

Press Release – for immediate release: Wednesday, April 24, 2019
From: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main

RE: MUSEUM EVENT: A NEW CARILLON

Saturday, May 11th at 2:00 p.m. – DeVore Auditorium at the Historical Museum
Admission for this event is free
Dedication of Downtown’s new CARILLON

For decades in downtown Wichita, bells have chimed the hour from the old city hall clock tower, home of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. The chimes ceased last year when the Carillon, an instrument that plays the bells, quit working. Through the effort and generosity of local benefactors they ring again.

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The new carillon is a gift to the City through the Arts Council from the Sam and Rie Bloomfield Foundation and a private donors’ group led by Eric Engstrom and Robert Bell, including Paul and Phyllis Buchanan, Michael Heaston, Jerry Martin, Bill and Mary Lynn Oliver, and the Ross Foundation, Hal Ross, trustee. The new carillon, replacing the carillon that failed in 2018, continues the Bloomfield Foundation tradition of providing music for Downtown Wichita for over half a century.

This carillon replaces the instrument installed decades ago which failed last year. It and a prior carillon had provided music for the downtown for over half a century, with special concerts throughout the year, funded by the Broomfield Trust.

Donors: Sam and Rie Bloomfield Trust - V. McKay, Trustee; Paul and Phyllis Buchanan; Michael Heaston; Eric Engstrom and Robert Bell; Jerry Martin; Bill and Mary Lynn Oliver; Ross Foundation, Hal Ross, Trustee.

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Venue: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main, Wichita, KS 67202

Website: wichitahistory.org

Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

The Historical Museum is supported in part by The City of Wichita & The Sedgwick County Kansas Board of Commissioners.

OUR VISION: To provide a world class Museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.