

Carol Burnett to receive the America's Clown Award from the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy July 21st

The Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy gives its highest honor to Carol Burnett

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THE [RED SKELTON](#) MUSEUM OF AMERICAN COMEDY CELEBRATES ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY JULY 2018 THE RED SKELTON FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE JULY 21ST THE ANNUAL "RED SKELTON AMERICA'S CLOWN AWARD" GOES TO TV LEGEND [CAROL BURNETT](#)

Vincennes, Indiana - The Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy (RSMAC) will celebrate its 5th Anniversary. This 3,500 Sq. Ft museum is a tribute to the legendary comedic film and TV star, and is an interactive museum that families from around the world are loving.

The RSMAC honors the legacy of a man who touched numerous lives through his comedic talent, great works, compassion and commitment to public service. As a museum, the RSMAC reflects history, ideas, innovation, discovery, diversity, creative expression and democracy in celebration of the exceptional man whose greatest ambition was to bring joy to countless audiences.



CAROL BURNETT

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We are Thrilled to honor Carol Burnett with the 2nd Red Skelton America's Clown award”

Anne Pratt Exec Dir Red Skelton Museum

The Red Skelton Museum is a testament to the impact one man can have on the lives of others. Red's life story parallels definitive moments in American history which hold lessons for us all as citizens. From his career in vaudeville, in radio, television and film, we see the character of man emerge which reminds us of the importance and value of our individual roles in society as family members, colleagues, and patriots. Red's ability to perform his comedic routines during his bleakest personal tragedies speak to his fortitude and altruism which inspire us to reach outside of ourselves to

impact the lives of others in positive ways.

The Red Skelton Museum features a 3,500-square foot, fully interactive exhibit entitled "Red Skelton:

A Legacy of Laughter” which highlights these themes:

Red's Comedy Activities which introduce the ideas of physical comedy by showing his mastery of the art of pantomime, slapstick, pratfalls, exaggerated movement, and facial expression An chronology featuring three parallel timelines: Red's life, national events, and popular entertainment

Scrapbooks of photos, letters and memorabilia as well as costumes of all his most beloved characters: Freddie the Freeloader, Clem Kaddidlehopper, San Fernando Red, Sheriff Deadeye Cauliflower McPugg, etc. A “Freddie the Freeloader” stage set on which visitors can pantomime alongside Red A showcase theater including a short film featuring hysterical and poignant highlights from Red's movie and television career, along with still images illustrating key moments and events in Red's life.



RED SKELTON AND CAROL BURNETT

Take a tour of the museum at <http://www.redskeltonmuseum.org/content/take-tour> The Museum also has Red Skelton's original art work on display and a character gallery, you will learn about Red's life and career, laughing all the way, you will also learn about Red's patriotism and love for AMERICA, with his famous Pledge of Allegiance that he performed on his weekly tv show that became an instant classic.

Red's tv show ran from 1951- 1971 on CBS, Tuesday night across America was Red Skelton night. Red's movie career with over 200 films are celebrated as well. From original costumes to special exhibits there is truly something for everyone at this very special museum.

THE 13TH ANNUAL RED SKELTON FESTIVAL AT THE MUSEUM

The 13th Annual Red Skelton Festival at the Museum will take place on July 21ST from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm at the Red Skelton Museum, 20 W. Red Skelton Blvd., Vincennes, Indiana. The festival will include: games, food, entertainment, a Red Skelton Parade featuring clowns from all over the world.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FESTIVAL, TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE OR ON THE WEBSITE OF THE MUSEUM.

ON JULY 20TH AT 7:00PM CAROL BURNETT WILL RECEIVE THE 2ND ANNUAL RED SKELTON 'AMERICA'S CLOWN AWARD' & AT 7:15PM RED SKELTON'S OPENING ACT FOR 7 YEARS COMEDIAN JOHN PATE WILL DO A VERY SPECIAL SHOW, AT THE RED SKELTON PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE AT THE MUSEUM.

Red said that John Pate "IS THE FUNNIEST YOUNG COMEDIAN I KNOW"

THE SECOND ANNUAL EVER RED SKELTON AMERICA'S CLOWN AWARD HONOREE ANNOUNCED

Legendary TV star CAROL BURNETT will be honored with the 2nd Annual Red Skelton America's Clown award. Ms. Burnett will accept via video and is very excited about receiving this award, she and Red worked together. Red did a painting of Carol and gifted it to her years ago , which Carol still has today!

Red Skelton liked to be introduced as "One of America's Clowns" not the greatest. The museum would like to honor other American Clowns. A clown is not just a circus or party clown with make-up. Red Skelton's type of clown was a fool, jester, buffoon, goof. Someone that had the skill to put a "smile on your face or a chuckle in your heart" without saying a word. This award brings attention to others that have that skill and can be listed as one of America's Clowns.

The award itself is a statue of Red as Freddie the Freeloader with his arm outstretched and his hat over his heart as if to say, "Good Night and may God Bless", which was Red's trademark goodbye at the end of every show he did on TV and in concert. Red's Beautiful wife Lothian, is very involved in the museum and has visited several times since the museum opening. Said Museum Exec. Director Anne Pratt Anne is available for interview any media wishing to cover the museum or any of these events at the museum please contact:

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