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Book signing event for Orpheum Theatre book planned

Just in time for the holidays, the Sioux City Public Museum will host a book signing for *The Sioux City Orpheum Theatre Revealed* on Tuesday, December 7 from 5 to 6 p.m.

The Sioux City Orpheum Theatre Revealed is the latest offering from the award-winning team at G.R. Lindblade & Co. This 126-page, hardcover coffee table book with dust jacket was written by Lou Ann Lindblade, photographed by George Lindblade and Christine McAvoy and designed by Lou Ann Lindblade and Christine McAvoy. The beautiful full color book is filled with hundreds of photos and wonderful stories about the Orpheum and its meticulous restoration process.

The Sioux City Orpheum was designed by the nationally known Chicago firm of Rapp & Rapp and constructed in 1927 as part of the Orpheum Circuit. With a total construction cost of \$1.75 million, this once opulent vaudeville and moving picture house boasted a large 2,650 seat, three story auditorium complete with Wurlitzer pipe organ, half circle boxes, hand carved detailing, gilded ornamentation, several crystal chandeliers and a hand painted ceiling. The Orpheum was turned into a movie only theatre in the 1968 and closed to the public in 1992. In 1989 a nonprofit organization, the Orpheum Theatre Preservation Project, Ltd., was established for the purpose of pursuing the fund raising necessary to renovate and reopen the theatre. After extensive renovations at an approximate cost of \$12 million, the Orpheum Theatre was re-opened in September 2001.

The *Sioux City Orpheum Theatre Revealed* book will be available at the book signing event for its retail price of \$34.95 with a discount available for members of the Sioux City Museum & Historical Association. The book matches in size and style last year's release *The Woodbury County Courthouse Revealed*.

Admission to the Sioux City Public Museum, 2901 Jackson Street, is free. For more information, call 712-279-6174 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org.

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