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Explore Colorado

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is again teaming up with KUSA 9NEWS to present a public education program called, *Explore Colorado*. Using the power of television and the internet, *Explore Colorado* will reach more than 6 million people, raising public awareness and educating audiences about our State's heritage, inspiring interest in and visitation to historic and cultural places across the state. "Colorado has such an incredible range of historic places to explore. Visiting these sites is a great way to learn more about the state's rich heritage," said Barbara Pahl, Director of the Mountains/Plains Office of the National Trust.

The launch date for *Explore Colorado* is May 21, 2007. Every week between May 21 and October 7th, one special historic place will be highlighted in educational vignettes shown daily on Channel 9 culminating with a live studio interview that will air each Friday on *Colorado and Company*. Sites will also be featured on the *Explore Colorado* section of 9NEWS.com. Funding for *Explore Colorado* has been provided in part by a grant from the State Historical Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Fund and other private donors. For more information, call 303-623-1504 or email mpro@nthp.org. The sites selected for 2007 are:

- Trinidad History Museum – Trinidad
- Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site - Eads
- Hewes-Kirkwood Inn/ Rocky Ridge Music Center - Estes Park
- Kauffman House Museum – Grand Lake
- Salida Downtown Historic District – Salida
- Molly Brown House Museum - Denver
- The Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark – Boulder
- Telluride Historical Museum – Telluride
- Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site – Colorado Springs
- Durango
- Colorado Springs Fine Art Center – Colorado Springs
- Cherokee Ranch and Castle – Sedalia
- The Leadville Historical Walking Tour - Leadville
- Loveland's Historic Fourth Street – Leadville
- Rosemount Museum - Pueblo
- Timpas Unit of Comanche National Grasslands – La Junta
- Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Arts – Denver
- Trails of Gold – Victor
- Pueblo Zoo Islands of Life – Pueblo
- Lariat Loop Scenic Byway – Golden

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The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting the irreplaceable. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust was founded in 1949 and provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities. Its Washington, DC headquarters staff, six regional offices and 28 historic sites work with the Trust's 270,000 members and thousands of local community groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the Trust's Web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

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