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2002 GRAMMY AWARD WINNER, SHARON ISBIN, VISITS VERMILLION

VERMILLION, SD -- Sharon Isbin, a 2002 Grammy Award Winner, recently visited the National Music Museum (NMM) at The University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Isbin was the first classical guitar player to win a Grammy in 28 years and is the only guitar player ever to record with the New York Philharmonic. She is currently on tour with Patty Larkin and Kaki King promoting a new CD, La Guitara, which features performances by women guitar players of different styles.

Isbin, called “the pre- eminent guitarist of our time” by Boston Magazine, stopped in Vermillion to view the NMM’s world-famous collections and to examine “The Rawlins” guitar built by Antonio Stradivari of Cremona, Italy, in 1700. The instrument is one of only three documented guitars by the great master known to survive. It has been featured in several international exhibitions, including Dangerous Curves: The Art of the Guitar at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in 2001. “The Rawlins” can be seen on exhibit at the NMM, Monday – Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, and on Sundays, 2 to 5 pm.

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About the National Music Museum: The National Music Museum and Center for Study of the History of Musical Instruments, located on the campus of The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, is one of the great institutions of its kind in the world. Its renowned collections include more than 11,000 American, European, and non-Western instruments from virtually all cultures and historical periods. Visit www.usd.edu/smm for more information.

About The University of South Dakota: Founded in 1862, The University of South Dakota is designated as the only public liberal arts university in the state and is home to a large College of Arts and Sciences, a School of Education, and the state’s only Law School, Medical School, accredited Business School, and College of Fine Arts. It has an enrollment of approximately 8,700 students taught by 400 faculty members. More information is available at www.usd.edu/urelations/news.