



You are cordially invited to help protect, restore and preserve one of Oklahoma's most important historic icons, the State Capital Publishing Museum, through your financial sponsorship of a night for the museum featuring at least three prominent Oklahoma leaders:

- **Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, and**
- **Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Trait Thompson, and**
- **Oklahoma Historical Society Former Executive Director Dr. Bob Blackburn**

The come-and-go fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 7, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the museum building, 301 W. Harrison, in downtown Guthrie. Details are enclosed with this letter.

Event sponsorships range from \$1,250 to \$20,000, and each giving level provides special benefits. Details are enclosed with this letter.

The event's fundraising proceeds will help renovate the circa 1902 building. New windows are only one of the priorities, but with 142 windows that open and shut, it represents a major expense. The per-window naming right value is \$5,000.

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"I commend the museum's board for raising funds necessary to preserve one of Oklahoma's crown jewels. This type of project requires private support; government does not have the means to protect all of Oklahoma's historical gems. It's my hope others will join this major effort to preserve and protect the State Capital Publishing Museum."

*Oklahoma Historical Society Former Executive Director*  
**DR. BOB BLACKBURN**

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"The State Capital Publishing Museum is one of our state's most iconic structures, and the historical treasures it holds are unsurpassed. Its preservation and reopening to the public are critically important."

*Oklahoma Lt. Governor*  
**MATT PINNELL**

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"This building is worth preserving because once it's gone, we will never see anything like it again."

*Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director*  
**TRAIT THOMPSON**

**THE BUILDING IS HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT FOR NUMEROUS REASONS. FOR EXAMPLE,**

- *It once housed Oklahoma's first newspaper, the Daily State Capital. When built, it was the largest dedicated printing facility west of the Mississippi River; and*
- *The newspaper's coverage of how Oklahoma Territory would be opening up soon to new settlers inspired many people to participate in the 1889 land run; and*
- *Most importantly, it was in this building in 1907 that a telegram from President Theodore Roosevelt was received notifying Oklahoma Territory officials that Oklahoma statehood had been approved — and from the second-story balcony statehood was announced to citizens of the new 47th state, Oklahoma.*

**IF WALLS COULD TALK**

The State Capital Publishing Museum's architectural significance cannot be overstated. Designed by Belgian architect Joseph Pierre Foucart—who drew up plans for several other prominent Guthrie buildings—it proudly serves today as a unique example of early 20th century Oklahoma architecture and is a popular anchor in Guthrie's National Historic Landmark District, the largest of its kind in the United States.

Today, the four-story, 40,000 square foot building still houses vintage printing presses and other historical items and architectural details that are of significant importance to Oklahoma's history and need protecting for generations yet to come. With this in mind, the museum's board of directors has created a strategic plan that features important steps for restoring the building so it can reopen in the near future as a museum and multi-use facility. Restored, functional windows are required prior to making a major investment in a new heating and air conditioning system.

If you are inclined to help us and to make an investment in one of Oklahoma's most significant historical and architectural jewels, please consider an event sponsorship today.

Sincerely,

Lynn Bilodeau, JD  
CEO, State Capital Publishing Museum  
Enclosures



## 2021 FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE MUSEUM EVENT FEATURING



"Our history and the way we present it is of great interest to our citizens and also the tourists who visit our state. All parts of our state benefit from the economic development aspect of tourism."

*Oklahoma Lt. Governor*  
**MATT PINNELL**



"This building is more than bricks and mortar. It's an example of important pre-statehood architecture, and the site where so much Oklahoma Territory history was documented."

*Oklahoma Historical Society  
Former Executive Director*  
**DR. BOB BLACKBURN**



"Not only is this building the tangible representation of Oklahoma's early history, it also represents a time when our forebears built for beauty and the ages. Nobody builds like this anymore because it is too expensive and time-consuming."

*Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director*  
**TRAIT THOMPSON**

## STATE CAPITAL PUBLISHING MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

Kord Stockwell, Chairperson  
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Lisa Adamiak, Treasurer

Lynn Bilodeau, JD, CEO  
Sherri Bilodeau  
Gary Good  
Patrick Kerr



## 2021 FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE MUSEUM

### PLATINUM LEVEL - \$20,000 (8 EVENT TICKETS)

- ▶ Top Billing as the Presenting Sponsor
- ▶ Corporate or Personal Name on 4 Museum Windows
- ▶ Corporate Logo or Personal Name in Event Related Video Projections, Printings, and Press Releases
- ▶ Framed Pen & Ink Museum Building Rendering by Architect Patrick Kerr
- ▶ 2nd Floor Private Tour for up to 8 People - to be Scheduled at a Later Date
- ▶ Membership to the Elite Publishing 100 Club

### GOLD LEVEL - \$10,000 (6 EVENT TICKETS)

- ▶ Recognition as an Event Sponsor
- ▶ Corporate or Personal Name on 2 Museum Windows
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### SILVER LEVEL - \$5,000 (4 EVENT TICKETS)

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- ▶ Corporate or Personal Name on 1 Museum Window
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### BRONZE LEVEL - \$2,500 (2 EVENT TICKETS)

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### COPPER LEVEL - \$1,250 (2 EVENT TICKETS)

- ▶ Recognition as an Event Sponsor
- ▶ Corporate Logo or Personal Name in Event Related Video Projections, Printings, and Press Releases
- ▶ Membership to the Elite Publishing 100 Club

*\*Sponsorship fee must be received by **September 15, 2021** to receive all benefits associated with invitation, printed program and press releases.*

*For event or organization information contact us at [info@publishingmuseum.org](mailto:info@publishingmuseum.org).*

# 2021 FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE MUSEUM EVENT

## SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

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Sponsor's Name

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Contact Name

Phone

Email Address

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Address / City / State / Zip

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Sponsor's Name as it Should Appear in all Print Materials, Electronic Listings and Transmissions

***Sponsorship Preference: (Select only one box below.)***

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*Please turn page over for additional information*

***Payment Preference: (Select all boxes below that apply.)***

- ☐ A check payable to State Capital Publishing Museum is enclosed.
- ☐ I'm paying by credit card online at [www.publishingmuseum.org/donate](http://www.publishingmuseum.org/donate).  
(We accept MasterCard, Visa & Discover.)
- ☐ Please invoice at: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Billing Address*
- ☐ I cannot attend, but am enclosing a tax-deductible gift.

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**Guest List: List the name of each guest below, including yourself.**

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This event will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at the State Capital Publishing Museum Building,  
301 W. Harrison, Guthrie, OK 73044. Come-and-go from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Silent auction ends at 7:30 p.m.  
For more information, please visit [www.publishingmuseum.org](http://www.publishingmuseum.org).

**The commitment deadline to guarantee inclusion in the printed program is September 15, 2021.**

Guthrie Tomorrow Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization doing business as State Capital Publishing Museum, and is located in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The board of directors has responsibility for rehabilitating the building and reopening it as a museum and unique site for various cultural, educational and economic development activities.

Proceeds from this event will be utilized towards restoration of the building.

***Return this form and payment to***

State Capital Publishing Museum

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