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PACE opens *Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons June 2020*

Jeff Koterba, award-winning editorial cartoonist for the Omaha World-Herald to speak June 5

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA – Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE) opens *Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons June 5* at The Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center.

Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons features fifty-one original editorial cartoons from the nation's great metropolitan newspapers during the Golden Age of print journalism. Included in the mix are six Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonists, each demonstrating the theme of political commentary through editorial illustrations and addressing issues from the first half of the twentieth century.

These deceptively simple drawings frame the public's understanding of early-to-mid twentieth-century world events and trends ranging from the two world wars, the great depression, public discontent with the US government, presidential elections, daily battles regarding work-related rejection, nostalgia for homespun neighborhood charm in the Midwest, and more. Along the way, these cartoons served a dualistic intention: to provide welcomed comic relief as well as shape opinion.

Included in this exhibition are Pulitzer Prize winners for Editorial Cartooning: Bruce Alexander Russell, Herbert Lawrence Block (Herblock), Charles G. Werner, C.D Batchelor, Charles R. Macauley, and Vaughn Shoemaker.

The Melton Gallery at the University of Central Oklahoma, curator of the exhibition, has housed this set of political cartoons for more than three decades. This exhibition was organized by ExhibitsUSA, a program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

To limit contact and adhere to social distancing guidelines, guests must make a reservation for a time to enter the Nelson Gallery in advance of their visit at <https://www.paceartsiowa.org/calendar> or by calling 712-890-5600. This process will also allow capacity guidelines to be managed. Time slots are available Thursdays from 5-9pm and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays from 11a - 5pm. Guests are required to wear face masks while visiting the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center.

Exhibition: *Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons*

Host Organization: PACE

Runs: June 5 – June 21

Gallery Hours: Thursdays from 5-9pm and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays from 11a - 5pm

Registration is required at <https://www.paceartsiowa.org/calendar> or by calling 712-890-5600.

Location: Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center, Nelson Gallery, 1001 S 6th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Admission: Free

Contact: 712-890-5600

Guest Speaker, Jeff Koterba**Title:** Illustrating the Future**Host Organization:** PACE**Date and Time:** June 5th at 6pm**Registration:** Registration is required at <https://www.paceartsiowa.org/calendar> or by calling 712-890-5600.**Location:** McCormick's 1894 at the Hoff Center, 1001 S 6th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501**Admission:** Free, cash bar available**Contact:** 712-890-5600

History is happening all around us, each and every day. And Jeff Koterba is there, with pen in hand, ready to capture the big moments and the small. Join Koterba for this interactive lesson on the *Lines with Power and Purpose* exhibition in McCormick's 1894. Koterba will also tour guests and provide commentary of the exhibition in the Nelson Gallery. Attendees should bring their sketchbook to draw as he talks about where he gets his ideas and how he makes a deadline every day.

Spaces will be limited to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Guests must register at <https://www.paceartsiowa.org/calendar> or by calling 712-890-5600. Guests are required to wear face masks while visiting the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center.

About Jeff Koterba

An award-winning cartoonist for the Omaha World-Herald, his work has been featured in newspapers worldwide, and has appeared in publications such as The New York Times, the Washington Post, and USA Today. His cartoons have also been shown on display in the U.S. and in Europe alongside Picasso, and in the Austrian embassy in Paris. His original drawings have also traveled around the globe on board space shuttle Discovery.

About ExhibitsUSA

This exhibition is toured by ExhibitsUSA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. ExhibitsUSA sends more than twenty-five exhibitions on tour to over 100 small- and mid-sized communities every year. These exhibitions create access to an array of arts and humanities experiences, nurture the understanding of diverse cultures and art forms, and encourage the expanding depth and breadth of cultural life in local communities. For more about ExhibitsUSA, email MoreArt@maaa.org or visit www.eusa.org.

About Mid-America Arts Alliance

Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) strengthens and supports artists, cultural organizations, and communities throughout our region and beyond. We achieve this primarily through our national traveling exhibition programs, innovative leadership development, and strategic grant making. We are especially committed to enriching the cultural life of historically underserved communities by providing high quality, meaningful, and accessible arts and culture programs and services. We believe in more art for more people. Additional information about M-AAA is available at www.maaa.org.

ABOUT PACE

PACE developed and manages the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center which includes a theater, rehearsal areas, gallery, artist studios, classrooms, teaching kitchen, and more. It is the home for multiple nonprofits including PACE, Chanticleer Community Theater, Kaneshville Symphony Orchestra, American Midwest Ballet, and Kitchen Council. Together, we

increase access to the Arts and promote Council Bluffs as a center for excellence in the arts. For more information visit www.paceartsiowa.org.

The Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center is reopening with stringent new health, safety and hygiene procedures in place. So, as we enjoy the art center together again, everyone will need to follow CDC guidelines and the recommendations of health officials regarding Covid-19. Please note the CDC advises that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Guests should evaluate their risk in determining whether to visit. People who show no symptoms can spread COVID-19 if they are infected, any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19, and we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your visit. Guests are required to wear face masks while visiting the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center.

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