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Smithsonian Exhibition, *The Way We Worked*, Kicks Off Utah Tour with Grand Opening in Ogden

Salt Lake City, Utah, January 13, 2017 – [Utah Humanities](#) announces that [The Way We Worked, a Museum on Main Street \(MoMS\) exhibition](#) begins its year-long Utah tour with a Grand Opening at the [Ogden Union Station](#). Presented by Utah Humanities, the [Smithsonian Institution](#), and communities statewide, the Ogden portion of the tour takes place from January 28th through March 18th.



The Way We Worked exhibition examines the strength and spirit of American workers through archival images, compelling videos, and fascinating interviews. As the tour makes its way through Utah, we'll be reminded that "we aren't the Beehive state for nothing!" and better understand how work is a key component of Utah's own identity.

The Ogden Grand Opening and Statewide Tour Kick-Off will be held on Saturday, January 28th at 12:00 pm at:

Ogden Station Museums
2501 Wall Avenue
Ogden, Utah 84401

***The Way We Worked* exhibition will then continue in Ogden from January 28th through March 18th and will tour five additional Utah sites into 2018.**

The Ogden portion of the traveling exhibition will be complemented by *Weber County Works*, a local exhibition celebrating the diversity and innovation of Weber County's workforce.

A full schedule of *The Way We Worked* events in Ogden is available at <http://theunionstation.org/the-way-we-worked/>.

For more information about *The Way We Worked* exhibition in Ogden, contact them at 801.393.9886 ext. 3, or at <http://theunionstation.org/>.

Elizabeth Sutton, Executive Director of the Ogden Union Station Museums says "We are thrilled to host *The Way We Worked* Smithsonian exhibit in Ogden. It offers an unparalleled opportunity for us to participate in high caliber exhibition programming and has strengthened our community outreach efforts and relationships. We are proud to collaborate with our community partners in telling the pivotal workforce stories of Weber County, framing our key role in Utah industry history. Hundreds of individuals are participating in our exhibitions and events to help us collectively tell our work stories."

Megan van Frank, Director of the Center for Community Heritage at Utah Humanities, is coordinating the exhibition tour in Utah. In explaining the critical role Utah Humanities plays in bringing the Smithsonian tour to Utah, she says, "We work hard to bring this experience to local communities, and the collaboration among national, state, and community organizations benefits everyone. We work closely with the host museums, helping to build their expertise in hosting a national exhibition. The entire experience directly strengthens Utah museums and helps to preserve and share Utah history." She also hopes that, "visitors to the exhibition will come away with a panoramic and personal view of how work has shaped the state of Utah as well as their personal lives. The exhibition is a unique opportunity for Utahns to tell their own work stories as part of local, state, and national conversations."

To learn more about the statewide tour, contact Utah Humanities at 801.359.9670 or visit <http://utahhumanities.org/index.php/Center-for-Community-Heritage/the-way-we-worked-exhibition.html>.

The five host sites and dates for this exhibition are:

January 28 – March 18, 2017

[Ogden Union Station Museums](#)

March 25 – May 13, 2017

[Hyrum City Museum](#)

May 20 – July 8, 2017

[Museum of the San Rafael](#)

July 15 – September 9, 2017

[Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum](#)

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September 16 – November 4, 2017

[Silver Reef Museum](#)

November 11 – January 15, 2018

[Park City Museum](#)

The Way We Worked has been made possible in Utah by Utah Humanities. The exhibition, created by the National Archives, is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

Utah Humanities has also received strong local support for this exhibition. Partners and generous funders include The State of Utah, Union Pacific, The Utah Division of State History, The George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, The Utah Museum of Fine Arts, The Lawrence T. and Janet T. Dee Foundation, KCPW, and Utah Public Radio.

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