



**SOUTH DAKOTA** 

## **Tutankhamun Replicas Bring Ancient Egypt into 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Goss Opera House and Gallery in Watertown, S.D., has opened their new *TUTANKHAMUN: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb* exhibition.

Ten years in the making, from the artisans of the Pharaonic Village in Cairo, the Field Museum in Chicago and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, this dazzling collection of reproductions recreates the richest archaeological find of all time.

The exhibition includes 128 replicas of Tutankhamun's sacred and personal possessions, including his golden throne, jewelry, spectacular funerary mask, and royal mummy case. In addition, visitors will see associated artifacts from the period surrounding Tutankhamun's reign. These replicas reconstruct both the historic discovery of the tomb by Howard Carter and the life and times of Egypt's celebrated boy king.

This classic exhibition vividly brings to life the enigmatic, opulent age of 18th Dynasty Egypt.

Admission fees during the run of the exhibition are: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and military, \$14 for students ages 13-18, and \$12 for students age 12 and under.

The exhibit may be viewed during regular gallery hours, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. on Sunday. The exhibit runs through September 7, 2009.

The Goss Opera House and Gallery is located in uptown Watertown at 100 E. Kemp Avenue. More information, including parking and driving directions, can be found at [www.GossOperaHouse.com](http://www.GossOperaHouse.com).

The Goss Opera House and Gallery is a recipient of the Governor's Million Dollar Challenge Program. The Governor's Million Dollar Challenge program is a part of Goal 1 of the 2010 initiative to double visitor spending in South Dakota.