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**[Insert Your Organization’s Name] Participates in Ohio Open Doors**

[Your City, OH]: [Your Organization Name] will take part in Ohio Open Doors Sept. 9–18.

Discover Ohio’s amazing heritage Fri., Sept. 9 through Sun., Sept. 18, as historic buildings and landmarks across our state open their doors virtually for online tours and events during the statewide Ohio History Connection event Ohio Open Doors. Explore fascinating places that reflect Ohio’s rich heritage.

All Ohio Open Doors events are free and available online.

This year, Ohio’s historic places will share their stories virtually, with a full listing of events and activities available at [ohiohistory.org/opendoors](http://www.ohiohistory.org/opendoors). In addition, the state history organization is placing a special spotlight on historic theaters and opera houses across Ohio. With closures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, these important places in our communities need support more than ever.

“Ohio Open Doors shares stories of important landmarks right in our backyard, highlighting the history and unique nature of some of Ohio’s most treasured places,” says Amanda Schraner Terrell, Director of the Ohio History Connection’s State Historic Preservation Office. “Our theaters and opera houses are tremendously significant to our shared history. We’re using this event to highlight their impact in our communities and to encourage support for them during this difficult time.”

[Explain what your location will be doing during Ohio Open Doors, including the day, date and hours if applicable. Briefly explain its history and what visitors will experience in a 2-3 sentence description.

The Ohio History Connection created Ohio Open Doors in 2016 to promote and inspire pride in Ohio’s heritage and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. This year Ohio Open Doors is co-sponsored by TourismOhio, the Ohio Travel Association, Ohio Arts Council and Heritage Ohio.

Signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Oct. 15, 1966, the Act has proven instrumental in transforming the face of communities from coast to coast, establishing the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites. It drives economic revitalization by attracting investment, supporting small business, stabilizing neighborhoods and creating jobs.

The Ohio History Connection’s State Historic Preservation Office administers the National Historic Preservation Act in Ohio. Many of the landmarks featured in Ohio Open Doors events are on the National Register of Historic Places, which the National Historic Preservation Act created.

For more information about Ohio Open Doors, visit ohiohistory.org/opendoors, [your web address] or [your phone number].

[Optional: Include a 2-3 sentence description of your organization]

**About the Ohio History Connection**

The Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio’s stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state’s history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office, the official state archives, and local history office and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, visit [ohiohistory.org.](http://www.ohiohistory.org)

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