as tools for agriculture and the household. Demonstrators will showcase traditional blacksmith techniques using anvils and coal forges.

Blacksmiths:

- Bob Alexander, Desoto – Scrub Oak Forge
- Ken Jansen, Moscow Mills – Butcher Creek Forge
- Pat McCarty, Washington – Washington Forge
- Mike McLaughlin, Lawson – 5ft. Forge
- Bernard Tappel, Osage Bluff – Osage Bluff Blacksmith Shop

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**Grupo Atlantico** – Missouri Theatre

Grupo Atlantico's goal is to promote the folklore and heritage of the Caribbean coast of Colombia and other Caribbean countries. The ensemble will perform traditional dances from Colombia.

**2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

**Missouri State Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs** – Missouri Theatre

The Missouri State Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, organized by Shirley Winans and Fred Goucher, will be hosting a demonstration square dance.

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**Hungry for MO** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

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**Show Me to the Stage: Maplewood Barn Season in Review** – Jesse Auditorium

In commemoration of the bicentennial, Maplewood Barn Theatre is producing three plays: Fifth of July, Henry V, and Plan 9. The three shows showcase wonderful talent of Missouri playwrights, the exciting history and stories of Missouri’s culture and heritage, and the majestic landscapes of this beautiful state.

**Missouri! A Bicentennial Celebration, produced by Missouri PBS stations** – Missouri Theatre

The Public Television Association (PTAM) of Missouri is showcasing a historical documentary about Missouri. PTAM is composed of Ozarks Public TV, Kansas City PBS, Nine Network of St. Louis, and KMOS-TV.

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**Bicentennial Tree Dedication** – Flat Branch Park

In honor of the bicentennial of Missouri statehood and founding of Columbia and in recognition of Indigenous peoples who called these lands home, the Missouri Bicentennial Commission and Columbia Parks and Recreation will dedicate a burr oak/white oak hybrid in Flat Branch Park.

**11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

**Wait ... There are Native People in Missouri? with Galen Gritts** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

Missouri Humanities Council Native Heritage speaker Galen Gritts of St. Louis will talk about land acknowledgement of Indigenous people and their history in this area long before statehood. Gritts, who is a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation, will relate the story of the historic tribes in Missouri and their forced removal from their home by the U.S. government. Gritts will also speak about what it's like to be a Native person in Missouri and the continued presence and importance of Indigenous people to the future of Missouri history, life, and culture.

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**Missouri Music at 200** – Peace Park

To honor Missouri's statehood, Music in the American Wild Ensemble will perform new works inspired by Missouri history, culture, and geography.

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Voices of Arrow Rock by Friends of Arrow Rock** – Cook Hall, Center for Missouri Studies

*Voices of Arrow Rock* is a theatrical production bringing to life voices of early Arrow Rock citizens whose experiences help us understand what life was like during the early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century on the Missouri frontier. These voices transcend time and geography and help give a platform for underrepresented voices of the past.