Tap into the ’20s at Bootlegger’s Ball

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Jazz music thrived, chin-length bobs were the go-to hairstyle and young, independent women were labeled as flappers – this was the Roaring ’20s. Americans’ leisure time was limited by Prohibition, instigating bootleggers to find their way around the law.

Community members can boogie to the Brookings Swiftel Center from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, for the South Dakota Art Museum Bootlegger’s Ball. Guests are encouraged to dress in mod ’20s attire, and the secret code for entrance is “Whoopee.”

The 1920s–themed event, complete with gambling, Tarot card readings and jazz music, will draw in anyone looking to have a good time, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and win prizes.

Weekend getaways, wine and spirits and packages from local establishments are included in the numerous raffle items.

“We decided to do an event that would be fun and different from other fundraising events in the community,” said Stacy Buehner, art museum marketing and development coordinator. “Our goals for the event are to raise money for the museum, have a great time and create more awareness for the museum.”

South Dakota State University Assistant Professor of Woodwinds and Jazz Ensemble Director Nathan Jorgensen and his group will perform live jazz music.

SDSU Dance Coordinator Melissa Hauschild-Mork will teach 1920s dance. “I will teach the basic Charleston, which was a popular fad dance during the ’20s, as well as instructing another fad dance – the Twelfth Street Rag,” said Hauschild-Mork.

Sioux Falls psychic Donna O’Dea, known for ghost–busting and problem–solving, will provide Tarot card readings.

“This is the first year the South Dakota Art Museum has done a fundraising event and we hope to make it an annual event,” said Buehner.

Tickets are $50 per person, or six tickets for $250. Ticket prices include one drink ticket and $10 in gambling chips.

For tickets, stop in the South Dakota Art Museum or call 605-688-5423.
About South Dakota Art Museum
Since 1970, the South Dakota Art Museum in Brookings has been a place for people around the world to enjoy the artistic legacy of South Dakota in all its diversity. Rotating exhibits feature Harvey Dunn, Native American art, Marghab linens and Paul Goble; as well as exhibits curated from regional, national and international artists. The Museum has more than 7,000 objects in its collection including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, textiles and ceramics. The Museum Store features jewelry, pottery and original works of art by local and regional artists in addition to books on Native American art and South Dakota history and culture.

The Museum’s hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum is closed Sundays, January-March and all state holidays. For more information, visit www.southdakotaartmuseum.com or call 605-688-5423, toll free 866-805-7590.