

# PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Explore a city filled with history, culture and adventure. Take time to visit Omaha's hottest tourist attractions like Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Lauritzen Gardens, Joslyn Art Museum, and Durham Museum. Take a tour of Boys Town to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Experience Omaha's diverse neighborhood districts for shopping, art, food and entertainment that is easily accessible. Omaha provides a unique balance of urban activities and Midwestern hospitality. In the evenings, you can enjoy our city's nationally renowned music scene including live music nightly across the city, from local jazz to indie folk.

## CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

#### Mix and Mingle – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start your NUSA conference experience by reconnecting with acquaintances and making new connections at the Liberty Tavern Lounge in the Hilton Omaha lobby. Food and beverages are available at your cost.

#### Film Streams movie screening – 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm

##### **Citizen Jane: Battle for the City**

Tickets: \$9/adult, \$7/senior/student/teacher/military  
(cost of movie ticket not included with registration)  
1340 Mike Fahey Street; [www.filmstreams.org](http://www.filmstreams.org)

In 1960, Jane Jacobs' book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* sent shockwaves through the architecture and planning worlds with its exploration of the consequences of modern planners' and architects' reconfiguration of cities. Jacobs was also an activist who was involved in many fights in mid-century New York to stop "master builder" Robert Moses from running roughshod over the city. This film retraces the battles for the city as personified by Jacobs and Moses, as urbanization moves to the very front of the global agenda. Many of the clues for formulating solutions to the dizzying array of urban issues can be found in Jacobs' prescient text, and a close second look at her thinking and writing about cities is very much in order. This film sets out to examine the city of today through the lens of one of its greatest champions.

*Film Streams is an 8 minute walk (0.3 miles) from the Hilton Omaha*

*Go to [VisitOmaha.com/Neighborhoods-USA](http://VisitOmaha.com/Neighborhoods-USA) for more information about Omaha area sights, attractions, entertainment, and events.*

### THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

#### Live Well Omaha Morning Walking Tour

##### 6:45 am to 7:30 am

Take a morning walk on the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, a one of a kind 3,000 foot-long suspension bridge connecting Nebraska and Iowa, and explore Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park and walking trails along the Council Bluffs riverfront.

*Meeting location: Hilton Omaha lobby, Time: 6:30 am*

#### Mayor's Reception at Hilton Omaha – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us for decadent hors d'oeuvres, refreshing beverages, and music by local entertainers at the Mayor's reception in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Omaha hotel. Meet up with old friends and make new ones! Celebrate along with Mayor Stothert when she presents the City of Omaha's 2017 Community Excellence Award to Neighborhoods, USA.

### FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

#### South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance Morning Walking Tour – 6:30 am to 7:30 am

Take a morning walk down the historic South 10th Street corridor highlighting the history of the Little Italy Neighborhood. Learn how the Dahlman Neighborhood Association, Old Market South, non-profit organizations, the real estate community, and residents collaborated to bridge old and new and ensure neighborhood vitality in the 21st century.

*Meeting location: Hilton Omaha lobby, Time: 6:15 am*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Loessfest 2017 at Tom Hanafan's River's Edge Park Council Bluffs, IA

*Free concerts on Friday and Saturday nights.*

Loessfest is an annual celebration of the unique landscape and all of the great things happening in Council Bluffs. Established in 2013, Loessfest kicks off the summer season beginning Memorial Day weekend and offers a wide array of free events with something for everyone to enjoy. In the festival's first two years, Loessfest has drawn more than 66,000 people from all over the region to the riverfront. The hub of Loessfest activities, Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park is an 85-acre preserve and recreational area located at the foot of the Iowa side of the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, stretching both north and south along the Missouri River.

*Transportation is on your own. Tom Hanafan's River's Edge Park is a 35 minute walk (1.7 miles) from the Hilton Omaha.*

## PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE EVENTS

### Omaha Community Playhouse

#### **Superior Donuts**

*Tickets: \$36/adult, \$20/student*

6915 Cass St, Omaha, NE 68132

Thursday, May 25 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Friday, May 26 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 27 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 28 – 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Superior Donuts, by Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning playwright Tracy Letts (*Bug, August: Osage County*), takes place in the historic Uptown neighborhood of Chicago, where Arthur Przybyszewski runs the donut shop that has been in his family for 60 years. Franco Wicks, a young black man and Arthur's only employee, wants to update the shop with healthy choices and music, but Arthur remains set in his ways and reminisces about his Polish immigrant father. This provocative comedy, set in the heart of one of Chicago's most diverse communities, explores the challenges of embracing the past and the redemptive power of friendship.

### Omaha Community Playhouse

#### **Disney's Beauty and the Beast**

*Family-friendly*

*Tickets: \$42/adult, \$25/student*

Friday, May 26 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 27 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 28 – 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Step into the enchanted world of the beloved musical, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. This classic story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress, is guaranteed to entertain all audiences. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self — but time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. This "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costumes and sets and is a must-see for the whole family.

### Bluebarn Theatre

#### **Priscilla, Queen of the Desert - The Musical**

*Tickets: \$35/adult, \$30/student*

*(tickets go on sale Monday, April 24)*

1106 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68108

Thursday – May 25: 7:30 pm

Friday – May 26: 7:30 pm

Saturday – May 27: 7:30 pm

Based on the smash-hit movie, *PRISCILLA* is the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends, Tick, Bernadette and Adam, a glamorous Sydney-based

performing trio who agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback. They hop aboard a battered old bus "," searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they could have ever dreamed of.

### Benson Business District // Maple Street 58th to 64th Street

Live music, arts, and craft beer at multiple venues including The Waiting Room, Barley Street Tavern, The Sydney, and Reverb Lounge.

### Jambo Cat // 4916 Underwood Avenue

Live Jazz music on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings

### Love's Jazz & Art Center // 2510 N. 24th Street

Live Jazz music on the first and third Friday of the month; permanent and temporary art exhibitions

### The Backline // 1618 Harney St, Omaha, NE 68102

Various improv shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights

### Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum

28210 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE 68003

*Family-friendly*

Black Holes: Space Warps & Time Twists temporary exhibit; daily Black Holes immerses visitors in the modern search for black holes—the most mysterious and powerful objects in the universe — through a variety of interactive and multimedia experiences.

### Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum Helicopter Day on Saturday, May 27 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

*Outdoor activities are free; indoor admission: \$12/adult*

Helicopters begin landing promptly at 10 AM and visitors can watch while these choppers fly over the horizon and land right in front of them. Law enforcement pilots join commercial and private helicopter pilots to talk about career in aviation and give close-up views of the machines. Helicopter rides will be offered!

### Durham Museum, 801 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68108

*Family-friendly*

Permanent exhibits on the history of Omaha and Omaha's Union Station

### Top Secret: License to Spy temporary exhibit

*Tickets: \$11/adult*

*Attendees will need to find their own transportation to all pre- and post-conference events.*