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**STORYCORPS, THE GROUNDBREAKING ORAL HISTORY ORGANIZATION,  
TO VISIT OMAHA, NE**

**Omaha Public Radio will host StoryCorps for 4 weeks to help record the stories of local residents**

Omaha, NE – StoryCorps, a renowned nonprofit organization celebrating the stories of everyday Americans, will record interviews in Omaha from April 16 to May 15 as part of its cross-country MobileBooth tour. At 60,000 interviews, StoryCorps is the largest single collection of human voices ever recorded.

StoryCorps' MobileBooth – an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio – will be situated on the east side of Joslyn Art Museum, host site for 2015 StoryCorps Omaha. Reservations can now be made by calling StoryCorps' 24-hour, toll-free reservation line at 1-800-850-4406 or visiting [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org). Additional reservation slots will open on Friday, April 17 at 10 am CT.

StoryCorps' MobileBooth interviews are conducted between two people who know and care about each other. A trained StoryCorps facilitator guides participants through the interview process. At the end of each 40-minute recording session, participants receive a complimentary CD copy of their interview. With participant permission, a second copy is archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, and at the Omaha Public Library, for future generations to hear.

In Omaha, StoryCorps will partner with KIOS-FM, Omaha's National Public Radio (NPR) station. Omaha Public Radio will air a selection of the local interviews recorded in the StoryCorps MobileBooth and create special programs around the project. Segments of select interviews may also air nationally on NPR's *Morning Edition*.

Founded in 2003 by award-winning documentary producer and MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipient Dave Isay, StoryCorps aims to create a growing portrait of who we are as Americans. By traveling to every corner of the country, StoryCorps currently has one of the largest collections of American voices ever gathered, with interviews collected from nearly 80,000 Americans in all 50 states.

"StoryCorps tells the true American story – that we are a people defined by small acts of courage, kindness and heroism. Each interview reminds people that their lives matter and will not be forgotten," said Isay. "By strengthening connections between people and building an archive that reflects the rich diversity of American voices, we hope to build StoryCorps into an enduring institution that will touch the lives of every American family."

"We are extremely excited to have StoryCorps visit the Omaha metropolitan area," said Ken Dudzik, KIOS-FM's station manager. "It was a big success the last time they made a stop here, and KIOS is proud to be a part of what should be a big event once again."

In addition to a traveling MobileBooth, StoryCorps currently operates stationary recording booths in Atlanta, Georgia in partnership with the Atlanta History Center and public radio station WABE-FM, and at the San Francisco Public Library in San Francisco, California.

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To ensure the diversity of its participants, StoryCorps sponsors major initiatives: StoryCorps Historias collects the stories of Latinos throughout the United States and Puerto Rico; StoryCorps Griot preserves the voices and experiences of African Americans; the Military Voices Initiative honors the voices of post-9/11 veterans, service members and their families; StoryCorps Legacy provides people with serious illnesses and their families with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories; and the September 11 Initiative honors and remembers the stories of those personally affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

To help offset its operating costs, StoryCorps suggests a donation of at least \$25 for each MobileBooth interview. If participants cannot afford to meet the suggested donation, they may participate at no cost to ensure that StoryCorps remains a free public service.

### Special Events in Omaha

#### StoryCorps Opening Day – Thursday, April 16 (program at 11:30 am) @ Joslyn Art Museum

Everyone is invited to stop by Joslyn Art Museum, the 2015 StoryCorps Omaha host site, for StoryCorps Opening Day, Thursday, April 16. The first VIP interview will be recorded at 10:30 am. This will be followed at 11:30 am by remarks and the opportunity to see the booth and spend time with other StoryCorps fans. A second VIP interview will follow at 12:30 pm. Activities will include creation of a collaborative story puzzle and refreshments from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Lars & Mal, an acoustic guitar and vocals duo, will sing some stories from 11:30 am to 1 pm. This event is free.

#### StoryCorps Members-Only Listening Party – Thursday, May 14 @ Joslyn Art Museum

Members of KIOS-FM and/or Joslyn Art Museum are invited to celebrate the conclusion of StoryCorps in Omaha! Beginning at 6 pm in the Witherspoon Concert Hall, guests will hear stories just recorded at Joslyn (April 16–May 15) and archived stories from the booth's last Omaha stop in 2007. They will also see animations and hear stories that were created around the country. From 7–8 pm, guests will enjoy a coffee and dessert reception (cash bar available) in the Storz Fountain Court.

This evening is exclusively for Joslyn Art Museum and KIOS-FM members. Reservations are requested at [reservations@joslyn.org](mailto:reservations@joslyn.org) by May 8. Members will receive invitations, which should be brought to the event for admission; invitation admits two.

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### About StoryCorps

StoryCorps' mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories. Each week, millions of Americans listen to StoryCorps' award-winning broadcasts on NPR's *Morning Edition*. StoryCorps has published three books: *Listening Is an Act of Love* and *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps*, and *All There Is: Love Stories from StoryCorps*—all of which are *New York Times* bestsellers. For more information, or to listen to stories online, visit [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org).



### About the Station

KIOS-FM, Omaha's NPR® Station, is Omaha Public Radio and since its beginnings in 1969, the mission has been simple: to provide to the audience programming that cannot be found on commercial radio and serve as the educational extension of the Omaha Public Schools.

As the education extension of the Omaha Public Schools, KIOS-FM facilities are used as the lab of radio broadcasting students of the OPS Career Center. Their work can be heard several times a week in programs designed and produced by the students.

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On the programming side, KIOS-FM brings the best in programming from National Public Radio, American Public Media, Public Radio International and locally produced shows. These programs represent the best in News, Information, Jazz and entertainment. They inform and entertain.



**Our Mission** – Joslyn Art Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the visual arts of the highest quality, fostering appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.

**Our Vision** – To be cherished and respected as a premier art museum.

Joslyn Art Museum showcases art from ancient times to the present. The Museum was a gift to the people of Omaha from Sarah Joslyn in memory of her husband, George, who made his fortune as president of the Western Newspaper Union. The Museum's original 1931 building is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, with 38 types of marble from seven countries. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Pavilion, a 58,000-square-foot addition built in 1994, was designed by renowned British architect Norman Foster as his first U.S. commission. The Museum features galleries, a 1,000-seat concert hall, fountain court, education technology gallery, lecture hall, classrooms, sculpture garden, café, shop, and Art Works, an interactive space for art exploration (new in 2014).

**General Museum Admission:** Free (additional charge for general public adult tickets to select special exhibitions). **Regular Museum Hours:** Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am–4 pm; late 'til 8 pm on Thursday; closed Monday and major holidays.

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