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The Missouri History Museum Honors the Major League Baseball All-Star Game

St. Louis Has History of Hosting the “Midsummer Classic”

What: Major League Baseball symbolically marks the halfway point in the season with **The All-Star Game**, an exhibition game between players from the National League and the American League. On July 14, 2009, St. Louis will host the 80th All-Star Game at Busch Stadium. This is the Gateway City’s fifth time to host The All-Star Game.

To honor St. Louis’ love of our national pastime and our rich All-Star history, the **Missouri History Museum** and the **St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum** are teaming up to **display artifacts related to the four earlier All-Star Games** played in St. Louis. The museum will also display artifacts related to **Stan Musial**, the legendary St. Louis Cardinal who participated in 24 consecutive All-Star Games during his illustrious career.

The nearly two-dozen artifacts on view include pairs of cleats belonging to Terry Moore and Bob Gibson; jerseys worn by Musial, Enos Slaughter and Curt Flood; autographed baseballs; All-Star Game tickets and stubs; programs and more.

Baseball fans will also want to visit “Busch Stadium Remembered,” an installation in the museum’s permanent gallery “Seeking St. Louis: Reflections” Although a wrecking ball felled Busch Memorial Stadium in

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2005, the Missouri History Museum celebrates the stadium, a St. Louis landmark for 39 years, with St. Louis Cardinals artifacts and memorabilia, including scorecards, pennants, mitts, a turnstile, a home team locker, bat rack and much more. "Busch Stadium Remembered" also features a brief video of St. Louis Cardinals fans recalling their most vivid and poignant memories of Busch Stadium.

When: The All-Star Game and Stan Musial artifacts will be on view June 20, 2009 through August 3, 2009. Daily: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesdays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Cost: Free

Where: The Missouri History Museum at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO.

More: The first **All-Star Game** was held as part of the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago. The All-Star Game has been played in St. Louis in 1940 (8th); 1948 (15th); 1957 (24th); and 1966 (37th). The 2009 All-Star game will be played at the new Busch Stadium. Sportsman's Park was the site of the games in '40, '48. (Sportsman's Park was re-named Busch Stadium in 1953. Therefore, the 1957 All-Star Game was technically played at Busch Stadium in 1957. Busch Memorial Stadium (1966-2005) was the site of the 1966 All-Star Game.)

Stan Musial, a St. Louis Cardinal from 1941 to 1963, holds 17 Major League, 29 National League and nine All-Star game records. He won Major League Baseball's Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) three times (1943; 1946 and 1948) and was elected to The Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969.

About: The **Missouri History Museum** has been active in the St. Louis community since 1866. Founding members established the organization "for the purpose of saving from oblivion the early history of the city and state." The museum operates the **Missouri History Museum in Forest Park** and the **Library and Research Center** at 225 South Skinker Boulevard near the Washington University campus.

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