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Osage Nation Museum collaborates with Tulsa Historical Society & Museum on a new exhibit: Children of the Middle Waters: The Osage Nation Yesterday & Today

Pawhuska, Okla. (4/3/2017) – The Osage Nation Museum (ONM) has partnered with the Tulsa Historical Society & Museum in order to bring an exhibit that offers a glimpse of the history and culture of the Osage Nation to Tulsa. As one of three American Indian nations whose land intersects in Tulsa, the Osage People have had an important impact on Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma since relocating to the area in 1872.

Children of the Middle Waters: The Osage Nation Yesterday & Today will be on view at the Tulsa Historical Society & Museum (THSM) now through February 2018. This exhibit is comprised of historical objects and photographs as well as traditional and contemporary Osage art from the ONM's permanent collection. The process of selecting which artifacts to include in the exhibit was a collaborative one between staff members of both museums. THSM Director of Exhibits Maggie Brown said, "Choosing objects and photographs for an upcoming exhibit is always enjoyable and interesting. The most difficult part is not having enough gallery space to include as many artifacts as you would like. Exhibits are all about editing – you can only give people a fraction of the story you are sharing. The hope is that sharing a small piece of history will encourage them to learn more."

ONM Curator, Hallie Winter said "The Osage Nation Museum is honored to loan materials from our permanent collection to the Tulsa Historical Society. Collaborations such as these allow for a greater audience to be reached and in turn allows for a greater understanding of the Osage people's history and culture. The Osage people have a wonderful history that coincides with Tulsa's and it was only fitting to display such an exhibit there. It is our hope that patrons of THS will want to learn more about the Osage people and will visit the ONM in

Pawhuska. We would like to extend our deepest thanks to the team at THS for helping to coordinate such an exhibit."

Brown said, "Like every community, Tulsa's rich past is filled with countless stories of the people and places that created the city we know today. The Tulsa Historical Society & Museum is excited to share this glimpse of the Osage story with our visitors over the next year. We hope our guests not only enjoy the exhibit and learn something new but are also inspired to make the trip to Pawhuska to discover even more.

About the Osage Nation Museum

The premiere destination to experience Osage history, art, and culture

Visit the Osage Nation Museum (ONM) in historic Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Our continuously changing exhibits convey the story of the Osage people throughout history and celebrate Osage culture today. Highlights include an extensive photograph collection, historical artifacts, and traditional and contemporary art. Founded in 1938, the ONM is the oldest tribally owned museum in the United States.

Admission and parking is free.

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About the Tulsa Historical Society & Museum

The Tulsa Historical Society & Museum (THSM) is the only museum in Tulsa focused on building, preserving, and presenting a broad-based general collection of Tulsa's history. The museum chronicles the city's vibrant past through eight rotating exhibit galleries, special events, and activities for adults and youth. Established in 1963, THSM holds an extensive collection of nearly 200,000 archival items and three-dimensional artifacts that help preserve Tulsa's past.

Website: www.tulsahistory.org/