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## NATIONAL MUSIC MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE MOZART'S 250TH BIRTHDAY JANUARY 27

VERMILLION, SD -- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of the world's great composers, was born in Salzburg, Austria, on January 27, 1756. Exactly 250 years later -- January 27, 2006 -- the National Music Museum (NMM) on the campus of The University of South Dakota will present a special brown bag lunch program, "Happy Birthday, Mozart," to celebrate the event.

Susanne Skyrn, fortepiano, and John Thomson, violin, faculty members at the USD Department of Music, will mark the occasion with a performance on musical instruments of the period from the NMM's broad-based collections of 11,000 instruments, dating from the 15th century to the present.

They will play Mozart's Sonata in D for violin and fortepiano (K.7), a short sonata that he wrote when he was 8 years old, and a masterpiece from his maturity (age 28), the Sonata in B-flat for violin and fortepiano (K.454), written in Vienna for the visiting violinist, Regina Strinasacchi - a performer of striking ability and beauty - that she and Mozart then performed together for the Emperor.

A child prodigy and a prolific composer who died at the age of 35, Mozart is best known for his great operas, Don Giovanni, The Marriage of Figaro, and The Magic Flute, a Requiem Mass, 41 symphonies, string quartets, and piano concertos, all of which are still regularly performed today.

The NMM brown bag lunch programs are held in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall during the noon hour. The programs are free. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The NMM is located on the south edge of the USD campus at the corner of Clark & Yale Streets. Free street parking is available nearby.

For additional information and last-minute additions or changes, visit the NMM website at [www.usd.edu/smm](http://www.usd.edu/smm) and click on Calendar of Events.

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About the National Music Museum: The National Music Museum and Center for Study of the History of Musical Instruments, located on the campus of The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, is one of the great institutions of its kind in the world. Its renowned collections include more than 11,000 American, European, and non-Western instruments from virtually all cultures and historical periods. Visit [www.usd.edu/smm](http://www.usd.edu/smm) for more information.

About The University of South Dakota: Founded in 1862, The University of South Dakota is designated as the only public liberal arts university in the state and is home to a large College of Arts and Sciences, a School of Education, and the state's only Law School, Medical School, accredited Business School, and College of Fine Arts. It has an enrollment of approximately 8,700 students taught by 400 faculty members. More information is available at [www.usd.edu/urelations/news](http://www.usd.edu/urelations/news).